

Orangeville Agricultural Society
Annual General Meeting Minutes

January 18th, 2014.

President Donna Henderson called the meeting to order at 11:00am with the singing of O Canada.

Mayor of Mono, Laura Ryan was introduced by President Donna Henderson. Mayor Ryan congratulated the Orangeville Agricultural Society on our 160th milestone. The incredible staff and volunteers provide a great venue for our area and council is very proud of the work we do. She extended greetings on behalf of Melancthon Mayor Bill Hill, who is looking forward to the 160th celebration. Mayor Ryan added for the OAS to please work with council if we require help in any way.

President Donna Henderson introduced the 2013 Board of Directors. She explained that due to various circumstances, there are 5 open Director positions this year. President Henderson then called upon Senior Ambassador Katrissa Baxendale who explained how being the Ambassador has given her a completely different view of the Fair. She has enjoyed the many and various activities that she has participated in, in the past few months. Junior Ambassador Emily Manzerolle was thankful for the great opportunity of representing the OAS as the Junior Ambassador. She has attended many events and made some new friends. Shelburne Ambassadors Alice White and Emma Holmes and Grand Valley Ambassadors Jessica Tesare and Alida Raven brought greetings and hopes for a great Fair and expressed their thanks for the invitation.

Past President Peter King introduced other guests in attendance. Representatives from the Caledon Agricultural Society, Stan Dacres and Tim Forster brought greetings and stated that all were welcome to attend their Snowfest which last year won the tourism event of the year award. Tim presented President Henderson with a Snowfest tuque. Pat Kalapaca brought greetings from the Grand Valley Agricultural Society and wished the Orangeville Fair a very happy birthday. Diane Johnson from the Shelburne Agricultural Society was thankful for the invitation and stated best wishes for a great 2014 fair. District #5 representatives Ruth Wiggins and Erin Ziegler were thankful for the invitation and are looking forward to celebrating 160 years with us. They mentioned that this year there will be a home craft judging school for anyone who is interested. Ron Munro brought greetings on behalf of the GDACC and wished us good luck on our 160th Fair.

President Donna Henderson called for a motion to accept the 2013 AGM minutes as presented. Motion by James Orton to accept the 2013 AGM minutes as presented. Seconded by Peter King. Carried.

There was no business arising from the 2013 minutes.

Joy Trimble announced that the Review Engagement Report was available for anyone wishing to view the 2013 financials in more detail. The actual 2013 income was \$491,394 and the actual 2013 expense was \$507,112. A major contributor to the shortfall was the new boiler. Motion by James Orton to accept the 2013 financials as presented. Seconded by Peter King. Carried. Motion by Joy Trimble to appoint auditors as selected by the Board of Directors at the February 2014 meeting as the 2014 accountants. Seconded by Lavern Trimble. Carried.

President Donna Henderson spoke about the two suggested revisions to the Constitution that were mailed to all members and asked if there were any questions. Once approved, the revised Constitution

will be sent to all members. Motion by Sarah Dynes to accept the revisions. Seconded by James Orton. Carried.

Kate Laing spoke and compared her role as the Facility Manager to that of parenting a teenager since the facility is now 17 years old. It's more like parenting a step child or adopted child though, seeing as she is missing some of the history and is still learning the secrets and personality. Most days she learns something new and she thinks of clients as the 'teenager's friends'; some require more supervision than others. It really does take a village to raise a child and members are like the extended family of the facility. They all contribute to taking care of the facility. She is looking forward to next year, when the facility turns 18 and becomes more mature.

President Donna Henderson addressed the audience as the Home Craft Chair. She thanked everyone who contributed cupcakes for the celebration. She listed the many events that Home Craft members participated in throughout the year; they are always willing to help when asked. She would like to see members help to bring in more volunteers and new members. 'It takes a team to run the Fair and we can be proud of the team work.'

Krystal Martin provided a quick 2013 Fair recap and spoke about changes to the 2014 Fair. With the removal of Monday, the Goat Show has been moved to Friday and the Ag Education demonstrations are being moved to Saturday afternoon. The Ambassador competition will move to Friday. There is still discussion on Home Craft pick up and the Horseshoe Pitching Competition. We would like to include some more artisan type inside vendors in order to generate more traffic. Krystal is working on creating a survey to use during the Fair so we can use the information for obtaining tourism grants. We learned some valuable information and took some good notes to improve the Fair for this year.

President Donna Henderson welcomed all guests. She stated she was proud to speak as president and is not sad to see the year 2013 go. She is not sure she likes roller coasters anymore. She asked for all to take a moment to remember Christine Thomas, who lost her fight to cancer last February. There are a few capital expenses that the facility would like to pursue including repairing the doors, an additional parking area and building a covered walkway between the Coverall and the Barn. The new RTV lottery has begun and tickets are available to be purchased. Donna reminded everyone to let Krystal know if they require a red name badge. She is hoping that the 2014 Fair will be different. 'We all have other lives and personal interests but we have to be involved. Let's celebrate our accomplishments and our Fair.'

Peter King presented the Nomination Committee report. There are 5 Director positions available. Nominations were read for 3 year term: Lucas Grit, Don Hawkins, John Rayburn, Gord Gallagher, Ross Millar. Nominations were read for 1 year term vacancies: Gord Archer, Ron Munro, Linda Reed. Allan Hill and Glenn Holmes are the other two Directors already in the 1 year term. All nominees let their names stand. Further nominations were called for three times. Peter King declared nominations closed and all positions were acclaimed. The names of new members were read: The Manzerolle Family, Ron Munro, Ashley Scarlett, Cody Staveley, Donald Trepanier, Kathy and Keith Trimble.

The Agricultural Service Award was presented by Donna Henderson to Harold and Janet Speers for all their service to agriculture and the Society over the years. They were very thankful for the recognition.

Donna Henderson presented Terry Sullivan with a life membership certificate. Terry expressed his thanks and he has enjoyed working with the fairboard in the past and is looking forward to the future.

James Orton introduced Peter King who presented pictures from his once in a lifetime trip to India.

Diane Holmes reminded everyone if they knew of a post secondary student who will be continuing their studies, to remind them of the availability of the DFA bursary.

Motion to adjourn at by Donna Henderson.

Election of Officers

The meeting was called to order by Pat Kalapaca at 1:55pm and she declared all positions for executive open.

Peter King nominated Donna Henderson for President. This was seconded by James Orton. Donna allowed her name to stand. Glenn Holmes nominated James Orton for President. This was seconded by John Rayburn. James declined to let his name stand. As there were no other nominations, Donna Henderson was declared President.

Peter King nominated James Orton for 1st Vice President. This was seconded by Joy Trimble. James allowed his name to stand. There were no other nominations and James Orton was declared 1st Vice President.

James Orton nominated Don Hawkins for 2nd Vice President. This was seconded by Lavern Trimble. Don let his name stand for 2nd Vice President. There were no other nominations and Don Hawkins was declared 2nd Vice President.

Pat Kalapaca declared nominations closed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05pm.