



SNLA Annual General Meeting Minutes

Thursday March 17, 2011, 3:00-5:00pm: Courtyard Room, Saskatoon Inn

Participants:

Leon	Dupuis	Accent Trees & Landscapes
Robin	Adair	Arbour Crest Tree Services Ltd.
Dany	Dufour	Arbour Crest Tree Services Ltd.
Lorilee	Braaten	City of Saskatoon
Rebecca	Doutre	CNLA/SNLA
Leslie	Cornell	Cornell Design and Landscaping Ltd.
Adam	Lix	Cornell Design and Landscaping Ltd.
Luke	vanDuyvendyk	Dutch Growers
Ray	Gaudet	Gaudet Trees Ltd.
Anne	Bitschy	Gaudet Trees Ltd.
Aaron	Krahn	Lakeshore Tree Farms
Nigel	Bowles	LANTA
Glen	Sweetman	Ministry of Agriculture
Bradford	Riddell	R.P. Industries
Norm	Altrogge	Sawyer's Trees & Landscapes
Lloyd	Trask	The Lawn Loggers
Tasha	Trask	The Lawn Loggers

Agenda

1) Call to order (Aaron Krahn)

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

2) Approval of Minutes – March 16th, 2010 Annual General Meeting (Aaron Krahn)

*Motion to accept the March 16, 2010 Annual General Meeting minutes. **Moved** by Robin Adair and **Seconded** by Leslie Cornell. CARRIED.*

3) Approval of Agenda (Aaron Krahn)

- The elections were moved to follow item number six.

*Motion to accept the March 17, 2011 Annual General Meeting agenda as amended. **Moved** by Leslie Cornell and **Seconded** by Lloyd Trask. CARRIED.*

4) Finances (Nigel Bowles)

- The financial statements were reviewed and presented by Nigel Bowles
 - The fiscal year of the association is September 1st to August 31st of each year.
 - SNLA currently has \$25,805.41 in the bank account.
 - SNLA's financials are audited every year through LANTA. SNLA money is held in trust by LANTA.
- Nigel presented a draft budget for SNLA for 2011.
- Agreement that SNLA has with LANTA expires in September 2011.

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

- Rebecca Doutre's position to assist SNLA was approved by the board at the last meeting - \$2500.00 from SNLA to CNLA for this support.

5) Executive Report (Aaron Krahn)

- The Executive Board met in the Fall
 - Approval of a membership dues increase.
 - The SNLA Archive review is not complete. This will be followed up on.
- Two of SNLA's long-standing board members have resigned from the Board – James Polley and Glen Thrasher. These members revamped the association in 2000 – the new board members will work to recruit new members and take the association to the next level.

6) CNLA Report (Aaron Krahn)

- Aaron has participated in two CNLA meetings as SNLA's CNLA rep.
- Aaron provided an overview of the CNLA meetings in February in Vancouver
 - Opportunities to connect with 4-H Horticulture Program.
 - Grower of the Year Award: winner was Bylands Nursery.
 - Morden Research Station – new roses being introduced, plant material owned by the CNLA.
 - IGCA is a great learning opportunity with over 30 companies attending the 2011 Congress in Italy so far – any member of SNLA/CNLA can attend.

7) Elections *(10 minutes)*

The following members were elected by acclamation to the executive committee for the 2011-2012 period:

President – Aaron Krahn
Vice President – Norm Altrogge
Director – Leslie Cornell
Director – Lloyd Trask
Director – Luke vanDuyvendyk
Director – open

8) Manager of Provincial Relations Report (Rebecca Doutre) *(10 minutes)*

- Rebecca presented an overview of the CNLA position for SNLA, including a review of activities throughout 2010 (newsletter, website, events, survey, prairie conference calls, membership recruitment).
- Idea's for 2011 include a family softball tournament and BBQ in July instead of a golf tournament.
- SNLA is looking forward to hosting a tour and reception in August when the CNLA board is holding their meetings (August 24-26th).

9) Green For Life Presentation (Rebecca Doutre) *(10 minutes)*

- Rebecca gave an overview of the Green For Life program developed by Landscape Ontario.
- SNLA members are interested in adopting this new public promotions program. Rebecca will follow up with Landscape Ontario to determine how to proceed with this program.

10) CNLA/SNLA Member Benefits Presentation (Rebecca Doutre)

- Rebecca provided an overview of CNLA benefits – we need to promote these benefits more to members and prospective members. Just using one program can more than cover the cost of your membership for the year.

11) New Business

- “Go Green Saskatchewan” program by the SK government – not showcasing our industry. Ray Gaudet has spoken with them about how to get our industry more involved.
- Membership Recruitment – greenhouse growers and Regina companies are potentials
 - Rebecca will approach the Greenhouse Association in regards to participating in their Fall conference
- ADOPT program could provide us with some funding in the future

*Motion to adjourn the 2011 SNLA Annual General Meeting. **Moved** by Lloyd Trask and **Seconded** by Leslie Cornell.*