

Mitchell & District Agricultural Society
General Meeting

February 26, 2020

President Steve Mohr called the meeting to order at 8:01PM and welcomed everyone.

21 members were in attendance as follows: Leroy Skinner, Winnie Linton, Dave Jacob, Vicki Williamson, Connie Clarke, Lisa and Brad Rapien, Ruth Osborn, Steve and Jacquie Mohr, John Miller, Margaret Luyten, Bev Louwagie, Cheri Bell, Serena Hinz, Spencer Dunsmore, Sheila and Winston Jibb, Leigh Winston, Roger Rice and Janet Williamson.

1 Guest: Charlie Moore

Steve presented the agenda for approval. No one declared a conflict of interest with the topics listed. Spencer asked to add one item:

Dave Jacob made a motion to accept the agenda for February 26, 2020 General meeting with one addition from Spencer Dunsmore: "Opening of the Fair", seconded by Winston, carried.

The minutes from the last meeting were presented.

Cheri Bell made a motion to approve the January 25, 2020 PM minutes as presented, Vicki Williamson seconded, carried.

Treasurer's Report was presented as of February 26, 2020. The total of all invoices paid in February to date is \$2,550. Total outstanding invoices requiring payment is \$8,413.73 including \$4,633 for BDO accounting. There is \$1,230.15 cash on hand; \$23,677.90 in TD; \$242.11 in BMO; BMO GIC \$5,967.98; and TD GIC \$50,109.59 which is maturing on March 8, 2020. Still waiting to receive OMAFRA \$3000 and HST Refund of \$8,379.69.

Lisa Rapien made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as of February 26, 2020 and pay the outstanding invoices, seconded by Bev Louwagie, carried.

Winnie Linton made a motion to reinvest the TD GIC in the amount of \$50,109.59 plus interest, for 100 days, seconded by Leroy Skinner, carried.

OAAS Convention Reports: Winnie, Janet and Serena gave brief reports about their experience at convention this year.(attached)

Winnie Linton made a motion to request that anyone that wishes to go to convention must leave a \$125 deposit with the secretary to cover their registration, which will be returned if the individual shows up at convention, seconded by Lisa Rapien, carried.

District 8: A reminder of the coming events was listed: April workshop, May 2 Ambassador Program, Fathers Day farm tour in June. Bev Jantzi is holding a meeting March 21 for the Farm Tour Committee.

Property Report: There is a new Fire Marshal, James Marshall. He is looking at having us develop an Emergency Fire Plan for the Crystal Palace as well as the Fair.

Events:

Strawberry Social: June 18, 2020. Plans are getting underway.

Gate Fees: If we only charge \$5/person/day; no bracelets (save money), no coin change to deal with, only hand stamp of the day.

Winnie Linton made a motion to reduce gate fees to \$5 per person per day, seconded by Lisa Rapien, carried.

Parade Marshal: Byron has asked Dean Robinson to be the Parade Marshal and will also ask if we would like to "Open the Fair" at the Friday night ceremony. Ruth Osborn commented on the unsafe practice of children riding on tractors and young girls riding on derby car hoods in the parade. It should be made known that we do not allow this.

Fair Theme: We received 8 nominations for the new theme. The vote for 2021 theme was in favour of "Country Nights and Carnival Lights". It was also discussed to confirm the 2022 theme of "Blossoms, Butterflies and Bees" which will be advertised at this year's fair to get people revved up.

Sponsorship packages: Winnie and Janet had these packages ready to hand out, and some committees already had some of the sponsorship money in hand. GO TEAM!! The packages have a sponsor letter and a Donation Return Form that will make the booking easier.

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Pioneer and Hobby Association: Brad Rapien has booked the Tractor Pull for Saturday night at 7PM. The sled with weigh scales is booked and will cost \$2000. The deposit of \$565 is required by Matt Marsh to confirm our event date. A water truck will need to be on site as well as a tractor to groom the track between pulls.

Winston Jibb made a motion to pay the deposit including HST on the HUMILIATOR Pull Sled Rental to confirm and hold the event date, seconded by Spencer Dunsmore, carried.

Entertainment: Cheri has confirmed the ice and cooler, liquor license paperwork is coming, she needs a copy of our insurance.

Payout Revision: Needlecraft, Elementary, Junior Fair, Antique, Art and Hobby Craft have raised the payouts slightly. Food, Beef, Dairy and Crops do not feel it is necessary at this time.

Committees:

Horse: David Jacob would like us to renew our \$150USD Six Horse Hitch Classic Series membership due the end of March, as well as joining the Ontario Classic Six Horse Hitch for a fee of \$100 CND due in April. He held a discussion about changing the direction of pulling the sled north to south. He also confirmed the Mitchell Horse Club "Speed Show" is booked for Saturday at 1pm. There are trees that will need trimmed along the Waterloo Street fence before the fair begins.

New Business: Ritz Villa Annual Gala is looking for a donated item for their silent auction.

Cheri Bell made a motion to donate \$100 to the Ritz Villa Redevelopment Fundraiser, equal to the cost of one ticket to the Annual Gala, seconded by Winnie Linton, carried.

A discussion was held after the secretary left the hall, about the monthly remuneration she receives.

Winnie Linton made a motion to increase the Secretary Treasurer remuneration by \$50 per month to \$600, seconded by Sheila Jibb, carried.

Next meeting: March 25, 2020 at 8 PM at the Crystal Palace.

Dave Jacob made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:32PM.

President – Steve Mohr

Secretary Treasurer – Janet Williamson