

Mitchell & District Agricultural Society Annual Meeting

October 29, 2014

Second Vice President Viola Tyler called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM and welcomed everyone. 14 members were in attendance as follows: Bob Norris, Winston Jibb, Lorne Fell, Byron Morris, Richard Skinner, Leroy Skinner, Pat Taylor, Bill Osborn, Helen Pridham, Winnie Linton, Cheri Bell, Jean Gloor, Viola Tyler and Janet Williamson.

The agenda was presented. Lorne Fell added Senior Dances and Viola added Media committee.

Motion to accept the agenda with additions listed above: Pat Taylor; Leroy Skinner, carried.

The minutes from September 24, 2014 were presented(emailed).

Motion to accept the minutes: Bob Norris; Byron Morris, carried.

Correspondence:

First Impression Program participation deadline is April 2015. Winnie Linton and Viola Tyler expressed interest. Janet will look into seeing what it costs and what all is involved..

Kathryn Lambert emailed a List of District Fall Meetings from OAAS if anyone is interested in checking out other Districts.

Huron Perth Agriculture Water Festival is being held April 2015. They are looking for donations.

Winston Jibb made a motion to donate \$100, second by Byron Morris, carried.

Dennis Ischi is concerned that we retain next year's entry fee, it's like "back billing." He would like to see us eliminate this "poor business practice." Janet suggested adding a line at the bottom of the entry forms informing that \$5 will be retained from Adult Class Entry Winnings and maybe get them to sign in agreement/ permission. This issue will be addressed at the Annual Meeting in January.

Business from the Minutes:

Janet filled out an OAAS online survey so they can gain specific info on agriculture awareness at our fair. The results will be used to provide support and develop recommendations to improve agriculture awareness initiatives at the fairs across Ontario.

Campbell's and Law Insurance has been advised that we will be using The Cooperator's for all our insurance needs at this time.

New Business:

It was asked if we would like to put a float in the Santa Claus Parade. Viola thinks we could use the same float twice. The Santa Parade will give us an opportunity to let everyone know what next year's theme is and it will be entered as a Theme Float for our parade in 2015. Jean Morris was approached to work with the 4H Clubs. Possibly they could help decorate our float to celebrate their 100th year. Winnie has a low trailer to carry a sign and the 4H people can walk and hand out stuff. Anyone interested can meet at Viola's at 210 Jordan Crescent at 7PM.

Reports - Treasure's report:

Janet presented a Secretary/ Treasurer report from Sep. 25 to Oct. 29, 2014.

Scotia GIC's and TD GIC's have the same as last month, plus a bit of interest

Scotia bank has \$268.18; TD bank account has \$15,302.59 as per Quickbooks Oct. 29, 2014.

Culligan Real estate still owes vendor fees of \$105. Perth County Farm Safety - sponsor Class 11 \$79.50 and Photography sponsors, BMO \$100 and YNCU \$50 have been received, not deposited yet.

Outstanding bills/invoices as follows:

- Union Gas - \$80.79 and ET Power \$135.78
- Quadro \$32.11
- MWP water - Aug27 to Sep 28 - \$113.32
- Cass' Custom Detailing - picnic tables \$779.70
- Sun Media \$44.75
- Janet October Honorarium \$500

Winnie Linton made a motion to accept the Secretary/treasurers report and pay outstanding bills, second by Winston Jibb, carried.

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Calendar: Viola is working on the Calendar of Events for 2015. If there is anything you want added please let her know. Lorne Fell will have the dates for the Senior Dances.

Concessions: Helen Pridham has been to a Vendors Fairs to see how we can get more to Mitchell. Janet suggested charging a reduced \$5 per foot if paid before August 1 and our regular \$7/ foot after this date.

Dance: Lorne Fell reported the Oct Dance was attended by 118 people and brought \$623.95 profit and the Share the Wealth brought \$178, \$89 was paid out to winners and after \$14.65 was spent on more tickets, \$74.35 will be deposited to the Lottery Account. The next dance is scheduled November 21 with Tri County entertaining .

District 8 Meeting: There were 118 at the meeting. The meal was very good. Robert Hargrave reported the OAAS Board is being downsized from 36 to 15 District Reps plus the Executives. They have added 3 Members At Large to the Executives to increase Quorum and help keep things in line.

Jean reported the poster judges are saying the boarders are not consistent so there was no 1st prize, our Society came in second. Also, at February convention, only the General meeting will be Saturday morning, no seminars or Round Table discussions, so we can get out of Toronto in better time.

Elementary and Jr. Fair: Winnie stated the hand writing of our youth is awful and we need to increase the prizes for this area to encourage the youths to participate more.

Homecraft: Janet has convinced Vreni Tschudi and Sherri Hunsberger to join the Flower Committee. Both Machine and Hand Quilts will be the same size next year for OAAS judging. Mitchell Fair competitors will not be required to put the 4H logo on their exhibits to be eligible for a prize.

Media/ Advertising: 4members have held 2 meetings. The website homepage will have space for \$1000 sponsors to place a linked ad. The logo for next year and contests are being discussed.

Property Committee: Winston reported that he has the wire at the cattle barn covered with lumber to discourage the vandals. The quilt show was a success and will continue as long as Mrs. Waddell is with us.

Special Events: Splash N' Boots is booked at CNE, other options are being looked into. Baby contest, Connie Bull's Precision Horse Riders, a Dog Show, Dancing tractors and Sanctioned Tug-of-War are being looked into. Hands on Exotics are coming back. Randy Satchel is booked for Saturday night (Dinner and) Dance.

Other:

Janet showed off the Letter to the Editor in the October 8 Advocate from Nancy Vanass who says "Thanks for a great fair." Her two "city" grandsons had a great time and are making plans for next year. Well done team. Keep up the fine work.

The Fair Book was discussed again. It will be published earlier(end of February maybe), possibly replacing the needlecraft supplement. May separate the Youth Division from the book to go to schools by March break. May have to leave sponsorship and Special Events out of it to get it published that soon. These will be on our website, and in the booklet that comes out with the Advocate the week before the fair.

Weekend of Music: Winnie would like to see another Weekend of Music on the last weekend of April. She has been talking to Scott Woods for Saturday night. The Eckert boys and Bob Lauze would also like to be involved.

Jean Gloor made a motion to host another Weekend of Music to be organized by the Entertainment Committee, second by Winnie, carried.

Next General Meeting: Wednesday, November 26, 2014 at 8PM (Crystal Palace is booked for the 19th)

Bob Norris made a motion at 9:35 pm for adjournment.

President –Bert Vorstenbosch

Secretary/ Treasurer –Janet Williamson