

Mitchell & District Agricultural Society
Executive Meeting

April 8, 2020

President Steve Mohr called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM.

5 members were in attendance as follows: Steve Mohr, Winnie Linton, Cheri Bell, Rick Vivian and Janet Williamson. Lisa Rapien joined via phone.

We discussed the financial state of the Ag Society and determined it would take \$32,000 to pay for the Crystal Palace expenses for a year. Janet received an email from TD offering small businesses a \$40,000 government backed loan, interest free until December 2022 at which time \$30,000 would need to be paid back and \$10,000 would be forgiven. (If the \$30 was paid by that date) Or the remaining amount would be charged 5% interest until paid. Janet will look into this further.

Other government assistance is deferring the T3010 Charity Registration return (which is already done), offering temporary wage subsidy for employees and deferring income tax payable (which we don't pay anyway).

Erth Power has corrected an error in our hydro charges from July 1, 2019 to current. We have apparently been overcharged and only owe \$272.37 total for the first three months of this year.

We have discussed the possibility of having to cancel the Mitchell Fair for this year. We have decided July 1 would be the latest we could put off this monumental decision. The entertainment and tent (deposit not refundable) is all booked and deposits are cashed. Security (may need less this year) and porta pots have not been secured yet. We need to look at more people for night security as well.

We discussed other options if the Fair is cancelled, possibly separating events out over time:

- 1) Elementary exhibitors submitting their work and pictures to our website to be judged.
- 2) Roadside display can still be done
- 3) Possibly still host the parade – come out and celebrate
- 4) Host a volunteer night again
- 5) Host a beer tent in the Pavilion and outdoor dance when the crisis is over
- 6) Host a dance in the arena during the winter when the crisis is over
- 7) Host a tractor pull later in the fall ...
- 8) Lisa suggested looking at our Insurance if it covers Natural Disasters.

Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2020.

ASSETS:

Cash on hand	\$1,132.15
BMO Lottery	\$242.11
TD Bank	\$24,007.71
BMO GIC (April 20, 2020)	\$5,967.98
TD GIC (June 17, 2020)	\$50,345.31
Acct's Receivable	\$3,000.00
Prepaid Insurance	\$3,329.01

LIABILITIES:

Deferred Revenue	\$7,149.81
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PAID INVOICES:

Canada Post - US mail (horse)	\$5.10	Cash #1038
Custodial Services - Hilary	\$60.00	Cash #1039
West Perth Village - Gala fundraiser	\$100.00	Chq#2541
Bill Dileva - Mr Purpleman	\$200.00	Chq#2542
Total Paid this month to date	\$365.10	

OUTSTANDING INVOICES:

Janet Williamson - Mar Honorarium	\$600.00
Quadro - March	45.02
Faust Hardware	\$11.85
Total Outstanding	\$656.87

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Property Report: The Crystal Palace was inspected recently by James Marshall, West Perth Fire Prevention, and it was noted that the wood paneling on the inside walls does not meet the present fire codes. Mr. Marshall has given us a time period to bring this deficiency up to code by putting a flame retardant coating on it. Mr. Marshall suggested we put a “Class A” clear spray or flame retardant paint from the floor up to 10 feet. We discussed our options:

- painting the 10 feet which brings us to below the pictures with the fire retardant paint(which is white or slightly tinted, but is a very light colour)
- paint over the fire retardant from the floor to the chair rail with a darker colour to match the bathroom wall paint
- paint above from 10 foot mark to ceiling tile (behind the pictures) with a cheaper latex paint that matches the expensive fire retardant paint
- the curtains will also need to be sprayed with a fire retardant liquid
- Janet will call Dulux in Stratford about pricing (has a friend that can get us a discount)
- Steve will ask Steve Dench for a price to apply the fire retardant paint

Rick Vivian has reported that the bar fridge is no longer working. We will look into replacing it at some point in the future when we can start renting again. Lisa Rapien has offered to take the old one away at no cost. The Exit signs were checked during the last inspection also. A battery and light bulb were replaced in two of them. We need to find out where the power is coming from for the Bar exit sign. Steve Mohr will look into it.

New Business: ***West Perth Food Bank** is looking for donations to cover the growing need in Mitchell and area. Lisa Rapien will find a contact at the Upper Thames Missionary Church.

Winnie Linton would like to make a motion to donate \$3000 to Upper Thames Missionary Church for the West Perth Food Bank, seconded by Lisa Rapien, awaiting a membership vote.

***BMO GIC** is going to mature on April 20.

Cheri Bell would like to make a motion to cash out the BMO GIC in the amount of \$5,967.98 plus interest and deposit it into our TD operating account, seconded by Winnie Linton, awaiting a membership vote.

***Temporarily extending Executive power during this crisis.**

Winnie Linton would like to make a motion to give the Executive Committee the power to make any financial decision up to \$7,500 until June 30, 2020, seconded by Cheri Bell, awaiting a membership vote.

Next meeting: unknown

Meeting was adjourned at 2:24PM.

President –Steve Mohr

Secretary Treasurer –Janet Williamson