



President's Report To AGM for 2013

At Goward House, May 6, 2014

The year 2013 saw little advance toward our stated objectives, so this will be a short report.

The most notable event in our programme was finally signing the Sublicense Agreement with the City of Victoria that gave us the rights to operate a Garry Oak Tree Nursery on the site, with some specific stipulations. This final act in a performance that had taken years to play out, has allowed us to begin our biggest and most difficult task since GOMPS inception as a charitable organization in 1992.

There has not been a lot of progress since the signing with the exception of collecting acorns and planting them to produce the first year of seedlings. We had started out with some seedlings on site, but without keys to the gate we were not able to access them soon enough and hence lost most of those. The following crop year of plantings were kept at the Forestry Centre, but it looks now as though we lost many of them through lack of vigilance at a crucial time. More about this in the near future.

Currently, we are making changes, repairs and upgrades, at the Nursery and in our plans, policies and procedures. The facility and irrigation system is receiving most of the attention now. This includes financial expenditures that are as significant as originally expected, so we are still on track financially.

Finally, we must acknowledge the death of our Treasurer, Tom Gillespie, in late November of 2013. This is the second active and valuable Director we have lost in this way. We lost our Secretary some time ago. We also regret the loss from our Directorship of Fred Hook when he moved away and took his important skills and experience with him, though of course it does not seem so hard and we still wish him well. This all means that GOMPS is struggling a bit more than we hoped at this late start date. Once again, we are looking for replacements for these people --- particularly a Treasurer to act as a bookkeeper with light duties. Mike Meagher is temporarily acting as Treasurer as well as Secretary. Michael Croteau is performing very well as Vice President, upgrading and repair of the irrigation system at the nursery, while still supporting his regular job and his duties to his family. My personal "life planning" included a commitment to about 7 years to this final GOMPS project and that time has already passed before we got approval from the landowners to start. I have other things I want to accomplish, and enjoy, that mean I have to slack off a bit in time committed to some of the things I am doing now. I feel I can remain a Director, but with reduced responsibilities to free up more time. Volunteers?

Hal Gibbard, GOMPS President



FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2013

ASSET BALANCES AT JANUARY 1, 2013

Chequing #14 603357	\$9192.29
GICs: 1-year to Dec. 1, 2015 @ 2.2%	6000.00
“ “ Sept. 12, 2013 @1.2%	10,670.03
3-year to Feb. 2, 2015 @1.5%	12,000.00
3-year to Dec. 1, 2015 @1.2%	151,966.49

TOTAL ASSETS **\$189,828.81**

2013 INCOME

Membership	\$215.00
Donations	\$260.00
Interest	\$2265.51
Poster sales & misc.	0.00

TOTAL INCOME **2740.51**

2013 EXPENSES

Meetings: AGM	\$ 34.39
Newsletter	0.00
Office supplies	74.24
Land Trust Alliance dues	250.00
Donations:	
Victoria	2000.00
Rogers School	1000.00
Nature BC	20.00
Total donations	3020.00
Insurance: \$1150.00 + 873.00	2023.00
Annual Society Filing fee	25.00
Nursery: Mowing	567.00
Keys	36.02
Misc.	43.19
Total Nursery	646.21

TOTAL EXPENSES **6067.84**

2013 NET GAIN (LOSS) **(3327.33)**

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ASSETS:

GICs	\$182,768.75
CHEQUING	3,732.73

TOTAL ASSETS: \$186,501.48

LIABILITIES:

NIL

NET ASSETS AT JANUARY 1, 2014: \$186,501.48

BALANCE CHECK: \$189,828.81 - 3327.33 = 186,501.48

Prepared by: M. D. Meagher _____

Confirmed by: _____

MEMBERSHIPS:

Single: 10; Family: 3 (= 6 members). TOTAL: 16 in 13 homes.



GOMPS AGM Minutes for 2013, held at Goward House, May 7, 2014

Motion to approve agenda moved by Richard Hebda, seconded by Mike Croteau.

Motion to adopt minutes from 2013, moved by Moralea Milne, seconded by Mike Croteau.

President's report: can be viewed on website, Michael has updated website with extensive changes with help from Friends of Ecological Reserves member Fred Beinhauer, who gave invaluable help. President's report, attached, motion to accept by Judith Carder, seconded by Richard Hebda.

Financial statement, see website and also attached. [above]

Substantial increases in expenses are foreseen for 2014 as the nursery gets underway with help from Mike Croteau and our nursery specialist, Rob Hagel.

Discussion on \$5000 potential donation to Friends of Uplands Park (FOUP) kiosk, which should have been included in 2013 minutes, at which Kathleen Mathews had attended to thank GOMPS.

Action item: amend 2013 minutes. [N.B. Emails from Margaret Lidkea of May 7/14 on subject will change the approach. H.G.]

Donation to FOUP can be made through GOERT

See letter from Friends of Upland Park. [N.B. This matter to be an action item for yet another Director's meeting with new information, ASAP.]

Mike C, would like to add another membership category 'student membership', to encourage younger members to volunteer. Kathleen Matthews described that student participation has been a positive benefit to FOUP.

Action item: look at categories and fee structure, which should be nominal.

Action item: set up communication (via website?) to solicit volunteer opportunities.

Election of Officers: all standing members have agreed to stay on.

- Hal Gibbard, president
- Michael Croteau, vice president
- Mike Meahger, secretary/treasurer.
- Moralea Milne, director at large
- Wendy ?, director at large

Acclaimed by a show of hands.

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Richard H thanked GOMPS for the valuable work that has gone before and the critical work to come on the Garry oak nursery.

Kathleen mentioned that GOERT is having a big conference in 2016 which can be an opportunity to network and find volunteers, as well as an urban tree conference coming up in fall 2014.

Further discussion on Garry oak nursery, availability of volunteers, the benefits and costs of paid staff, increased costs for trees to communities if paid staff is used.

Action item: need to document what happened with seedling oak deaths in 2012 and 2013 (Mike C): styro-blocks were not put on the ground for the winter but left on nursery tables, enabling too much air flow around the styro-blocks and freezing/killing the stock.

Move adjournment: Moved by Moralea Milne and seconded by Ann Gibbard.

Presentation followed by Richard Hebda: Garry Oak Ecosystems, 15,000 years in the making, what next?

These minutes have been approved for publishing on the internet at the site of GOMPS <http://www.garryoak.info> in the event of a discrepancy between the internet version and the Official accepted version held by the Society's Secretary the Official version shall be deemed correct.

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