



Russell and District Horticultural Society
Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, January 16, 2012
Location: Russell Legion / Lions Hall

Note: No minutes were recorded during the monthly meeting held on November 28, 2011 as the Recording Secretary had stepped down and a replacement was named at that meeting. A review of executive positions was held at that meeting, and the following list of executive positions are confirmed for 2012:

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| President | Lindley McPhail |
| Past President | Pat Stachon |
| 1 st Vice President | empty |
| 2 nd Vice President | Marilyn MacMillan |
| Treasurer | Marianne Vedder |
| Recording Secretary | Chris Korotash |

January 16 Meeting chaired by Marcel Beauchamp.

Agenda items covered:

1. Memberships are now due. Reminder to all members to please sign up for the new year. See Susan Barr for your \$10 membership in our society.
2. Although no minutes were officially taken from the November potluck supper and Annual General Meeting, the information contained above was put forward for adoption by Marianne Vedder, seconded by Wendy Murray and adopted by the majority of meeting attendees.
3. Coming Events:
 - Living Locally Fair is this Saturday, Jan 21, at St Thomas Aquinas High School here in Russell. More volunteers are needed, and Pegi Holtz has a sign up sheet for those interested in helping. Members are encouraged to assist if possible. Marilyn MacMillan comments that the response to the Fair has been fantastic. She reminds members who are bringing foods to please include a list of the ingredients.
 - Connie Johnston reminds members of the Soc Hop being held on Saturday Feb 11 at the Russell High School. The Soc Hop is a 50's and 60's dance. Advance tickets are \$15/person or \$25/couple, or \$20 and \$30 at the door. This is a Kin Club event in support of the Portraits of Honour program, with proceeds to families of those killed/injured in Afganistan. Good time and great prizes for costumes.

- Connie Johnston also reminds members of the Trivia Night being held by the Kin Club at the Russell House on St Patties Day, March 17. This event is to raise money for repairs to the steeple at the Anglican Church.
- Rain barrels, \$60 each. Our society is expecting delivery of up to 600 barrels on April 28th, and will need help with the organizing, etc. All money will go to the Fantasy Children's Reading Garden at the library. A preliminary plan is already in place, and looks great. You will enter from the Library, onto a magic carpet into an area with lots of paths, a large caterpillar, an arbour, and a representation of the Castor River with lily pads to sit on, etc. A farm representation is included, and lots of other ideas. Lindley McPhail keeps in contact with the company and would know how many have been sold, but we don't have that info now. Barrels come with hoses and screening. Pegi uses 26 barrels at home, and a system of diverters that shut them down for winter and other purposes. We will contact Home Hardware to see about diverters for a separate price. There are sign up sheets for volunteers to help with the project.
- District 1 annual meeting in April, and OHA convention in August. OHA is divided into 27 districts, and we are number 1. Once a year we have an annual general meeting. They have really good speakers, and this year it is at the NAV Centre in Cornwall. Pegi Holtz is going on April 14, and is looking forward to seeing the centre. Wanda Faris spoke about the OHA meeting in St Catherines at a Community college. She will be going for the 4th time. Anyone who is interested can go, and it is a very good time. People go from all over the province, and it is a fun day.
- Cindy Saucier reminds members of the Eco Farm Fair being held on Feb 25 in Cornwall at the Ramada Inn.

4. In addition to chairing the evening meeting, Marcel Beauchamp is also the guest speaker. He spoke about trees, and held a very interesting discussion about how they react to pruning and disease. He went into detail on how they grow, the damage that can be caused by various events, and the information that is contained in a cross section of a tree.

5. Next meeting will be Feb 16. Guest speaker, Master Gardener Mary Ann Van Berlo, will speak on Tips, Tricks and Techniques.

6. Thank you to Denise Morin for the refreshments tonight. Yum.

Respectfully submitted

Chris Korotash