

Orangeville Agricultural Society-Board of Directors Meeting-Monday February 3rd, 2014

Location: Board Room of the Orangeville Agricultural Society

In Attendance: Executive: Donna Henderson-President, James Orton-1st Vice President, Past President-Peter King

Directors: Glenn Holmes, Lavern Trimble, John Rayburn, Ron Munro, Linda Reed, Gord Gallagher, Gord Archer, Allan Hill, Ross Millar

Secretary: Krystal Martin **Manager:** Kate Laing **Treasurer:** Joy Trimble

Regrets: **Absent:** Don Hawkins

Members: Janet Speers, Keith McKibbon, Diane Holmes, Harold Speers

Guests:

		MOTIONS	FOLLOW-UP
Call to order	Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by President Donna Henderson.		
Additions to the Agenda	Communication, Caledon Dance	Motion to accept the agenda with additions by James Orton, seconded by John Rayburn-carried.	
Adoption of the Minutes		Motion to adopt the January minutes by James Orton, seconded by Lavern Trimble-carried.	
Business Arising from Minutes	Going forward, only emails to the membership at large will be blind carbon copied.		
Correspondence	<p>The District #5 spring meeting will be April 12 at the Brampton Fairgrounds. Membership fees are now due. There will be a judging school on May 10 in Collingwood. The tentative date for the annual meeting has been set for November 1 in Essa.</p> <p>District #5 also included a reminder about the \$50 donation for the International Plowing Match, September 16-20, 2014.</p> <p>St. Andrew Catholic School sent a letter requesting a donation for their Dance-a-thon on February 21. All present agreed to donate a family Fair pass as in the past.</p> <p>Westminster United Church thanked the OAS for the cooperation in hosting a community worship during the Fair. They would like to continue the tradition. All present agreed to continue.</p> <p>Website usage was 550 visits with 1634 pageviews.</p>		The Secretary to follow up with District #5 and advise that we will not be supporting the International Plowing Match as it runs after our Fair.
Treasurer's Report	The Treasurer explained the financials for those Directors who are new. We are in the red as per normal at this time of year. The long term liabilities (loan payments) were added to the budget and that has now put the budget in a deficit. In the past, the long term liabilities were on the balance sheet and were balanced against the assets but they need to be on the budget in order to account for the funds. Looking forward, all things remaining the same, we hope to be out of debt in 8-10 years. There was lots of discussion on the budget and the debt and how to balance the budget. There were questions on the creation or the	<p>Motion by Gord Gallagher that the finance committee take a look at where the payment of the deficit will come from and review the budget for this year. Seconded by Peter King-carried.</p> <p>Motion to adopt the January Treasurer's Report by Joy Trimble, seconded by Lucas Grit-carried.</p>	

	existence of a strategic plan.		
Secretary's Report	Nothing to report.		
Fair Report	<p>There was discussion on whether to continue with the Horseshoe Pitching Competition since the Fair will no longer be on Monday. All present agreed to keep the competition and fit it in where possible. We may need a new chairperson.</p> <p>Home Craft pick up will be on Sunday evening, timing to be determined but the suggestion is 7:30-8:30pm. Exhibitors will come through the front doors and the back of Home Craft area will be blocked off so they must leave the same way.</p> <p>The opening ceremonies will be at noon on Friday. The Exhibit Hall will open for vendors at noon on Friday and the Home Craft area will open at 3pm on Friday. The halls will remain open until 9pm on each night.</p> <p>Home Craft has reduced its sections by 10% and has reduced judges to 13.</p>		
Manager's Report	<p>Nothing further on additional parking as the Facility Manager is trying to get the groups requesting additional parking together to see if they are willing to help fund some of the work. CBM may be willing to provide gravel at a reduced rate. There was a suggestion to use gravel from our own property.</p> <p>More eavestroughs came down with the ice and snow as well as a light and an exhaust pipe for the boiler. The eavestrough company does not recommend reinstalling the eavestrough. There was much discussion on what to do, including lowering the level of the eavestroughs, removing all eavestroughs and adding heat tape.</p> <p>The previous agreement to charge clients \$1000/year to hold future dates has been met with some resistance from clients about the amount.</p> <p>Volunteers are required for various dates: March 13, 17-20 and 24. Please let the Facility Manager know if you can help.</p> <p>The thermostat was replaced in the Birch Room but the heat is still not working.</p> <p>Lucas will bring a new mailbox.</p> <p>Two grants have been applied for: OMAFRA and Canada Summer Jobs.</p> <p>A professional farriers association is looking at renting the Ag Hall. There is no issue with having a forge inside although the exhaust fan needs to be repaired.</p> <p>There was discussion on outside clients renting the bleachers and taking them off the property as in the past.</p>	<p>Motion by Lavern that although we appreciate the client and their business that the Facility Manager is to charge no less than \$250/year for holding future dates. Seconded by Lucas Grit-carried.</p> <p>Motion by Glenn Holmes that the bleachers are not to leave the</p>	<p>The Property Committee to decide on the best solution for the roof.</p>

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	<p>There is concern about liability and the condition of the bleachers but on the other hand concern about doing away with good will with the community.</p> <p>There was discussion on facility upkeep not being completed with the Grounds Supervisor being laid off for the winter. The winter has always been a good time to get to the jobs we can't get to during our busy times. The Facility Manager recommends bringing the Grounds Supervisor back earlier than first agreed.</p>	<p>property. Seconded by James Orton. Three opposed-carried.</p> <p>Motion by Ross Millar to bring the Grounds Supervisor back February 18th. Seconded by Glenn Holmes. One opposed-carried.</p>	
Committee Reports	<p>RTV Lottery-we have sold 3 books already. There are 500 tickets at Scotia Bank for members of the community to purchase. Scotia Bank will match ticket sales. Speers Farms has tickets as well as Kelly's.</p> <p>Partnership-there will be a meeting on February 6.</p> <p>We have received communication for the Truck & Tractor Pull and their classes have gone up in value. Glenn, Jen and Linda will be attending the promoters meeting on March 1 and will have further information at the March meeting. There was discussion on managing this show within the reduced budget as well as the Garden Tractor Pull. Glenn Holmes to work with Kate Laing on sponsorship.</p>		
Business	<p>Nothing further on barn flooring.</p> <p>There was discussion on single day horse shows and how to manage them. Recommendation to get the different client groups together to work on a solution.</p> <p>The Executive is unhappy with the accountants that have been used for the past several years.</p> <p>The Facility Manager has contacted the company who installed the coverall to see if they still have the original drawings that included a covered walkway. John Rayburn to provide contact information of another company.</p> <p>The current Executive is: Donna Henderson, Peter King, James Orton and Don Hawkins. Two Directors at large are required. The signing officers are: Donna Henderson, James Orton and Peter King. Nomination of Joy Trimble to become a Director at Large by James Orton. Joy let her name stand. Nomination of Gord Gallagher to become a Director at Large by Glenn Holmes. Gord declined to let his name stand. Nomination of John Rayburn to become a Director at Large by James Orton. John let his name stand.</p> <p>The President called for further nominations and seeing none, Joy Trimble and John Rayburn were declared the Directors at Large. Nominations were declared closed.</p> <p>Donna Henderson will be attending Convention with the senior ambassador. In the past we have contributed an</p>		

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	<p>item to the auction. There were no objections to contributing \$50 to have an item made with Grand Valley and Shelburne for the auction.</p> <p>The Ambassador Committee has asked for a gift for the senior ambassador. All other Fairs give varying amounts of \$500-\$1400 at the end of the ambassador's term. The lottery funds can only be used in the form of a scholarship or bursary. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.</p> <p>There needs to be a committee created to help with the Caledon Dance. This was tabled to the next meeting.</p> <p>The Executive meeting date and time will continue the same.</p>		
Business Arising from Executive Meeting	None		
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned @9:10pm.	Motion to adjourn by James Orton	
Next Meeting	Monday March 3rd, @7:00pm Executive-February 18th @4:30pm.		

President: _____

Secretary: *Krystal Martin - February 4, 2014.*

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