

Mitchell & District Agricultural Society
General Meeting

January 19, 2019

Afternoon Session

President Steve Mohr called the meeting to order at 1:05 AM and welcomed everyone back from lunch. 24 members were in attendance as follows: Winnie Linton, Caroline Flood, David Kemp, Robert Norris, Lisa Rapien, Leroy Skinner, Winston and Sheila Jibb, Bill and Ruth Osborn, Gladys Connolly, Jacquie & Steve Mohr, Vicki Williamson, Byron Morris, John Miller, Marg Luyten, Bev Louwagie, Trish McNaughton, Pauline Skinner, Hilary Horn, Jeremy Stoskopf, Leigh Winston and Janet Williamson.

2 Guests: Dave Steinbach and Constance Clarke.

Steve presented the agenda for approval. Two additions were made:

Winston Jibb made a motion to accept the agenda for January 19, 2019 General meeting with the additions of convention and retained entry fee, seconded by Pauline Skinner, carried.

The minutes from the last meeting were presented.

Winnie Linton mad a motion to aprove the November 28, 2018 minutes as presented, Trish McNaughton seconded, carried.

Treasurer's Report was presented containing the list of current bank balances, cash, deferred revenue, as well as Accounts Receivables including the OMAFRA Grant of \$3,989.97. Outstanding debts totaling \$764.26 and accounts payable of \$26,894 is on the books to Rawhide Rodeo, due June 29.

Leroy Skinner made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as of January 19, 2019 seconded by John Miller, carried.

Property Report: Winston informed the membership of the Town meeting on Tuesday regarding Keterson Park upgrades, more info at the next meeting. Murray Thompson's blue bleachers are still on site. We will see what the town is going to do for bleachers before we decide to purchase any.

Dance Committee: John Miller reported the first dance will be April 26th, the 4th Friday instead, as Good Friday is on the 3rd week. All the bands are booked.

Events:

Strawberry Social: defer to Margaret French

Rodeo: To be held for two days, June 29 and 30. Jacquie is looking at the budget for cost saving ideas. The team is starting the sponsor drive.

Fair Derby: Jeremy Stoskopf is willing to take over the planning and execution of the Derby. His Insurance Company, McFarlin and Roland Ins would like to cover the whole fair. We would save the \$3500 we pay Xtreme Productions to manage it. Jeremy and his team would like to add youth classes.

Lisa Rapien made a motion to look into this insurance and continue discussion in February, seconded by Bill Osborn, carried.

Ice Cream Booth: Margaret informed us the 4H clubs will run the arena booth at the fair again.

Mitchell Horse Club: The horse club will hold there year end 5 hour show on the track this year at a cost of \$500 as part of the Fair Entertainment.

Fair Theme 2020: After some discussion and a quick vote, "Tractors & Tailgates" won for next year.

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New Business:

Retained Entry Fees: It has been brought up that our exhibitors do not like to see the “Retained Entry” for next year coming off of their winnings. Although all other fairs support this practice, after much discussion it is decided that we will not retain the funds this year for next year’s entry fee. All exhibitors participating in Adult Classes will pay for the current year. The need to look up who has paid and who hasn’t is done!!

Winnie Linton made a motion that no fees shall be retained from the 2019 Exhibitor winnings for their 2020 Entry Fee, seconded by Ruth Osborn, carried.

Convention: Steve Mohr, Winnie Linton, Pauline Skinner and Emma Francis (Amb) will attend. Leroy Skinner will attempt to attend the Friday convention events. The Seaforth Ambassador will be sharing a room and paying for half.

Next meeting: February 27, 2019 at 8 PM at the Crystal Palace.

Winnie Linton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:49PM.

President –Steve Mohr

Secretary Treasurer –Janet Williamson