

Mitchell & District Agricultural Society
General Meeting at the Crystal Palace

March 28, 2018

Winnie Linton called the meeting to order at 8:07pm and thanked everyone for coming.

There was a cupboard, chair and miscellaneous items that were offered to the membership that we have no need for at the Crystal anymore.

22 members were in attendance as follows: Winnie Linton, Robert Norris, John Miller, Sheila and Winston Jibb, Lisa Rapien, Bev Louwagie, Jacquie and Steve Mohr, Jean Gloor, Cheri Bell, David Kemp, Audrey and Bert Vorstenbosch, Ron and Carole Gethke, Pauline and Laura Skinner, Sharon and Spencer Dunsmore, Marg French and Janet Williamson.

Winnie Linton presented the agenda for approval.

Motion to accept the March 28, 2018 agenda: Bert Vorstenbosch Sr., Jean Gloor, carried.

The General Meeting minutes from February 28, 2018 were presented.

Motion to accept the January 20, 2018 General Meeting minutes: Jean Gloor, Robert Norris, carried.

Treasurer's Report: A list of \$15,705.12 worth in cheques paid since February 28 and a list of current assets and liabilities was presented with our cash on hand at \$873.20, TD operating account at \$11,612.94, Scotia Lottery account at \$1,097.60. Three GIC's are: \$5,868.77; \$20,127.69; \$25,000. Accounts receivable - \$1,500; deferred revenue - \$4,486.05; prepaid insurance - \$3,509.90. A list of 4 outstanding invoices was presented for payment.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay outstanding invoices: Winston Jib, Lisa Rapien, carried.

The Scotia GIC matures on April 4 and the \$25,000 TD GIC matures on the 14th. Winnie reported that renting two debit machine units would be cheaper than getting the ATM machine trailer, and if we had a BMO bank account the transaction fees would be cheaper also.

Jean Gloor made a motion to cash out the Scotia GIC and transfer all in the Scotia Account to Bank of Montreal to save money on the debit machines we are getting for the fair and rodeo. Seconded by David Kemp, carried.

Lisa Rapien made a motion to role the TD GIC into another 3 month cashable term, seconded by Bert Vorstenbosch Sr.

Property Committee: Winston has insulated the window in the old dressing room and is still waiting for someone to fix the two shingles on the roof.

Media Committee: Gord was not available to give a report. Cheri is going to look into using the Neon sign for the Rodeo advertising.

Rental deposit: Trish would like to charge a deposit of \$60 for 1 - 4 hours and \$100 for 4+ hours. These deposits are refundable if they give 2 week notice to cancel the booking.

Bert Vorstenbosch Sr. made a motion charge a hall rental deposit of \$60 for 1-4 hours / \$100 for 4+ hours , seconded by Jean Gloor, carried.

Strawberry Social: Margaret French relayed the comments she received regarding this event. Some would like it on the Thursday, some would like a meal. They do not want it during the Rodeo. It was decided to continue the discussion at next month's meeting.

Dance Committee: Sharon Fell Dunsmore reported that the first dance is scheduled April 20.

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Special Events: 225 sponsor packages went out, 18 have been returned generating \$15,950. The team will start follow up calls and visits on Monday. Dance tickets will be presold for \$10, \$15 at the door. The equipment dealerships are donating the use of tractors, skid steer, etc. Many deposits have been paid for security, tent, bleachers, etc. Thinking about having a breakfast Sunday morning if someone wants to organize that, also looking for someone to organize the parking and gates. Looking into "people movers" from other parking lots - UTES, MDHS, Jacobs Auction. Food vendors at the fair pay \$100/day. Jacquie will look into what vendors pay elsewhere.

Cheri Bell made a motion to charge food vendors at the Rodeo \$450 for the two day event , seconded by Lisa Rapien, carried.

District 8/ OAAS: Jean reported they received good responses from the questionnaires. The main comment was the Royal York was too expensive.

The Curling Bonspiel in Vanastra brought 18 members. Next year it will be February 9 at \$40 per person.

Beef Achievement Day: The Beef Committee would like a Beef Achievement Day like the Dairy Club has at the fair.

Steve Mohr made a motion to adjourn at 8:52PM

159 days until the 2018 Fall Fair!! SOW IT, GROW IT, SHOW IT.

Next General Meeting: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 8:00PM

President - Winnie Linton

Secretary Treasurer –Janet Williamson