

Ottawa Bonsai Society

Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting held June 17, 2024

Note: in the absence of a secretary, the following minutes are summaries of notes taken by members of the Executive of the Society.

1. Approval of the Agenda

- Draft agenda:
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 2. Adoption of the Minutes from Last Year
 3. President's Report
 4. Financial Report
 5. Election of Officers
 6. Presentation of Motions
 7. Question Period
- Agenda was approved

2. President's Report

- We now have 99 members which is very close to our all-time high of 103.
- We had two presentations by professional guest speakers in the winter months via ZOOM
- We offered one theoretical introductory course in the fall
- We offered 3 intermediate level courses/workshops, one free form workshop and one beginner's workshop in the spring.
- We have established a collaboration with both the Toronto and Montreal clubs to exchange material such as Zoom presentations.
- We no longer have a free form workshop in July. We are having parking issues at the RKLC in July. The June meeting is also becoming a challenge at the RKLC and we will have to look for an alternate location for that month.
- Some of this spring's weekend courses/workshops were held at a new location.
- We added 5 books to our library

3. Financial Report

Yvon Bernier (Treasurer) presented the details of the 2023/2024 financial report.

- The society's finances are in good shape.
- The financial report will be loaded on our website.

4. Election of Officers

- Vianney Leduc agreed to continue serving as President of the Society for another year.

- Yvon Bernier has announced plans to retire from his positions as treasurer, membership coordinator, Co-editor of our newsletter and translator, and Society Email Coordinator, He has graciously offered to stay on in those positions as he trains his replacements.
 - Allen Inglis was elected as Treasurer
 - Victor Ding was elected as Membership Coordinator
 - Quinton Ashby was elected as the Social media Coordinator and Webmaster
- All 2023/2024 executive members: Owen Marsh (Vice-President), Charles Lacombe (librarian), Ibrahim Eryuzlu (public relations), Elroy Cober (director), Judy McDonald (director) agreed to another one-year term.

5. Presentation of Motions

- No motions were presented

6. Question period / Période de questions

A number of suggestions were made and discussed, such as:

- The members are in favour of the changes to the meeting format that were made this year
- Members would like more activity on the Facebook group
- Members asked if we could look into advertising the Bonsai shows for the nearby Bonsai societies (Montreal and Toronto)
- Members would like us to consider a public facing sale since we cannot have a sale at the annual show

7. Adjournment