

Mitchell & District Agricultural Society Annual Meeting

[http://mitchellfair.com/2017-dance-schedule/January 16, 2016](http://mitchellfair.com/2017-dance-schedule/January%2016,%202016)

President David Kemp called the meeting to order at 10:40 AM and welcomed everyone. He asked for a moment of silence in memory of our departed members.

One guest and 19 members were in attendance as follows: Lindsay Vivian (guest), David Kemp, Jean Gloor, Bert J. Vorstenbosch, Bob Norris, Winston and Sheila Jibb, Lorne Fell, Byron Morris, Leroy Skinner, Bill Osborn, Ron and Carole Gethke, Bert Vorstenbosch Sr., Winnie Linton, Caroline Vivian, Vicki Williamson, John Miller, Viola Tyler and Janet Williamson.

David then asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

Motion to accept the agenda: Winston Jibb; Bert Vorstenbosch Sr., carried.

The minutes from January 17, 2015 were presented(emailed).

Motion to accept the minutes: Robert Norris; Jean Gloor, carried.

David thanked the executive for supplying the lunch and reminded everyone that our \$10 membership fee is due. David gave a brief report on the many accomplishments the Ag Society had achieved the past year. He then thanked Sheila and Winston for their dedication and extra time spent during the renovations and thanks to Janet for all the background work and great amount of energy put in during the year for the Fair. We have had a remarkable year of achievements thanks to all of you, the members, and many, many, volunteers.

Auditors Report: David introduced Lindsay Vivian from Famme & Co. She gave the auditor's report and answered a few questions about the financial statement. She explained that she deferred the income from the Grant to next year as we will be using it in 2016.

Bert Vorstenbosch Sr. made a motion to accept the auditor's report as read; second by Jean Gloor; carried.

Winnie Linton. made a motion to hire Lindsey Vivian, Famme & Co again for 2017; second by Bert J Vorstenbosch; carried.

REPORTS:

Fair Payout Report: A handout was distributed to all to show how much was paid out to exhibitors in each class. ***Leroy Skinner made a motion to accept the Payout Report, seconded by John Miller, carried.***

Property Committee: Winston read the report for 2015 stating this had been the busiest and most productive year for this committee in a while, listing the accomplished goals and thanking those responsible to help meet these goals. He brought a sample and suggested we create a similar flyer/ brochure to advertise the Crystal Palace.

Winnie Linton made a motion to involve the Media Committee in this project, second by Jean Gloor, carried.

The committee recommended decreasing the partial hall rental to \$150, from \$175 and leave the full rental rates the same as they are in line with other facilities in the area.

Jean Gloor made a motion to accept and implement this recommendation, second by Lorne Fell, carried.

David Kemp read a letter of resignation on behalf of Sheila and Winston effective January 2017. David thanked them for their many years of devoted service. *Applause & tears.*

Bob Norris made a motion to accept with regret, seconded by Byron Morris, 2 abstained, 1declined, 15 in favour, carried. Leroy Skinner made a motion for the Property Committee to replace the Jibb's, seconded by Viola Tyler, carried.

The Property Committee will work at finding and training a replacement by the next Annual Meeting.

Dance: Lorne Fell reported the eight dances in 2015 brought in \$10,196.15 less \$6,399.60 leaving a profit of \$3,796.55 and Share the Wealth made \$707. There are eight dances booked for 2016 on the 3rd Friday of the month starting in April.

Byron Morris made a motion to accept Lorne's report and expressed our thanks to Lorne and his wife, Helen for another job well done, seconded by Caroline Vivian, carried.

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Ag More Than Ever Program, partnership with Farm Credit Corporation, contract has been signed by Winnie Linton. There are 436 partners who will be promoting Agriculture. Winnie will be the liaison and in charge of ordering promotional display material. They also have t-shirts and hats to be sold.

Membership increase was discussed.

Winnie Linton made a motion to increase 2017 membership fee to \$15 to cover insurance and a weekend wrist band. Seconded by Bill Osborn. Bob Norris made a motion to amend Winnie Linton's motion and increase the 2017 membership fee to \$20, seconded by Bert Vorstenbosch Sr., carried.

A Capital Budget was presented for approval. We collected \$96,318.30 last year in donations to cover the bathrooms and bar renovations which cost \$97,491. We received \$46,735 in grant money for the Accessibility Project. We spent \$1,464 of this last year, leaving \$45,271 carried forward to this year. This was combined with a maturing GIC and reinvested \$60,000 maturing June 1. We have another \$20,000 GIC maturing July 8. We estimate the cost of this year's project to be \$85,000 including HST. This leaves a shortfall of \$5,000 for this year. The fundraisers and donation drive will cover this.

Jean Gloor made a motion to accept the Capital Budget, seconded by Vicki Williamson, carried.

The Operating Budget was presented dividing the 2015 Ag Society -\$12,177.26 net loss from the Fair net proceeds of \$899.06. The 2016 projected budget shows a -\$9,880.25 net loss to operate the Ag Society and a net profit of \$6,457 for the 2016 Fair. Ideas are already in the works to fundraise for a better financial picture.

Winston Jibb made a motion to accept the Operating Budget as presented with updates, seconded by Bert Vorstenbosch Sr., carried.

The Secretary/ Treasurer honorarium was discussed.

Bert J Vorstenbosch made a motion to increase the honorarium to \$550 per month, seconded by Winnie Linton, carried.

Bob Norris noted that Janet does a lot and is underpaid and is in support of the motion. The Executives will look further into updating this job contract.

Caroline Vivian has resigned as Director of the Board for Mitchell Ward.

Bert J Vorstenbosch made a motion to accept her resignation, with regret, seconded by Sheila Jibb, carried.

Bert Vorstenbosch Sr. made a motion to nominate Cheri Bell for the position, seconded by Winnie Linton, carried.

Cheri Bell has accepted the position and will be added to Hibbert Ward.

Jim Wright has resigned from the Down on The Farm committee.

Bert Vorstenbosch Sr. made a motion to accept his resignation, with regret, seconded by Byron Morris, carried.

Next Annual General Meeting: January 14, 2017 at 10:30am; snow date is January 21, 2017

Winnie Linton made a motion to adjourn for lunch at 12:06pm.

President –David Kemp

Secretary/ Treasurer –Janet Williamson

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Fullarton Ward:

Bert Vorstenbosch Jr.	5755 Line34, RR3 Mitchell, ON N0K 1N0	519-348-8761
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Paul Barnes	RR2 Staffa, ON N0K 1Y0	519-345-2890
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Winnie Linton	5580 Line 36, RR3 Mitchell, ON N0K 1N0	519-348-8337
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Winston Jibb	4120Baier Crt. RR5Mitchell, ON N0K 1N0	519-348-0685

Mitchell Ward:

Lorne Fell	185 Blenheim Crt. Mitchell, ON N0K 1N0	519-348-4291
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Brooklyn McEwen(2015)	Katelyn Luddington(2014)	Hailey Jung(2013)
Quintin McEwen(2011)	Jocelyn VanHerk(2010)	Danielle DeBlock(2008)