

Mitchell & District Agricultural Society
Friendship Center, Montreal St, Mitchell

Wednesday June 24, 2015

President David Kemp called the meeting to order at 7:59 PM and welcomed everyone.

16 members were in attendance as follows: David Kemp, Sheila Jibb, Winnie Linton, Ron and Carole Gethke, Lorne Fell, Leroy Skinner, Winston Jibb, Pat and Jean Sebben, Vicki Williamson, Alfred Young, Caroline Vivian, Cheri Bell, Jean Gloor and Janet Williamson.

District 8 Report, Bursary Committee report, Sunday Church Service Report and Elimination tickets were all added to the agenda.

Motion to accept agenda with additions: Winston Jibb; Winnie Linton, carried.

The attendance for the May meeting was incorrect. Caroline Vivian was removed. Vicki Williamson was added to the attendance.

Motion to accept the amended minutes of May 26, 2015 meeting: Lorne Fell; Vicki Williamson; carried.

Secretary/ Treasurer's Report: We have received or been pledged \$62,455.95 for the renovations to date. The fair sponsorship is only \$2,373.00 to date. Last year we already had \$8,246 by now. A list of outstanding expenses and deposits were presented. The TD account balance is \$69,488.73. The Scotia account balance is \$3,067.03 and there is \$102.79 cash on hand.

Motion to accept Secretary/ Treasurers Report and pay outstanding bills: Jean Gloor, Leroy Skinner, carried.

\$26,078.30 in the 100 day term deposit has matured. The \$5,718.14, 18 month term at Scotia has been reinvested for a like term, maturing Oct 4, 2016.

Motion to reinvest into like terms: Winston Jibb; Jean Gloor; carried.

Correspondence:

OAAS letter with Fair passes. Alfred said they are usually given to the President, Vice President and Secretary.

Ontario Honors and Awards is looking again for nominees.

Winnie Linton made a motion to defer this to next year, second by Winston Jibb, carried.

United Way Perth want us to update our info on their database, which Janet did.

Your Neighbourhood Credit Union inquired about our advertising of the different levels of sponsorship, which Janet answered.

Pierre Lonnet has game salami that he would like us to sell.

Cheri Bell made a motion to refer him to Helen Pridham as a possible vendor for the Fair.

CAFE is holding their Canadian convention in Niagara Falls, Nov 19 to 21 this year if anyone is interested.

Tony Bianco is an Audio Equipment Supplier that would like to give us a quote for the Fair. Referred to Cheri and Winnie.

Jean Gloor gave the District 8 report. Stratford will host this year's meeting October 27 at the new Rec Center. The Spring workshop went well but attendance was down. They are beginning plans for the District 8 booth for 2016 IPM.

Winston read a report for the Property Committee. Renovations are going well and on schedule. Check out the pictures on facebook.

Mitchell & District Agricultural Society
Friendship Center, Montreal St, Mitchell

Dance committee report by Lorne Fell. 95 attended the June dance coming from far and wide netting a profit of \$281.00 and \$74 from the Mystery Draw. The next Dance will be July 17 with -Country Versatiles playing at the Community Centre.

Motion to accept Lorne's Dance report: Winnie Linton; Jean Gloor, carried.

The Bursary Committee report was given by David Kemp. They met and considered the applications which was awarded to Katelyn Ludington. David will present this at Thursday night Commencement. ***Sheila made a motion to accept the Bursary Committee report, seconded by Jean Gloor, carried.***

David presented Viola's a media report. Claude Haggarty event was not well attended. About 60 people came, making us about \$60 and 5 bags of groceries to donate to the food bank. Winnie had received a complaint from one of his sponsors. Mary Scherbarth won the Father's Day contest with a prize of 2 rounds of golf donated by MGCC. We are looking for pictures of past fairs. These can be emailed to graham@gggraphics.ca

Motion to accept the Media Report: Winnie Linton; Caroline Vivian, carried.

Policies and Procedures report was read by Leroy Skinner. A meeting was held to draft an Emergency Plan for the Fair. A map has been created and an Inspection Check Sheet has also been drafted. These are attached.

Sunday Church Service report was given by Vicki Williamson. Tom Malady was not available. She has booked Loraine Brooks, whom is a licensed Lay Reader for the London Diocese.

Entertainment Committee report was started by Winnie. The Liquor License was applied for on Friday. Winnie has suggested moving the beer tent in the future to the parking lot behind the arena and use their current license. That leaves the grandstand open to have tiered seating all the way around it. Cheri took over reporting that they are working hard on areas to improve on. Helen is trying to find sponsors to help pay for "Judy and David" children's entertainment. Must get all the advertising we can for this show. Facebook, email, town signs, etc. She is working on getting the Firemen to do a show on the Grandstand before the Derby, as they will be there anyway.

Elimination Tickets are selling. Get yours from Winnie Linton at Tru Country and Garden.

ATM Proposal from World Wide Marketing was pitched by David Kemp. They will supply a trailer with 2 ATM machines. We are responsible for loading it with nice \$20 bills. The rental fee is \$563 plus HST. This fee is waived IF we have a minimum of 350 transactions. We will receive fifty cents per transaction if there are a minimum of 225 chargeable transactions.

Jean Gloor made a motion to go ahead and sign this contract, seconded by Cheri Bell, carried.

Carole Gethke read Margaret's report on the Strawberry Social to be held at the Lions Park, June 26. A schedule has been prepared. Call Margaret for your shift. She needs helpers at 11AM to stem berries.

Motion to adjourn at 8:59pm: Winnie Linton.

Next meeting: July 29, 2015 8:00pm AT THE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE on Montreal Street

President –David Kemp

Secretary –Janet Williamson