

Mitchell & District Agricultural Society
Executive Meeting

May 8, 2020

President Steve Mohr called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

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

Motion to accept the Agenda for May 8, 2020: Winnie Linton/ Cheri Bell, carried

No Conflict of Interest with the topics listed on the Agenda.

Motion to accept the Minutes from April 8, 2020: Cheri Bell/ Winnie Linton, carried

Treasurers Report as of April 30, 2020:

ASSETS:

Cash on hand	\$907.40
Lottery - TD Bank	\$123.14
TD Bank	\$28,768.39
BMO GIC (April 20, 2020)	\$0.00
TD GIC (June 17, 2020)	\$50,345.31
Prepaid Insurance	\$2,780.91

LIABILITIES:

Deferred Revenue	\$7,149.81
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PAID INVOICES:

Union Gas	\$188.78	EFT
Erth Power	\$3.30	EFT
West Perth Water	\$81.30	EFT
B&V Enterprises	\$10.30	Cash #1040
Faust Bros.	\$11.85	Cash #1041
B&V Enterprises	\$78.40	Cash #1042
Quadro - March and April	\$90.60	Chq#2543
Janet Williamson - Mar Honorarium	\$600.00	Chq#2544
Georgian Bay Fire & Safty Inspection	\$159.33	Chq#2545
TD Lottery account	\$208.11	Chq#2546
Janet - Dulux Paint(fire retardant)	\$1,171.38	Chq#2547
West Perth Food Bank	\$3,000.00	Chq#2548
Total Paid this month to date	\$5,603.35	

OUTSTANDING INVOICES:

Janet Williamson - Apr Honorarium	\$600.00
Quadro - May	45.02

Total Outstanding \$645.02

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for May 8, 2020: Winnie Linton/ Leroy Skinner, carried

District 8 is hosting monthly Zoom meetings now also. They have purchased a Zoom license which they will let us use if we wish to host our own Zoom meeting. Janet had sent out an email with the agenda to see if this option is feasible for our members. Only four responded in favour of it. District 8 has requested statistics about our last fair to aid in their efforts to acquire government funding for Ag Societies.

Fair: The Government is starting to lift regulations and opening businesses. We will wait until the June meeting to make a decision about cancelling the fair. The list of concerns from our members are:

- We don't have enough volunteers to keep up with the cleaning that will be required
- The safety of our volunteers and patrons are a great concern
- The extra cost of more hand wash stations and washrooms
- Will we still have a profitable fair if Social Distancing is still in place?
- Will exhibitors feel safe enough to participate/ can we keep our judges safe?
- Sponsors are concerned where or how their money is being spent

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Elimination Draw: The license has been purchased and tickets are printed. Justine Brotherston has said that she will adjust our license and reimburse us for the portion not used (Senior Dance 50/50). The Government has also expanded on the list of what we can use our proceeds on, such as building expenses.

Strawberry Social: We discussed the option of just having curbside dessert pickup (like restaurants are doing). There are concerns about the safety of volunteers processing the berries. We would use the same protocols that restaurants use also. We have gloves, plastic sleeve protectors and aprons and have acquired masks. To keep a speedy flow we would use Waterloo Street gate and Wellington corner exit doors as two pick up points. It would be great if we could do something positive for the community. To test the interest, Winnie will post an “Invitation to order dessert” on Facebook and see how many would come. Winnie suggested that any leftover would be donated to the nursing homes.

Cooperators Insurance: Janet had attended a Zoom meeting with a Cooperator Rep as the guest speaker. He suggested we get our Rep to look over our policies and see where we could save money. The event liability portion could be refunded if the events are cancelled. Possibly the liability on the building may decrease if we are not renting it. Unfortunately, 75% of our premium covers the building and Directors/ Officers Insurance. Peter Maranger estimates a savings of about \$400 if we cancel the Fair. He would need a copy of the minutes stating that it has been cancelled.

Bylaws: Janet attended a District 8 Zoom meeting May 7, about updating our Bylaws. We may need to incorporate electronic meetings, email notices, and virtual competitions if applicable. The Bylaws haven’t been reviewed since 2013, accepted January 2014. A committee will be formed in the near future to hopefully have the revised Bylaws ready for review at the January 2021 AGM.

Property Report: Janet has picked up 12 gallons (\$92.54/ gal) of Fire Retardant paint at a cost of \$1,171.38. Rick will get a hold of Steve Dench to see just when he can begin painting. Janet will start Monday, May 11 to paint the top 4 feet behind the pictures with regular paint (\$38.99/ gal) and the hall way up to the office.

Correspondence:

*Trillium Insurance Comp. has pulled their sponsorship after hearing talk of cancelling the fair. They have however, committed to sponsoring again next year.

*Perth Seed Labs has already given us their sponsorship and would like us to use it on a children’s event or electronic competition.

*CAFÉ is advertising their online Progressive 50/50 Draw. We would get 35% of the ticket proceeds that we sell **IF** the ticket winner selects our organization. This draw is Canada wide.

This is our time to help other local companies. Support our local businesses.

Next meeting: June 5, 2020 at 1 pm at the Crystal Palace
Cheri Bell adjourned at 2:35PM.

President –Steve Mohr

Secretary Treasurer –Janet Williamson