

South Surrey Garden Club  
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
Wednesday 25 July 2018 St. Mark's Anglican Church

**Call to Order**

President Lee Bolton Robinson called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

**Minutes**

Secretary Brenda Woosnam read the Minutes of the AGM of 26 July 2017.

*Motion: Moved by Brenda Woosnam and seconded by Colleen Martin that the minutes be adopted as read. Carried.*

**Regular Resolution: 2018-2019 Budget**

*Motion: Moved by Dorothy Brown and seconded by Lorna Fraser that the budget for 2018-2019, as set out in the Notice of the Annual General Meeting (4 July 2018), be adopted.*

The motion was open for discussion. It was clarified that the \$800 specified under "Income" from the Scholarship Fund is meant to be raised by donations from members. It is expected that members who enter their names for door prizes will make contributions to a jar marked "scholarship fund."

*Voting then took place on the motion to adopt the budget. Carried.*

*(There were approximately 55 members present. Approximately 32 members were required to be present to form a quorum. This motion required a simple majority (that is, 28 votes) to pass. All but three of the members present voted for the motion.)*

**Special Resolution: Constitution and By-Laws**

Lee Bolton Robinson thanked the committee which had been working on the revision of the Constitution and By-Laws since February which built on the work started in 2015. This is a living document and the changes to the Constitution and By-Laws and the Rules have been made to reflect how we currently operate.

*Motion: Moved by Lee Bolton Robinson and seconded by James Good that the Constitution and By-Laws currently in effect be replaced by the Constitution and By-Laws as set out in the Notice of the Annual General Meeting (4 July 2018), and hereby be adopted as the Constitution and By-Laws of the South Surrey Garden Club.*

The motion was open for discussion but there was none.

*Voting took place and the motion was carried.*

*(This motion or special resolution required a majority of 75% (42 votes) to pass. All but 2 members voted for the motion.)*

**Executive Review**

Lee Bolton Robinson highlighted some of the issues that the Executive has considered in the past year.

Work on job descriptions for the executive, which was largely accomplished under Melodie Brandon's presidency, was continued with tweaking and re-writing and these job descriptions are available on the website.

A storage locker for club equipment and materials was a new expense. We have searched for a cheaper locker but this comes with increased costs in time and gasoline. There is ongoing discussion regarding where and how to store equipment.

The use of social media continues to challenge us to update ourselves so that a younger and more diverse clientele can be attracted and engaged.

The format of our meetings is worth examining, to ensure that learning for members is maximized. Lee asked us to think about ways of incorporating more social events into club activities to ensure that there is a “fun” element for members.

Lee thanked the club for a wonderful year. In the twelve years or so that she has been a member, SSGC has so enriched her life. She extended her thanks in particular to those people who have mentored her over the years and from whom she has learned so much.

### **Member Recognition Awards**

Past President Melodie Brandon announced that this evening the club would be awarding Outstanding Service Awards to two members.

The first is an internationally known gardener who sits on the Great Plant Picks Committee of the Pacific Northwest. She is a lecturer for the Master Gardener Program, has led plant propagation for SSGC’s plant sales, has been featured as a speaker, on panels and giving tips at club meetings and is an overall valuable resource for our club: Gwen Odermatt. Gwen was not present as she is currently out of town.

The second award winner is generous with her time for any club activity and willingly steps up to take on jobs. She has served on the executive twice and has worked diligently as the chairperson of the Program Committee, developing the manual that guides that committee’s work. Gillian Davis expressed, upon receiving the Outstanding Service Award, that she was moved and honoured.

### **Election of Executive**

Melodie Brandon, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, explained that it is only the past president who is not required to be elected.

The following slate of candidates for executive positions was presented:

<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Nominee</u></b>	
President	Karen Ewing	
Vice President	Linda Stanley Wilson	
Past President	Lee Bolton Robinson	
Secretary	exec meetings general meetings	Pam Robertson Patti Chabot
Treasurer	Dorothy Brown	incumbent
Program Chairperson	Kathy Starke	

Membership Chairperson	Marilyn Bryson	
Library	Sharon Lawson	incumbent
Plant Sale Chairperson	VACANT	
Logistics	Claude Hewitt	incumbent
Flower and Garden Show	Cindy Tataryn	incumbent
Communications/ Webmaster	Susan Lockhart	incumbent
Darts Hill Representative	Lorna Fraser	incumbent
Newsletter Editor	Linda Stanley Wilson	incumbent

Melodie went through each position, asking three times if there were further nominations from the floor. In the absence of further nominations all candidates were declared elected. It was explained that there are possible candidates for the position of Plant Sale Chairperson but they are away at the moment so it is hoped that someone will be in place by September.

Lee welcomed the incoming president, Karen Ewing. Karen thanked Lee for her service and presented her with a gift on behalf of the membership.

The AGM was adjourned.