



## Ridgeway & District Garden Club Annual General Meeting Minutes Wednesday December 13, 2017

April Davies thanked all those who helped this evening from set-up to the helpers in the kitchen and thanked everyone for their help this past year. She encouraged members to visit our website and register at [RidgewayGardenClub.com](http://RidgewayGardenClub.com), which has a link to forward them to our Facebook group. Also, please fill out our online survey.

April filled us in on our upcoming meeting and special events such as:

March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting ~ pot luck starting @ 6p.m., Photo Show, Seed Exchange (seed packets on site). Email April D. with questions about gardening and the plant shows which will be answered at this meeting.

April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 ~ at Ditsch's for making urn inserts and hanging baskets

May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 ~ Plant Sale at Debbie Eggletons'.

June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 ~ Garden Tour- email April D. if you wish to be on the tour.

April introduced Margaret Tanaszi, District 9 Director, who recognised the many years of service Sandy and Erwin Mako have given the Society. She then presented both Sandy and Erwin Mako with 25-year pins! Margaret encouraged inter-Society events – visit other Clubs!

Ridgeway & District Garden Clubs' Constitution ~ motioned by April Buchkowski to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Margaret Tanaszi

Minutes of last AGM accepted as written~ Vivian Shoalts, 2<sup>nd</sup> by April Davies

Treasurers' Annual Report~ moved by Debbie Eggleton accepted by-April Buchkowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Penny Ruch

Auditors Report –Debbie Eggleton motioned to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Debbie Woehl

Approval of Actions and Decisions of Executive Officers since last AGM – accepted by Betty King, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cathy Fretz. Margaret Tanaszi declared the past Board closed.

Margaret Tanaszi proceeded to install the new Officers and Directors for 2018:

- President- April Davies
- Past President –Sandy Mako
- Secretary- April Buchkowski
- Treasurer-Debbie Eggleton
- Directors-Bonnie Aldridge, Monica Bereti, Terri Hobbs, Jim Merrick, Susan Rowell, Gloria Trombley, Janet Uhrin, Debbie Woehl, and Barb Wren.

Cathy Fretz announced the Ridgeway Garden Club Awards {Show Points):

Horticultural Division- 1<sup>st</sup> Cathy Fretz 89 pts., 2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Schram 77 pts., 3<sup>rd</sup> Penny Ruch 58 pts.

Display/ Houseplants- 1<sup>st</sup> Terri Hobbs 12 pts., 2<sup>nd</sup> Pennie Ruch 11 pts., 3<sup>rd</sup> Cathy Fretz 7 pts.

Decorative-1<sup>st</sup> Debbie Eggleton 29 pts., 2<sup>nd</sup> Terry Hobbs 21 pts., 3<sup>rd</sup> Penny Ruch 20 pts.

Photography-1<sup>st</sup> Terri Hobbs 44 pts., 2<sup>nd</sup> Penny Ruch and Marion Johassen 13 pts., 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigette Bonner 13 pts.

Jim Merrick told the Club about the planned new subdivision behind his home in an environmentally sensitive area. He asked people to sign the petition which he will present to the Fort Erie Town Council at their January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting to oppose this development.

April Davies wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and hoped to see us at the March 2018 meeting.