

Canadian Society for Organic Urban Land Care Annual General Meeting

March 7th, 2023
Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order - recognition of First Nations and Indigenous lands we are each on to begin the meeting
 - a. Attendance: Chris Morrison (CM), Michael Hermary (MH), Julia Dupuis (JD), Nick Johnson (NJ), Sundaura Alford-Purvis (SAP), Christine Earnshaw (CE), Kristin Noel (KN)
 - b. Native land recognition - five different native lands represented
2. Presentation on overview of SOUL and programs
 - a. Excellent presentation prepared by Kristin for educating people on SOUL's initiatives including past and current projects and ways for general public to get involved
 - b. Presentation can be found here:
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1_eFaJuM_XLPE1ELWcxhtFccXBHjQ6Cmj/edit?usp=share_link&ouid=106267317701323385571&rtfpof=true&sd=true
3. Approval of 2022 Minutes
 - a. Motioned to approve - SAP, Seconded by MH
4. Approval of 2023 Agenda
 - a. Motioned to approve - CM, Seconded by JD
5. Reports
 - a. Annual Report by Executive Director
 - i. Past achievements
 1. Second year of Greener Greenspaces recognition
 2. Year of the Ecological Garden webinar series
 - ii. Upcoming initiatives
 1. Updating the organic land care standards - Working Group for updating standards to be established
 - b. Certification (Julia)
 - i. Currently active: Organic Land Care advocate - 17; Public -9; AP - 27 (6 new since last AGM); CP- 3
 - ii. 17 lapsed Accredited Practitioners and 4 lapsed Certified Professionals (mainly due to retirement). Member retention to be discussed
 - c. Greener Greenspaces (Christine)
 - i. Profiling 39 Greener Greenspaces recognized in 2022
 - ii. Each site is profiled on our website and featured on social media on Tuesdays; webinars will take place starting at the end of March

- iii. Sponsorship and fundraising strategy being developed to cover the costs of the Greener Greenspaces Program
- d. Membership and Public Engagement committee (Sundaora)
 - i. Primary activity for 2022 was the Year of the Ecological Garden webinar series; 49 episodes and 44 available on website; 1306 tickets to webinars; over 2400 total views (on YouTube) for all webinars
- e. Treasurer's report (Michael)
 - i. Total income: \$16853; Total expenses: \$19407; Net income (loss): -\$2554
 - ii. Assets: \$6525; Liabilities: \$1965; Equity: \$4560
 - iii. Motion to Waive the requirement for a Public Accountant to prepare financial statements for the next year by SAP, Seconded by CM, Vote: All in favour - MH, NJ, CM, SAP, JD

6. Election of Directors

2022 Directors	Office	Agree to stand for re-election
Chris Morrison	President	Yes
Michael Hermary	Treasurer	Yes
Julia Dupuis	Director at large	Yes
Nick Johnson	Director at large	Yes
Sundaora Alford-Purvis	Director at large	Yes

Motion to acclaim directors that have been nominated made by MH; Seconded by SAP. All in favour - MH, NJ, CM, SAP, JD

2023 board meeting schedule: April 11, June 13, August 29, October 10, December 12, February 13, 2024

- 7. Next AGM date: Tuesday, March 5th 2024 at 7:30 pm Eastern / 4:30 Pacific time Call for motion
 - a. Motioned by MH, Seconded by CM Vote: All in favour - MH, NJ, CM, SAP, JD
- 8. Call for new business
 - a. No new business
- 9. Adjournment
 - a. Motion to adjourn: MH Seconded by: JD Vote - all in favour