

Mitchell & District Agricultural Society
General Meeting

November 27, 2019

President Steve Mohr called the meeting to order at 7:58 PM and welcomed everyone for coming out.

13 members were in attendance as follows: Steve and Jacquie Mohr, Winnie Linton, Winston Jibb, John Miller, Margaret Luyten, Lisa Rapien, Bert J Vorstenbosch, Serena Hinz, Ruth Osborn, Cheri Bell, Spencer Dunsmore and Janet Williamson.

Steve presented the agenda for approval. Ruth Osborn requested to be added; Steve put her after Special Events.

Cheri Bell made a motion to accept the agenda for Nov. 27, 2019 General meeting with the addition of the Wine Committee request, seconded by Winston Jibb, carried.

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

Lisa Rapien made a motion to approve the October 30, 2019 minutes as presented, seconded by Margaret Luyten, carried.

Treasurer's Report was presented containing a list of current invoices that require payment totaling \$828.28. Bank balances, cash on hand, deferred revenue and expenses were also listed. Janet spoke with Jim Gaffney about his \$831.40 invoice. \$396.35 was paid for the ESA inspection, \$435.05 labour was donated.

Winston Jibb made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as of Nov. 27, 2019 and pay the outstanding invoices, seconded by Lisa Rapien, carried.

Dance Committee: The November 50/50 draw brought in \$132 with \$66 going to the winner, Helen Pinder. Jean Gloor was not present to give her report.

Lisa Rapien made a motion to accept the November 15 50/50 Draw report, seconded by Winnie Linton, carried.

OAAS: Convention is February 13 to 15, 2020 in Richmond Hill

Winnie Linton made a motion to book and pay for three rooms for our Ag members, seconded by Cheri Bell, carried.

District 8: 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

Media: Bert will call Amanda Brodhagen to see if she will come to the January meeting after lunch to speak about the Advocate. Bert will look into starting a "Twitter" account for the Ag Society. Ideas were thrown around for the Santa Claus Parade float. Bert will let Serena know what is going on and where to meet, etc.

Property Report: Winston was informed about an issue with the bar door which he will look into fixing. The hall renters need to be informed to use the light switches and not the breakers in the hydro panel to turn off the lights in the Palace. A note is now taped to the hydro panel door.

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Special Events: The Mitchell Horse Club is booked to hold there year end show Saturday afternoon at the fair. Classic Wrestling is booked for Saturday 6pm to 8pm. Mike Shore, the Bird guy is booked. We have had requests to bring the axe throwing booth back.

Jacque would like to know how many people are going to help at the Rodeo for 2020. Without 20 committed volunteers, she is not willing to organize the Rodeo again. We will re visit this topic at the January meeting. Be prepared to vote yes or no to the 3rd Annual Rodeo.

Wine Committee: Ruth Osborn started as the recorder for this group and now she is the only member left on this committee. She needs help. There are only two exhibitors for this Class. We need to advertise better, put signs at different wine stores in our district and maybe get a different judge. Laws have changed and bottles can now be re-corked and given back to the exhibitors as opposed to being poured down the drain.

Other Business: The Fair admission fee was discussed. If we get a \$20,000 sponsor we could give free admission to all. Raise the cost of Saturday dinner by \$2.00 and bring back the \$10 dance admission again to help make up the rest.

Next meeting: January 18, 2020 at 1 PM at the Crystal Palace.

Bert J Vorstenbosch adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM.

President – Steve Mohr

Secretary Treasurer –Janet Williamson