

Manitoba Nursery Landscape Association

AGM Minutes

Thursday, November 24, 2022

Canad Inns

I. Call to Order & Welcome

At 6:07 p.m. Chad called the meeting to order and introduced himself, introduced the board and staff and went through the meeting guidelines.

Rob Officer to record minutes

In Attendance;

Aaron Szuck, Andrew Ronald, August Weins, Beth Szuck, Calvin Eisner, Casey Norman, Chad Labbe (Carrying Proxy for Arboria), Christy Szuck, Darryl Neufeld, Derek Dexter, Doug Southam, Garth Aubin, Guy Dowhy (Proxy Vote), Jared Aubin, John Szuck, Jordan Hiebert, Layne Kostiuk, Mark Tarashuk, Matt Bell, Matt Kellas, Monte Scholz, Nevin Martens, Pierre Ouellet, Riley Laurens, Rob Officer (Staff) Stephanie Walker, Tonya Northage.

II. Quorum

- i. Chris verified with Rob that there is a Quorum that meets the constitutional requirements

15 Voting Members/proxies in attendance- 13 required for a quorum

III. Agenda

Chad requested approval of the agenda as presented

- i. Approval of Agenda (Motion) – Matt Bell
- ii. Second the Motion (Secunder) – Tonya Northage

IV. Minutes

Chad requested approval of the 2021 AGM minutes as presented

- i. Approval of Minutes (Motion) – Derek Dexter
 - ii. Second the Motion (Secunder) – John Szuck
- Approved

V. Financial Report

Statement of Revenue and Expenses

Revenues (year over year increase of \$9,917.70)

Revenues have increased this year. This is primarily due to increased membership and member fees. We did see a slight decrease in revenue from the golf tournament and CNLA member benefit fees.

The MBNLA remains in a profitable position. This has been possible for a variety of reasons.

In comparison to last year, membership fee revenue has increase by \$6716.83. Advertising has generated \$5850 - an increase of \$4,500 over the previous year. Funds raised through the use of membership programs decreased by \$2,127.13, but this is primarily due to to reasons we cannot control due to supply chain and Covid related logistical problems.

The golf tournament continues to be a success in lieu of the GROW show, and with the hope to host both this upcoming year we look forward to a normalized fiscal year.

Expenses (Expenses year over year increased by \$11,038.40)

Overall expenses increased in conjunction with our increased revenue this year.

We remain in a strong financial position due to strong leadership from Rob, committed active board members, the golf tournament, and most importantly the sponsors and advertisers who continue to support MBNLA. We are very much looking to a normalized year with the return to Grow.

Motion to approve the Financial report and the financial statements- Matt Bell

Second the Motion (Seconder) – Matt Kellas

Carried

VI. Reports from Directors

Chad noted that the 13 reports demonstrate' s good engagement from the membership.

Due to the volume of business to be carried out at the meeting Chad requested that the reports be approved as per the meeting package.

No motion required.

VII. Constitution and By-Law changes- See attached addendum for Constitution, Article and By-Law changes

Chad presented the proposed changes.

2022 MBNLA Proposed Constitution and By-Law changes

ARTICLE 3 – MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1 – MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS

Current wording

- a. Affiliate / Horticultural Member (non-Commercial, Voting)
Any person engaged in the industry in the employ of botanical gardens, parks or cemetery boards, city or municipal arborists, golf courses as superintendents or greens keepers, horticultural personnel of agricultural schools, graduates of such schools, government employees engaged in horticultural branches, horticulturists employed in private industry, are eligible for membership. This category is normally confined to residents of the Province of Manitoba. It does not apply to anyone engaged in the propagation, growing or selling of nursery stock or other horticultural products for profit.

- b. Individual Member (non commercial, Voting) Available to teachers, media, government, parks and recreation employees, golf course employees and others allied to the horticulture and landscape industry.

Proposed wording

- **Affiliate**
 - Available to city/town, municipal districts, institutions or public departments providing horticulture or landscape services; educational institutions; private or public golf courses. Non-voting member.
- **Individual**
 - Available to the media and others, including students, allied to the horticulture and landscape industry. Non-voting member.
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Rationale

- to streamline the wording associated with the Affiliate category and add students to the individual category as per the student category removal below.

ARTICLE 3 – MEMBERSHIP

Section 2

g. Student Members

g. Student Member (Non Voting)

Any person enrolled in a recognized horticultural program may become a student member providing a proof of student status in a recognized horticultural program i.e.: the Manitoba Apprenticeship program, Greenspace Management program etc. is submitted with the membership application form. Students may continue at the student level of membership for one year after graduation. After which the student will be entitled to apply for regular membership.

SECTION 4: Student Member may:

- a. Attend and take part in discussions at general meetings.
- b. Receive all publications the Association may issue.

Proposed wording

- i. **Remove all references to the student membership category above and add the word student to the Individual membership category as below**
 - Available to teachers, **students** currently enrolled in horticultural programs, media, government, parks and recreation employees, golf course employees and others allied to the horticulture and landscape industry. Voting member.
 - **Maintain a discounted student rate for students to attend the Grow conference. Any other events that the Association hosts the board can determine whether or not to create a student rate separate from a non-member rate.**

Rationale

Almost all MBNLA student members are also employees of MBNLA members and this by extension members and contacts of MBNLA.

Motion: Aaron Szuck
Secunder: Tonya Northage
Carried

VIII. New Business

- i. None.

IX. Presentation of the Slate

Chad presented the slate of candidates Chad Labbe, Casey Norman, Matt Bell, Jeff Southam, Calvin Eisner, Nevin Martens, and August Wiens.

Chad then asked for any further nominations from the floor. There were none.

X. Directors elected by Acclamation

- i. No Election Required

- ii. **New directors are as follows**

Chad Labbe, Casey Norman, Matt Bell, Jeff Southam, Calvin Eisner, Nevin Martens, and August Wiens.

Motion: Casey Norman

Secunder: Jordan Hiebert

XI. Thank you to leaving board members

- i. Chad thanked Chris Spicer and Stephanie Moskal for their time spent on the board.

XII. Adjournment

- i. Motion to adjourn Meeting (Motion) – Tonya Northage
- ii. Secunder to the motion (Secunder) – Chad Labbe
- iii. Meeting closed – 6: 25 pm