



Annual General Meeting
May 18, 2021
Held via Zoom
Hudson, Quebec
7:30 p.m.

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order – William McCann
2. Approve minutes of 2019 Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 (see Appendix 1)
3. Election of officers and directors – check with Kathy Conway
 - Louise Guillemette
 - Bill Osler
 - Mireille Youssef
 - Steve Reed
5. Financials
6. President's remarks – William McCann
7. Adjournment

Appendix 1

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
The Hudson Garden Club
Saint James Church Hall
Tuesday, April 16, 2019

Call to Order:

As there was a quorum, the Acting-President Deborah Barclay called the meeting to order. She welcomed everyone present (approximately 80 people, including Officers and Board Members). She thanked all the members for their help in the past year and encouraged more volunteers for the coming year.

Deborah also said 'thank you' to Margaret Waller who resigned in December 2018.

Margaret was a valuable member of the club for several years and for the last 4 years had served on the Board; and as President, for the last 2 years.

For those wanting hard copies of the 2018 AGM minutes or the 2018 Financial Reports, they were available at the back of the hall.

The Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting were approved.

The 2018 Financial Report was presented and approved.

A small decline in the 2018 revenue was reported, in part due to a declining membership. Christina Lawn made the following suggestions from the floor regarding possible cutbacks on expenses and new ideas to increase revenue:

- to hold meetings at the Community Centre where there would be no charge for hall
 - Deborah explained that this had been pursued, but the Community Centre is not available on Tuesday nights
- cancellation of the Lambert DeWitt education grant
 - It is a long-standing award, giving back to the community
- to give members guest tickets to pass to friends to attend a meeting
 - Deborah said she would pass on this suggestion

An 'Advertising' budget was added to the 2019 Financials in order to place more apparent ads in the Your Local Journal paper. It is hoped that this will encourage new members for the club and remind current members about upcoming events.

Nominations and Election of Officers and Directors

Kathy Conway presented the following members as officers:

Williams McCann - President
Deborah Barclay - Past President

All approved.

President's Remarks

William McCann thanked Kathy Conway for reading the nominations and advised the members that Kathy had resigned from the Board after many years of service to the Club. In recognition of all her hard work, Kathy is to be awarded an Honorary Membership to the Club. In addition, a small gift certificate was presented to her and William announced that a trophy would be awarded in her name at the flower show. It would be named the 'Kathy Conway Miniature Trophy'.

Adjournment

All approved.

The President call the AG to a close and welcomed everyone to join in the refreshments (wine and snacks) and to mingle with the members of the board.

The Board was introduced.

William introduced the presentation by advising the members of the results of the changes to the Hudson Garden Club. There would be no Vice-President position and to alternate the bigger events (Flower Show & Local Garden Tour) each year.

Board members and event organizers were each called up to give a brief summary of their events for the year.

Diane Gillam was introduced, and she spoke about the St. Lazare Horticulture Society and their 2019 speaker program.

Members were encouraged to volunteer for events during the year.

William McCann - President

Sandi Johnston - Secretary

Hudson Garden Club Financial Report

	2020	2019
Revenues	\$49	\$14,744
Expenses	\$1,772	\$14,877
Assets	\$7,400	\$9,172

Note: 2020 expenses include routine club expenses, including donations, as well as the hall rental expense, which will be carried over when we can hold meetings at St. James' again.