# ANNUAL MEETING BEATRIX FARRAND SOCIETY 11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

## Saturday, August 2, 2014 Garland Farm

### Board Members Attending:

Scott Koniecko, President Dave Hollenbeck, Vice President Margot Woolley, Secretary Dick Habermann, Treasurer Peggy Bowditch **Emily Fuchs** Jim Fuchs

Carol Habermann

Neil Houghton Mike Kennedy

Julia Leisenring Isabel Mancinelli

Lois Stack

Michaeleen Ward

Scott Koniecko called the meeting to order at 11:18 AM.

The minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting were approved as written.

#### **Election of Directors**

Neil Houghton gave the **Nominating Committee Report**. The Nominating Committee recommends the following actions:

#### 1. Re-elected to the Board with the following Terms

Neil Houghton: Class of 2015 Lois Stack: Class of 2017

#### 2. Elected to the Board with the following Terms

Stephanie Burnett: Class of 2017 Vicki Goldstein: Class of 2017

#### 3. Approved for Future Board Action

Margot Woolley completed her term as Secretary this year and the Nominating Committee does not have a recommendation of an individual fill this Officer position. The Board recommends that the Membership grant the Board the authority to appoint a Secretary or Secretaries as needed. The Board also recommends that the Membership grant the Board the authority to elect two new Board Members when candidates have been identified.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to approve the three actions listed above.

### Bylaw Amendment

Dave Hollenbeck reported that the Board recommends an amendment to the Beatrix Farrand Society Bylaws to permit non-Board Members to serve as a Committee Chairs. Currently the Bylaws state that only Board may serve as Committee Chairs. In cases where a non-Board Member serves as a Committee Chair, at least one board member will also serve on that Committee.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to support this Bylaw change.

### President's Report

Scott Koniecko stated that the Society has achieved a great deal in its first ten years, and BFS has developed into a strong institution. This is a year of important transition, as several Board Members who have made strong contributions to BFS are departing.

Jim and Emily Fuchs have done a great deal for BFS over this entire period, starting with their vision of creating this special organization. Their work has ranged from cleaning out the Garland Farm basement to undertaking major initiatives, such as contacting our attorney to arrange for the incorporation of BFS. Peggy Bowditch has used her vast experience in gardens and teaching, and her strong integrity, to create an impeccable standard on which the Society now builds. Margot Woolley brought strong organizational, writing and recording skills to her role as Secretary, creating finely tuned documents and coordinating with the Board Members.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Submitted by: Margot Woolley, Secretary