

Mitchell & District Agricultural Society  
General Meeting

**April 24, 2019**

President Steve Mohr called the meeting to order at 8:02 PM and welcomed everyone.

16 members were in attendance as follows: Steve & Jacquie Mohr, Winnie Linton, Lisa Rapien, Winston Jibb, John Miller, Bev Louwagie, Pauline Skinner, Carole and Ron Gethke, Jean Gloor, Bert and Audrey Vorstenbosch, Roger Rice, Bert J Vorstenbosch and Janet Williamson.

Steve presented the agenda for approval.

***Lisa Rapien made a motion to accept the agendas presented for April 24, 2019  
General meeting, seconded by Winston Jibb, carried.***

Steve asked if anyone had to declare a Conflict of Interest with the agenda material. No one did. The minutes from the last meeting were presented.

***Pauline Skinner made a motion to approve the March 27, 2019 minutes as presented,  
Winnie Linton seconded, carried.***

**Treasurer's Report** was presented containing a list of current invoices that require payment, bank balances, cash, deferred revenue and expenses, as well as the sponsorship collected to date for the rodeo and the fair. Outstanding debts totaling \$8,708.43 plus the \$26,894 is on the books to Rawhide Rodeo, due June 29.

***Winnie Linton made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as of April 23, 2019  
seconded by Lisa Rapien, carried.***

**Dance Committee:** Jean Gloor reported the first dance will be April 26<sup>th</sup>, and would like one more kitchen helper if anyone is available.

**OAAS:** The First Impressions Program deadline is May 1. There was no one that wanted to participate. We have three Fair Pass tickets from OAAS for three couples to go to as many fairs as they would like. Jean Gloor, Ron Gethke and Winnie Linton will take them. Janet and David attended the April District workshop about conducting proper meetings. David was the guest speaker and was very knowledgeable about the subject. The Fathers Day Farm Tour starts in Brussels at 4 PM this year, \$5/ person (14 years and under are free). Stratford and Mitchell will host next year's tour.

**Property Report:** Winston patched and painted a bit in the Palace. The Keterson Park Planning Committee is making progress, plans to demolish the old barns and Kin pavilion and erect an 80' x 140' multi use building including bathrooms, bar, kitchen and storage. There is a one to four year plan to increase our parking lot with a new entrance off of Waterloo Street. A walking path of stone dust around the diamonds is also being considered.

Rick Vivian is now taking care of the palace bookings. The email is on the website.

**Media:** Bert is slowly updating the website as info comes in. Has created links to the Rodeo website. Emma worked at the Dublin Lions Pancake breakfast (donned with sash and crown) to promote the Mitchell Ag Society at the Hibbert Shop. Great job Emma!!

**Events**

**Sponsor/ Volunteer Appreciation Night** will be held May 3, doors open at 7:30. "Brent and Sara's" comedy magic show will entertain us for one hour. Free admission (donations accepted), snacks and pop bar available. Sponsorship, volunteer sign up and membership drive will be promoted. Winnie is looking for help with prep work after lunch on the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Strawberry Ham Dinner Social** will be held June 20. More information will follow.

**Rodeo** will be held June 29 and 30. The high school rodeo will start at 10AM Saturday – free admission. Vendors will be promoted on our website.

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**Fair:** We came under budget for the entertainment. We still have no word on the Insurance change so we will look into booking Edge for the Derby.

John Miller asked if we could give all the 4H livestock kids a free lunch ticket and suggested we put the Tiny Tot sections back into the book for the Dairy and Beef Classes. We will give each of them a ribbon.

*Lisa Rapien made a motion to give all 4H livestock exhibitors a free \$5 lunch ticket seconded by Jean Gloor, carried.*

*Jean Gloor made a motion to insert the Dairy and Beef Tiny Tot sections into each of the Classes, seconded by Bert Vorstenbosch Sr., carried.*

**Elimination Draw:** They will be printed this month and available at the next meeting.

**Photography:** We discussed a letter from Katy Kolkman about the definition of “Armature Photography” This will be brought up at the Annual General Meeting next January.

**Horse Committee:** Ron explained the changes they made to the Horse Class, adding the “Classic 6 Horse Hitch Series” which we paid \$150 USD to join this Ohio association. More sponsorship was obtained to cover the extra payouts. Many thanks goes out to Roger Rice, Winston Jibb and Carole.

**Next meeting:** May 29, 2019 at 8 PM at the Crystal Palace.

Winnie Linton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM.

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President –Steve Mohr

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Secretary Treasurer –Janet Williamson