

Wentworth Falls Garden Club – Committee Meeting – Minutes – 4 April 2023

Venue: 3 Cook Road Wentworth Falls. 9.45am.

Apologies: Duncan Leys, Marilyn Shields.

Attendance: Janice Light, Henry Nelson, Sed Mayne, Carol Conway, Kevin Hummel, Susan Hummel, Ronah Tuite, Barbara Fox, Gai Horrocks.

Acceptance of previous Minutes: **Move:** Gai Horrocks. **Second:** Janice Light

Business arising from previous Minutes:

- AGM 2023
 - Kevin Craze to act as AGM Chair. Martin Vaughan available if required.
 - No nominations have been received for vacant committee positions.
 - Attending Committee filled 2023 AGM Committee Nomination form.
- GCA BM Zone Meeting Sat 11 March. Attended by Janice and Carol.
 - Feedback by Janice Light:
 - Subcommittee formed.
 - Aim: to get GCA BM Zone garden clubs activated to work together.
 - Aim: joint annual event.
 - Next BM GCA Zone Meeting Sat 1 July.
- GCA Awards. No nominations suggested.

Correspondence In:

- GCA. Biennial Convention & AGM 10-15 Sept. Toronto & District Garden Club.
 - President Janice Light advised she is attending Convention.
 - Janice advised VP Duncan Leys recommends WFGC pay her \$350 fee.
 - Discussion. Previous reimbursements only paid for registration/official opening. \$50.
 - Table for future CM discussion.
- Youth Conservation Group.
 - Link to Sed. **Action: Gai. Sed.**
- BMCC. Paul Brinkman. School of Arts update. “State Government in caretaker mode. Deeds of funding...will be released for funding....start financial year. Given number of funded projects.....will be further holdups.”

Correspondence Out:

- Derek Moore BMCC. Foldaway tables. Ongoing discussion with BMCC.

Financial Report – Henry Nelson

Cash Book Balance as at 1st March 2023: \$5,316.71

Income: \$2,131.38 Expenditure: \$729.00

Cash Book Balance as at 31st March 2023: \$6,719.09

Available Funds: \$2,239.09

Treasurer Henry Nelson advised:

- AV cable refund declined by Carol Conway. Purchase cable for WFGC.
- Martin Vaughan. Stand in Treasurer. May & June CMs & GMs.
- Commonwealth Bank update of WFGC signees: Martin Vaughan, Duncan Leys, Carol Conway, Gai Horrocks, Henry, **Action: Henry will organise and advise.**

Welfare – Henry on behalf of Lea.

- Trish Fewer to be asked to act as Welfare Officer while Lea o/s. **Action: Lea.**

Membership – Kevin Hummel

- New Members: Gavin Anderson. Caroline Gardner. **Action: Gai. Advise Welcome Group.**
- Emergency Contact update. Ongoing discussion.
 - July. Members fill revamped form.
 - Methods: send out as an attachment. Fill hard copy at GM. **Action: Kevin, Sed, Welcome Desk.**
 - New member application form will require modification. **Action: Kevin.**

Guest Speakers – Carol Conway

- Belinda Coates will join Committee. July AGM.
 - Role: Lucky Door, Q&A, My Garden/Not My Garden.
 - AGM Committee Nomination Form. **Action: Carol.**
- Geraldine Sternberg. Measure bottle. Present April/May GM. **Action: Carol.**
- Speakers.
 - April. Bianca Boman. Bulbs and Seeds to plant in Autumn.
 - May. Liz Bastion. Planetary Health Initiative. Possibly Q&A.
- April GM. Not My Garden – Susan Hummel.
- September GM. My Garden – Nick and Barbara Fox. Follow up Garden Ramble.

Events and Rambles

- Bus Trips:
 - Mt Wilson. 4 May WFGC Representatives: Susan.
 - Fully booked and paid
 - Any invoices to Treasurer Henry Nelson. **Action: Susan, Henry.**
 - Bus fuel. Pay on day. Refund from Henry. **Action: Susan.**
 - Collectors Fair. 15 April. WFGC Representative: Gai
 - 12 booked and paid. Further bookings April GM.
 - Other Garden Club members accepted.
 - Tickets and bus paid. Pay fuel on day. **Action: Gai**

- Total incomes to date cover costs. Any further bookings will be profit.
- Treasurer recommends two possible payment processes for bus outings:
 - WFGC Representative pays any costs on day. Costs refunded.
 - Venue sends invoice to WFGC Treasurer for payment.
- Sign on sheet prepared by Membership Officer, Kevin Hummel. Includes Emergency Contact details if given by member. **Action: Kevin, Susan, Gai.**
- Completed sheet to be sent to Secretary for archive.
- Future Events. Action now.
 - TAFE lunch. Aim for June booking for 30. Ronah sourced 2023 TAFE contact details. **Action: Gai**
 - Mt Annan Botanical Garden. Seed Bank Tour. Nov. **Action: Susan.**
- Future Bus Trip Possibilities. Nothing set. Further CM discussion.
 - Parramatta. July/August
 - Bathurst/Millthorpe/Iris/Begonia House. Oct.
 - Bowral/Mittagong. **Action: Ronah. Mittagong Information Centre.**

Library – Apologies from Merilyn.

Communications – Sed

- Newsletter non receipts. Inconsistent. **Action: Sed to speak at GM.**
- Website. Membership. Update home page “*Who are We.*” **Action: Kevin, Sed.**

General Business:

- Book Sales. March GM raised \$29.50. Three months trial. Advise members limit number of books. **Action: Janice, Sed.**
- Christmas Lunch. Table May CM.

Meeting closed: 12.00 Noon.

Next CM: 2 May 2023