

Mitchell & District Agricultural Society General Meeting

October 26, 2016

President David Kemp called the meeting to order at 8:01PM and thanked everyone for coming.

16 members were in attendance as follows: David Kemp, Winston Jibb, Lorne Fell, Bert J Vorstenbosch, Robert Norris, Leroy Skinner, Winnie Linton, Cheri Bell, Steve Mohr, Nicole Sykes, Viola Tyler, Bert Vorstenbosch Sr., Vicki Williamson, Lisa Rapien, Jean Gloor and Janet Williamson.

David then asked if there were any additions to the agenda. He added West Perth Levee and Santa Parade after the Dance Report.

Winnie Linton made a motion to accept the October agenda with additions, seconded by Lisa Rapien, carried.

Bert Vorstenbosch Sr. made a motion to accept the minutes of the Sep. 28, 2016 general meeting, seconded by Leroy Skinner, carried.

Treasurers Report was presented. Current cash is \$1,006.91; TD bank Account \$36,321.41; Scotia Account \$127.10; investments \$25,799.66. Fees and membership paid for next year \$949; prepaid insurance \$5596.23. Accts receivable \$2,245.87 from ISM; Accts payable \$5,250.30 to Players Const. Robert Norris pointed out some inaccuracies in the updated budget: Honorarium should be a negative which changes the net loss line.

Cheri Bell made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report with adjustments, seconded by Steve Mohr, carried.

Dance Report: Lorne Fell stated 125 people came to the October dance with a profit of \$608.05 and the Share the Wealth brought in \$104 profit for our Lottery Account. The last dance is November 18.

Winnie Linton made a motion to accept the Dance Report, seconded by Bert J Vorstenbosch, carried.

West Perth Levee will be held January 8, 2017. They request a display of our society's history, to fit in an eight foot space, to showcase our organization.

Winnie Linton made a motion to give this project to the media Committee, seconded by Jean Gloor, carried.

West Perth Santa Parade will be held December 2, 2016. Winnie has offered to work with Nicole Sykes to procure a tractor to carry our sign in this parade.

Canada's Sesquicentennial will be held July 1, 2017. Lorne Fell has been asked to do an extra dance for the Town on this day. The town will be setting off fireworks in the Bennewies field at dusk, (10 PM ish)

OAAS report was given by Jean Gloor. Vincent Brennon, OAAS Manager was well organized for the meeting. Obtaining midways for smaller fairs was the biggest issue on the agenda. Our Provincial Director is now Ron McKay and Doug Yeo will be our 2nd Vice for OAAS for the upcoming year. They are looking for Round Table topics for Convention, if you have any ideas, forward them to Jean. The OAAS Gazette is looking for stories and pictures also.

OAAS District 8 report was given by Jean Gloor. The District meeting was October 25 in Seaforth with 115 in attendance. Bart Scherpenzeel, from Howick Turnberry is the Ag President and Bev Jantzi, Milverton is Home Craft President. Hensall will be hosting the 2017 meeting. Jean was recognized for her 3 years of service at District 8.

Property Committee Winston reported we are ready to place an ad in the Advocate for Custodial Position.

Winston Jibb made a motion to form a Hiring Committee consisting of Leroy Skinner, Winnie Linton, David Kemp and himself, second by Lisa Rapien, carried.

Winston gave the floor to Winnie Linton who explained the options for replacing the tables. She would like to use the old tables for the school display in the arena. She acquired two quotes. Lisa Rapien stated her concern with buying cheaper quality tables as they stain easier, harder to keep clean.

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Leroy Skinner made a motion to order 20 eight foot and 12 six foot tables as well as two table carts from the Canada Chair Company for \$3986.64 including HST, seconded by Jean Gloor, carried.

David Kemp submitted a letter to the town that was voted on at our last meeting, requesting to move the skateboard park farther north to allow more parking for Crystal Palace patrons.

Entertainment/ Activities committee:

Francis Auction made a profit of \$658.

Fair Ponderosa - Curling Club

Winnie Linton made a motion to donate \$1000 to the Curling Club for their help running the bar at the Summer Thunder and Fall Fair events, seconded by Cheri Bell, carried.

Book Sale is on hold.

New Years Gala: Publicity is starting soon, tickets are available from Winnie. She is looking for door prizes if you have any ideas.

Ladies Night is booked for February 3, 2017. Abba Mania has been booked. Tickets will be available for Christmas gifts.

Media Report was read by Viola Tyler. 2017 theme is "Crystal Palace Centenary". We would like stories about the Crystal Palace, old and new ones, about events that happened here, include pictures if available.

Next General Meeting: Wednesday, **November 23**, 2016 at 8PM

David Kemp adjourned the meeting at 8:44 pm.

President –David Kemp

Secretary/ Treasurer –Janet Williamson