



SNLA 2010 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday March 16, 2:00-3:00pm: Courtyard Room, Saskatoon Inn

Participants:

Robin Adair (Arbour Crest), **Karen Altrogge** (Sawyers Trees & Landscapes), **Randy Beauschne** (Beauscapes Professional Landscapes), **Ryan Benard** (Apollo Property Developments), **Lucille Bouvier** (Plant Ranch Inc.), **Nigel Bowles** (LANTA), **Leslie Cornell** (Cornell Design & Landscaping Ltd.), **Ron Cornell** (Cornell Design & Landscaping Ltd.), **Doug Dykes** (Blue Heron Arboretum), **Cheryl Elmer** (1st Call), **Danielle Evoy** (Beauscapes Lawn and Tree), **Shaun Farrell** (Sawyers Trees & Landscapes), **Paul Fowler** (Plant Ranch Inc.), **Dean Frey** (Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission), **Ray Gaudet** (Gaudet Trees Ltd.), **Jim Goodlad** (ULS Maintenance and Landscaping), **Bill Hardy** (Northwest Landscape Supplies Inc.), **Mark Heit** (City of Saskatoon), **David Holizki** (Kramer Ltd.), **George Hutchings** (College Yardworks), **Andrew Jackson** (Brandt Tractor Ltd.), **Aaron Krahn** (Lakeshore Tree Farms), **Victor Krahn** (Lakeshore Tree Farms), **Tyler Lakeman** (Brandt Tractor Ltd.), **Kurtis Langton** (Cornell Design & Landscaping Ltd.), **Geoff McLeod** (Superintendent Urban Forestry, City of Saskatoon), **Dave Molsberry** (ULS Maintenance and Landscaping), **Lisette Parkin** (Prairie Roots Tree Care & Landscaping), **James Polley** (Allan's Landscaping), **Bradford Riddell** (R.P. Industries), **Don Schultz** (Farm and Garden Centre Saskatoon), **Randy Schwartz** (Brandt Tractor Ltd.), Ben Shock (Cherry Financial Services Inc.), **Glen Sweetman** (Ministry of Agriculture), **Tasha Trask** (The Lawn Loggers Ltd.), **Lloyd Trask** (The Lawn Loggers Ltd.), **Craig Truitt** (Craig's Excavating & Landscaping), **Rick vanDuyvendyk** (Dutch Growers Garden Centre), **Luke vanDuyvendyk** (Dutch Growers Garden Centre), **Rebecca Wetselaar** (CNLA/SNLA).

Agenda:

1) Call to order

Aaron called the meeting to order and thanked the event sponsors: Brandt Tractor Ltd. Lakeshore Tree Farms Ltd., Farm & Garden Centre of Saskatoon, Beauscapes Lawn & Tree, HortProtect Insurance, Cherry Insurance, Cornell Design & Landscaping Ltd., and Dutch Growers Saskatoon.

*Motion to call to call the meeting order. **Moved** by Luke vanDuyvendyk and **Seconded***

by Randy Beauchesne. **CARRIED.**

2) Approval of Minutes – March 17, 2009 Annual General Meeting

*Motion to accept the March 17, 2009 Annual General Meeting minutes. **Moved** by Leslie Cornell and **Seconded** by Victor Krahn. **CARRIED.***

3) Approval of Agenda

*Motion to accept the March 16, 2010 Annual General Meeting agenda. **Moved** by Randy Beauchesne and **Seconded** by Luke vanDuyvendyk. **CARRIED.***

4) Finances

- The financial statements were reviewed and presented by Nigel Bowles
 - SNLA is doing well financially
 - There is now some money saved up that the SNLA Board will discuss how to spend (i.e. bursaries, etc.)
 - Additional funds will be coming in from CNLA that will show in financials at the 2010 AGM

*Motion to accept the year-end statements as presented. **Moved** by Craig Truitt and **Seconded** by Leslie Cornell. **CARRIED.***

5) Executive Report (Aaron Krahn)

- We held our first golf tournament, which was successful, but we would like to see more participants this year
- We would like to expand our membership in Regina
- Held a recent Executive Meeting where the Executive Board discussed activities for SNLA in 2010 (minutes from this meeting circulated at the AGM)
 - Would like to examine which membership benefits SNLA members are using
 - Focus on membership recruitment and retention
 - Everything we did in 2009 was good, so we want to do it again (hoping the events are better attended)
- SNLA participated in the Landscapers and Contractors Expo in Saskatoon with a booth
- If any members have time to volunteer we would like to see new participants on the Board of Directors

6) CNLA Report (Vic Krahn)

- CNLA has identified three priorities:
 - 1) Government Relations: getting members to work with their MP's/MLA's speaking to them about the benefits of our industry. The Home Renovation

- Tax Credit was very helpful for our industry this year.
- 2) Labour: assistance with bringing in skilled labour for our industry.
- 3) Environment: SNLA should tie into this and promote to the public that our industry has a positive effect on the environment
- New member program with Mark's Work Warehouse

7) Manager of Provincial Relations Report (Rebecca Wetselaar)

- Overview of CNLA Position with SNLA: The Manager of Provincial Relations and Provincial Relations Coordinator positions exist to assist SNLA with event planning, increasing overall sponsorship and profitability of your association, to recruit and retain members, to produce your newsletter, to maintain your website, conduct surveys, and liaise between your association, other provincial associations, and the CNLA
- Activities that the CNLA office is working on for SNLA:
 - Membership Recruitment - 17 new members since start of the position
 - Maintenance of SNLA Website: www.snla.ca
 - SNLA Newsletter (4 times per year)
 - Event Planning (AGM, Saskatoon Equipment Expo Booth, Golf Tournament, Regina Networking Event)
 - Regular Prairie Region conference calls
 - Wage and Equipment Rates Survey
 - SNLA Marketing (i.e. trade show banner, SNLA stickers)

8) Apprenticeship Update and Q&A (Dean Frey, Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission)

- Program development Officer exists to develop and maintain the curriculum in the province
- There are currently five apprentices in Horticultural Trades in SK (has remained steady for the past ten years)
 - Drawback as training is held at Olds College in AB
- We need industry to support this program in order to have training in SK – right now we do not have the numbers to warrant provincial training in the province
- Landscape Horticulture is now a Red Seal Trade
- There are grants available that apprenticeships can apply for
- For more information on the Landscape Horticulture Apprenticeship Program visit www.saskapprenticeship.ca

9) ISA Prairie Chapter Update (Robin Adair, Arbor Crest Tree Services Ltd.)

- Save the date for the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Prairie Chapters' Fall Conference and Tree Climbing Competition in Saskatoon from September 29th-October 2nd, 2010
 - All members of SNLA are invited to attend
- Visit www.isaprairie.com for more information

10) Successes and Challenges for the coming years with the City of Saskatoon (Geoff McLeod, Superintendent Urban Forestry, City of Saskatoon)

- A power point presentation was circulated to SNLA members along with the minutes
- The presentation covered the successes and challenges with the City of Saskatoon
- We need to embrace “green infrastructure” and not “grey infrastructure”

11) Elections

2010 SNLA Board of Directors:

President – Aaron Krahn

Vice President – Glen Thrasher

Director – James Polley

Director – Luke vanDuyvendyk

Director – Leslie Cornell

Director – Lloyd Trask

12) New Business

There is a By-Law in the City of Saskatoon that if your equipment is parked on a city street off your construction site that you need to have a permit (no charge for the year – contact Todd Jarvis at the City of Saskatoon)

*Motion that the SNLA Executive Committee address the SNLA archives. **Moved** by Leslie Cornell and **Seconded** by Luke vanDuyvendyk. CARRIED.*

*Motion to adjourn the 2010 SNLA Annual General Meeting. **Moved** by Lloyd Trask and **Seconded** by Vic Krahn.*