

Mitchell & District Agricultural Society
General Meeting

July 31, 2019

President Steve Mohr called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM and welcomed everyone.

21 members were in attendance as follows: Steve & Jacque Mohr, Winston and Sheila Jibb, Marion McKay, Cheri Bell, Carole and Ron Gethke, Jean Gloor, Vicki Williamson, Gladys Connolly, David Kemp, Byron Morris, Bev Louwagie, John Miller, Sharon Fell Dunsmore, Pauline Skinner, Robert Norris, Jeremy Stoskopf, Leigh Winston and Janet Williamson.

Steve presented the agenda for approval.

Pauline Skinner made a motion to accept the agenda for July 31, 2019 General meeting, seconded by Winston Jibb, carried.

Steve asked if anyone had to declare a Conflict of Interest with the agenda material. There were none.

Steve then asked if everyone had read the minutes of last month.

Cheri Bell made a motion to approve the June 26, 2019 minutes as presented, seconded by Bev Louwagie, carried.

Treasurer's Report was presented containing a list of current invoices that require payment totaling \$5,802.26, bank balances, cash, deferred revenue and expenses, as well as the sponsorship collected to date for the fair.

Vicki Williamson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as of July 31, 2019 and pay the outstanding invoices, seconded by David Kemp, carried.

David Kemp made a motion to invest \$25,000 into a TD GIC, seconded by Jean Gloor.

John Miller amended this motion by adding, to invest \$25,000 into a cashable 6 month term GIC, seconded by Jean Gloor, carried.

Dance Committee: Jean Gloor reported they had 73 attend the July dance which made a profit of \$160.50. The 50/50 made \$124, profit of \$62. August 16th is the next dance. Jean is still looking for help to make sandwiches at the dances if anyone is interested.

OAAS: No report.

Property Report: Winston had nothing to report.

Events

Rodeo financial report shows a net profit of \$6,150 after the HST rebate is claimed. (\$2,059 before) Sponsorship is down about \$4,000; gates are up about \$2,000. We spent a lot less. We have not booked Rawhide for next year yet. More discussion is needed before we make a decision to do this a third year.

David Kemp made a motion accept the financial report for the 2019 Mitchell Pro Rodeo, seconded by Winston Jibb, carried.

Fair: Janet read Winnie's report in her absence. Sponsorship is favourable; will start "Boosting" on facebook next week; the derby and horse show insurance quote has come in at \$1,800 plus tax.

Leigh Winston made a motion to pay the Insurance Rider for the Derby and Horse Show, seconded by Jeremy Stoskopf, carried.

Cheri said she will ask Dustin Smith to add a P.A system in the announcing booth for the derby. We will charge \$20 per entry car (x 50 cars = \$1000) plus we will add \$2000 in prize money; five heats with a \$600 purse for the winners - \$500 for first, \$100 for second and a plaque for third

Jeremy Stoskopf made a motion to move forward with organizing the Mitchell Fair Derby with a total prize payout of \$3000, seconded by Leigh Winston, carried.

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Media: Bert has updated the website. If you want something on the website or you notice something is not correct, please send an email to Bert and he or Graham will correct/ add it. bnjzev@quadro.net

Fair Issues

Parade: Robert Norris would like to see a Police presence at the parade to direct/ block traffic. It was stated that an invitation to assist our parade is extended every year to the Police, but they are not always available with the man power on the long weekend. Also, a letter is sent to EMS and Fire Chief to make them aware of the temporary road closure. Cheri will talk to the Police to urge them to come this year.

Elimination tickets are available at Hicks House Printing.

Vicki has a **Church speaker** from the Huron College. It was suggested that we get the speaker form the organization that we donate to.

Winston Jibb made a ~~motion~~ suggestion to donate the church offerings in 2020 to the Hospice which will be brought up at the January meeting for discussion.

Ambassador Program has 3 competitors this year. Pauline has 2 judges lined up and is looking for one more.

Next meeting: Sept 25, 2019 at 8 PM at the Crystal Palace.

FAIR SET UP AUGUST 27 at 6pm – many hands make light work!!!

Also, it is with heavy hearts that we say good bye to Alfred Young who passed away in June. He was a life member who joined the Society in 1990.

Byron Morris adjourned the meeting at 8:49 PM.

President –Steve Mohr

Secretary Treasurer –Janet Williamson