

Mitchell & District Agricultural Society January Meeting

January 16, 2016

President David Kemp called the meeting to order at 12:56 PM and welcomed everyone back from lunch. 19 members were in attendance as follows: 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 afternoon agenda.

Bert J Vorstenbosch made a motion to accept the afternoon agenda, seconded by Winston Jibb, carried.

John Miller made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 25, 2015 general meeting, seconded by Vicki Williamson, carried.

Treasurers Report was presented including: a list of cheques and electronic payments made from December 1, 2015 to January 15, 2016; a list of current cash(Bank Accounts) and investments; and outstanding receivables and payables.

Viola Tyler made a motion to accept this report, seconded by Bob Norris, carried.

Jean Gloor made a motion to give Brooklyn McEwen, our Ambassador, \$100 food allowance for convention, seconded by Sheila Jibb, carried.

Youth Volunteer Awards go out to deserving 15 to 24 year olds. We have two 15 year old volunteers that we should nominate for this award. After some discussion, it was decided to wait a year before nominating them to go up against 24 year olds. We maybe will do something locally at our fair this year to recognize the hard work of these two young individuals.

District 8 Report was given by Jean Gloor. Organizing the Convention has gone off well. They are looking to replace the OAAS Secretary/ Treasurer to begin in march. This may be split into two positions if anyone is interested.

The OAAS Convention venue was discussed. David feels it should be in a more rural area, easier access and less costly to the organization. Jean Gloor, our OAAS District Rep says they have looked into other places, but Union Station is easier for those coming from a long distance. David Kemp and Winnie Linton will be attending the Friday session only. Brooklyn, our Ambassador and her chaperone will be there the entire 3 days. Janet will register these four members, book a room for Brooklyn and order a taxi that will take Brooklyn and chaperone to and from the convention as approved in the Budget. Mileage will be calculated and paid to the Friday driver.

Fair Prize book entries are due by the end of the month. The needlecraft supplement will be ready by the beginning of February. We hope to start printing the Fair Book then also. Each committee is to let Janet know how many books they need for their members and judges. The elementary flyer will be a one page note informing exhibitors where to find/ print the classes they require.

Media Committee presented their budget for 2016, requesting \$3,870 (including prizes for contests). This will be decreased by the sponsors they procure for individual projects (i.e.: placemats).

John Miller made a motion to approve the Media Budget, seconded by Byron Morris, carried.

Elimination Draw: After some discussion and Carole Gethke adamant disapproval of any increase in numbers, *Bert J Vorstenbosch made a motion to continue with 600 tickets at \$10 each, seconded by Winston Jibb, carried.*

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Upcoming Events:

February 5	Ladies Night - tickets available
March 3	West Perth Guys Night - tickets available
April 1 to 3	Music at the Palace - Friday, CKNX Barn Dance Concert \$25 - Saturday, one concert \$10 (\$25 for all three concerts) - Sunday, two concerts \$10 each
June 11	Summer Thunder and Redneck Games - teams needed
June 24	Strawberry Social

Viola Tyler made a motion to proceed with these plans, seconded by Jean Gloor, carried.

September 2 to 4, 2016	Mitchell Fall Fair
September 1 to 3, 2017	Mitchell Fall Fair - theme will be "Crystal Palace Centenary"

Byron Morris made a motion to accept the 2017 theme, seconded by Bob Norris, carried.

Next General Meeting: Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 8PM

Winston Jibb made a motion at 1:34 pm for adjournment.

President –David Kemp

Secretary/ Treasurer –Janet Williamson