

Mitchell & District Agricultural Society
General Meeting

October 30 2019

Vice President Leroy Skinner called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM and welcomed everyone for coming out despite the bad weather.

13 members were in attendance as follows: Leroy Skinner, Winnie Linton, Marion McKay, Winston Jibb, Jean Gloor, John Miller, Hilary Horn, Bev Louwagie, Lisa and Brad Rapien, Bert J Vorstenbosch, Serena Hinz and Janet Williamson.

Leroy presented the agenda for approval. Brad Rapien asked that the Pioneer and Hobby Association be added to the agenda. Leroy added them after the Dance Report.

Winnie Linton made a motion to accept the agenda for Oct. 30, 2019 General meeting with the addition of the Pioneer and Hobby Assoc., seconded by Lisa Rapien, carried.

Leroy asked if everyone had read the minutes of last month. Winston asked for more details about the new Beer and LCBO gift card draw that Winnie had proposed to replace the Elimination Draw or start new after the Dance Lottery License was done in November and run through until April 1st.

Hilary Horn made a motion to approve the September 25, 2019 minutes as presented, seconded by Winston Jibb, carried.

Guest Speaker: Amanda Brodhagen from the Advocate did not show. Bert J Vorstenbosch will speak with her about coming to a future meeting.

Letter of Support: Karen and Ashley had sent a draft letter for us to personalize from the Ag Society to show our support for West Perth's plea for government grant money for the Keterson Park Project. The members read it and suggestions were made. Janet will make the necessary adjustments and print on our letter head and send it to Steve to sign and submit to Ashley.

Treasurer's Report was presented containing a list of current invoices that require payment totaling \$8,495.86. Bank balances, cash on hand, deferred revenue and expenses were also listed with updated Fair income (\$98,626.10) and Fair expenses (\$68,061.52).

Winnie Linton made a motion to deposit \$25,000 into a six month cashable GIC seconded by Lisa Rapien, carried.

Jean Gloor made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as of Oct. 30, 2019 and pay the outstanding invoices and have Janet look into the Gaffney invoice to see if they will donate part of this bill as they have in the past, seconded by Brad Rapien, carried.

Winnie Linton made a motion to transfer \$11,000 from the BMO Lottery account into our TD operating account, seconded by Lisa Rapien, carried.

Property Report: Winston had nothing to report other than Sam McNaught has resigned as our custodian and Hilary Horn has filled the position. Welcome to the team Hilary.

Lisa Rapien made a motion to accept with regret Sam's resignation and accepts Hilary's application to fill the custodial position, seconded by Bert J Vorstenbosch, carried.

Media: Bert has not done much with it this past month. If there are any updates, please forward them to him. The town will be hosting the Santa Clause parade December 6. Bert will be doing some kind of float for his store and incorporate the Ag Society and our Ambassador can ride on it as well.

Dance Committee: The October 50/50 draw brought in \$156 with \$78 going to the winner, Georgina Hennick. Jean Gloor reported they had 94 attend the October dance which made a profit of \$428.15. The November 18th dance will be the last one of the year.

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Pioneer and Hobby Association: Brad is concerned with the random unknown campers that show up before fair set up and camp in Keterson Park during the fair without paying. They have brought dogs that had been left in the trailers and bark all day long and we get complaints from the neighbors who are blaming the Pioneer Assoc. Also, he would like to see the use of “Car tags” that can be hung in the Pioneer Assoc. vehicles (Car and camper) so the gate people will recognize them. He would also like the Ag Society to man the Pioneer gate as they are finding it difficult to get volunteers to do this. Winnie suggested getting a Twitter Account. When Trish “tweeted” that we needed help at the gates she received several instant responses to fill the empty spots. Brad also suggested that they use the \$2000 fee that we pay them to come, to buy weekend bracelets for those Pioneer members that bring equipment as some of these individuals feel the Ag Society should be supplying them with Weekend bracelets for their contribution to the Antique Show. And last, Brad would like to host an Antique Tractor Pull on Friday night of the Fair.

OAAS: No report.

District 8: The annual District meeting was in Zurich Oct 22. Pauline Skinner, Jean Gloor, Janet Williamson, Winnie Linton and Ambassador Serena Hinz attended. Thank you to Winnie, for donating a pie for the auction. Congratulations to Bev Louwagie for taking first place with her machine quilt. Dates to mark: April 18, 2020 Spring workshop on canning
May 2, 2020 District 8 Ambassador Competition is in Mitchell
August 29, 2020 Judge School for flowers
October 20, 2020 Annual District Meeting in Clinton

Special Events The team is already getting started on next year’s Fair entertainment list.

Other Business:

An email was received from David Kemp submitting his resignation as Director of the Agricultural Society and will step down from his position on the Horse Committee. He will continue his role on the Parade Committee with Robert Mitchell and Lloyd Drummond and recommends that we discontinue the clown and decorated bike sections in this class.

Winnie Linton made a motion to accept with regret, David Kemp’s resignation as an Agricultural Society Director and as a Horse Committee member. We would be grateful if David would continue making the arrangements for the Parade bands and Shriners. Seconded by Hilary Horn and it was carried.

It was noted that we now have two Directors positions available. Winnie suggested we need to have an Executive meeting in December or before the November meeting to discuss replacements for these positions. If anyone is interested please let Steve, Leroy, Lisa, Winnie or Janet know. Thank you.

We also are looking for committee people for the Fine Art and Hobby Crafts, Arena entertainment coordinator and helpers for Jennifer Fell with the Saturday supper/BBQ.

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

Jean Gloor adjourned the meeting at 9:34 PM.

Vice President –Leroy Skinner

Secretary Treasurer –Janet Williamson