

Mitchell & District Agricultural Society
Annual General Meeting

January 19, 2019

Morning Session

President Winnie Linton called the meeting to order at 10:37 AM and welcomed everyone. John Miller brought a Fair Book from 1893 for everyone to look at. (Prize money hasn't changed!)

22 members were in attendance as follows: Winnie Linton, David Kemp, Robert Norris, Lisa Rapien, Leroy Skinner, Winston and Sheila Jibb, Bill and Ruth Osborn, Gladys Connolly, Pat Sebben, Jacquie & Steve Mohr, Vicki Williamson, Byron Morris, John Miller, Bert J Vorstenbosch, Anne Marie Heckman, Bev Louwagie, Micaela Fitzsimmons, Hilary Horn and Janet Williamson.

4 Guests: Joanne Maloney Flanagan and Janet Cameron (both from District 8), Dave Stienbach and Constance Clarke.

Winnie asked for a moment of silence to pay tribute to all those we lost this year as well as all those that are fondly remembered on the Recognition Wall.

She presented the agenda for approval.

Bert J Vorstenbosch made a motion to accept the AGM agenda with the removal of the Dance Report, seconded by Steve Mohr, carried.

The minutes from January 2018 AGM were presented.

David Kemp mad a motion to adopt the 2018 AGM minutes as presented, Byron Morris seconded, carried.

Presidents Message: Winnie thanked everyone for a great two years. It has been a learning experience, some trips and falls, but we brush our selves off and move forward. She then handed the mic to Byron Morris.

Byron announced that this was his 60th AGM. He has been an Ag member for 60 years and there have been many changes. The board had to bail out the Ag Society financially at times when the proceeds and sponsors did not cover the Exhibitor Payouts. He feels the entertainment (Rodeo) should drop their price if the event doesn't make a profit.

Auditor's Report was presented by Patrick Kemp of Famme and Co.

Lisa Rapien made a motion to accept the Auditor's Report, seconded by Jacquie Mohr, carried.

Fair Payout Report: Janet provided a 3 year spreadsheet on the back of the Agenda, comparing total Class Exhibitor payouts to Class sponsorship for information purposes.

Elimination Draw: Janet informed the membership of the changes in the Lottery regulations. The Dance lotteries and Elimination lottery will now be on the same license. Also they will all need to be drawn in the same building. There have been complaints about the draw "being in the private board room behind closed doors." The Elimination Draw will take place in the Crystal Palace next year. The logistics are still being worked out.

Byron Morris made a motion to continue the Elimination Draw, to be held Saturday, August 31, 2019 with the same number of tickets (600) at the same price (\$10), seconded by Bill Osborn, carried.

Property Report: Winston updated the membership of the hydro upgrades this past year which include: "Down on the Farm" new lights; newer 200AMP service in the kitchen to run the concession boxes behind the bleachers; upgrade to the transformer panel at Diamond A for the midway and Ponderosa tent. The parking lot space is still an ongoing issue. Murray Thompson's blue bleacher is still on the grounds; awaiting approval to purchase or return (depending on the Keterson Park Planning Committee, next meeting is Tuesday Jan 22). Bert J Vorstenbosch asked if it was time to do an LED refit to the lights in the Crystal Palace. Government grants are available for this. Winston informed us that they were 100% covered by grant money about 10 years ago. He will look into the cost and possible grant coverage. Anne Marie Heckman raised a concern about the bleachers being too close together. People are squeezing in between to exit to the

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midway. Should a space be left for a proper walkway? John Miller stated the ground is very uneven and would need to be leveled and proper material installed (possibly pea gravel) for safety.

Media Budget: Bert J Vorstenbosch presented an itemized 2019 Fair/ Ag Budget of \$2,806.40 and a Rodeo Budget of \$2,391(including our portion of HST not recoverable).

Bert J Vorstenbosch made a motion to accept the Media report, seconded by Leroy Skinner, carried.

Special Events Budget: Janet Williamson presented the itemized 2019 Rodeo Budget. They will work on obtaining \$40,000 in sponsorship, plus they estimate \$40,000 income to cover the \$66,466 in expenses.

Jacquie Mohr made a motion to accept the Rodeo Budget, seconded by Hilary Horn, carried.

Winnie Linton announced the Fair Entertainment Budget including: Track \$7,000; Tent \$5,000; Arena \$5,000; Grounds \$3,000.

David Kemp made a motion to defer the acceptance of the Fair Special Event Budget to the February meeting when there is more information, seconded by Steve Mohr, carried.

Operating Budget: Janet Williamson presented a Budget including 2018 Actual and 2019 projected figures. The layout is consistent with the Auditor's report, grouping all donations and sponsor income (1); grouping all fundraising income(2) and expenses(3); and Fair Income(4) and expenses(5). These figures are further broke down for your scrutiny on page two.

Lisa Rapien made a motion to accept the General Operating Budget after the removal of the Ladies Night income of \$8,000 and expenses of \$5,500 as this event will not take place in 2019, seconded by Jacquie Mohr, carried.

Appointment of Auditor: Winnie Linton gave a report of three levels of auditing costs from BDO compared to Famme and Co. Discussion with Janet Cameron, District 8 Secretary, we learn that most other Society's have independent professionals audit their books at little or no cost to the Society and still apply for the OMAFRA Grant. Trillium Grants however, would still require a full independent audit which BDO would do for \$4,100 as opposed to Famme at \$4,300. Winnie also informed us that BDO is offering to sponsor a window.

Lisa Rapien made a motion to change auditor's and hire our local BDO business, seconded by Bev Louwagie, carried.

Elections of Officers:

1. Members nominated to join the ranks of Life Members include Ken Bannerman, Marion McKay and Robert Rice.

Winnie Linton made a motion to instate Ken Bannerman, Marion McKay and Robert Rice to Life Memberships, seconded by Steve Mohr, carried.

2. There were no new Directors nominated to replace the late Lorne Fell in Mitchell Ward.

3. Winnie Linton is nominated for the position of Past President; Steve Mohr is nominated for the position of President; Leroy Skinner is nominated for the position of 1st Vice; Lisa Rapien will remain as 2nd Vice. They have agreed to let their names stand for 2019.

Winston Jibb made a motion to accept the list of nominated Executive Officers, seconded by Anne Marie Heckman, carried.

Next AGM meeting: January 18, 2020 at 10:30AM at the Crystal Palace.

David Kemp declared this section of the Annual General Meeting adjourned at 11:59AM.

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Joanne Maloney Flanagan brings greeting from District 8. She would like to invite everyone to a workshop at the Crystal Palace April 13, 2019 about Secretary/Treasurer responsibilities.

Also, the Zurich society is holding a Curling Bonspiel February 9, 2019. All are welcome, experienced or not, come have fun and socialize.

An Ambassador workshop is scheduled for April 20 in Zurich. More details to follow.

Listowel is holding the EXPO again on April 6, 2019. There will be workshops, vendors and entertainers in the lower price range of under \$2,000.

The OAAS is strongly suggesting that all members and volunteers that work with or around youth acquire a Police Check. This is a free service. We will look into how often they are required to be updated/ renewed.

President –Winnie Linton

Secretary Treasurer –Janet Williamson