

## Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Apr. 14, 2015, 7:30pm Centreton Hall

Present: Allan Carruthers, Lisa Meekes, Lyle Gallagher, Jim Hair, Bruce Buttar, Carl Wilce, Pat Johnston, Arlene Dorland, Sid Atkinson, Paul Burnham, Marvin McComb, Trissia Mellor, Ian Sculthorpe, Terry Linton, Joe Banbury

1. **Call to Order:** by Allan Carruthers at 7:45
2. **Agenda:** motion to approve Sid, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul. CARRIED
3. **Approval of Minutes:** motion by Pat, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marvin that minutes have no errors or omissions. CARRIED
4. **Financial Report:** motion to approve by Sid, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Arlene. CARRIED
  - 4.1. Per Diems for directors are calculated end of Sept. Cheques for previous year were distributed at meeting. Ganaraska Credit Union account was closed and money was deposited to new CIBC account in the amount of \$12,989.10.
  - 4.2. Donation of \$1000 which was previously approved for the Emily Trudeau Park can now be forwarded to the Municipality of Tweed.
  - 4.3. There was a fund request by Northumberland Dairy Producers for the Dairy Federation of Ontario 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. On June 27<sup>th</sup> there is an Open Barn event from 10:00-2:00 at the Miedema Farm. This is a four county event. Arlene motioned that we donate \$500 to the event and Paul 2<sup>nd</sup>. CARRIED
5. **Delegation/Guests:**
  - 5.1. Cam Davidson of the Port Hope Ag society Farm Fest attended to thank NFA for their past support of their event on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs. of August. The Foodland Ontario Event grant program is a coordinated effort between NFA and Farm Fest which gives them funds of \$1500 and they would once again like to apply. Arlene motioned and Terry 2<sup>nd</sup> to go ahead with that process. CARRIED They are planning this year's event for August 20<sup>th</sup> and hoping for an attendance of 500-700 people. Terry motion that we donate \$1000 to this Farm Fest and Marvin 2<sup>nd</sup>. CARRIED Cheque to be done in June.
6. **Business Arising from the minutes/current issues:**
  - 6.1. Proud to Lead forms still need to be filled out and Lisa will email to Sid and Pat to finish this task. The program is requesting promptness in applications.
  - 6.2. The NFA Newsletter, first edition, has been put on the Farms at Work web site. [farmsatwork.ca/county-newsletter](http://farmsatwork.ca/county-newsletter) It also has been circulated to our membership through OFA in an attempt to reduce physical mailing which will reduce postage and encourage going digital.
  - 6.3. Pat says progress continues on Ag Trivia PLINKO Game and will hope to be ready for Apple Blossom Time in Colborne end of May.
  - 6.4. 2015 Budget is continuing to be a work in progress for Arlene, Pat and Allan.
7. **Correspondence:**
  - 7.1. Northumberland 4H will be celebrating a special event for their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the Roseneath Ag Society fair Sept. 25, 26, 27 Arlene motioned that we donate \$500 to this special event, Pat 2<sup>nd</sup>. CARRIED
8. **Reports:**
  - 8.1. Pres. Allan attended Ontario Farm Day, Mar. 31 on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. There was a breakfast meeting in which 26 attended. Past President of the OFA Mark Walas presented these issues to the politicians present; risk management, crop insurance, Agriinvest/Stability program support, research and

development in agriculture, Kempville Campus closure (provincial jurisdiction), and natural gas infrastructure. There was also a 45min tour of parliament hill.

- 8.2. Zone Director, Bruce Buttar told us of the issues they are dealing with. Climate change issues, 4 plan review, carbon tax issues, neonics, internet & natural gas infrastructure. There will be a vote on July 1<sup>st</sup> in the Ontario legislature about neonic use and Jeff Leal is supportive of the farmer's perspective.
- 8.3. MSR, Jim Hair informed us of the Tire Take Back program running June 1-6 to recycle old tires. There is a Hastings farm show meeting on Monday Apr. 20 and Pat is the rep.
- 8.4. Ag. Manager Northumberland Co. – Trissia told us about a great video Terry & Brad Linton participated in for maple syrup production in Northumberland County.  
There is a bee keeping workshop coming up that has two spots left if anyone was interested talk to Trissia.  
Ribbon cutting at the new OAFVC on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 3:00pm. Premier Kathleen Winn and Ag Minister Jeff Leal are planning to attend. The full operation of the facility will be a staggered one. The processing section will be first then the hot kitchen section will follow.  
The Incredible Edible Festival in Campbellford is July 11 and Trissia encouraged NFA members to go check it out as a wonderful local food promotion and possibly consider participating in 2016 for food education by NFA

9. ***New and Other Business:***

- 9.1. Food Charter – Pat attended the Northumberland County Food Policy Committee meeting today. Topics discussed were; Draft Strategic Plan for town of Cobourg recommendations on local food.  
Food Asset Map in a google-type digital format to be developed in cooperation with a high school class to identify public food sources such as food banks, farm gate sales, etc.  
Campbellford Community Garden is targeted to be revitalized by organizers of Incredible Edibles, fall soup fundraiser in the works.  
Cramahe Community Garden is being developed by the Cramahe Horticulture Society in the area of the old arena and hopes to be handicap accessible with four raised garden beds for the 2015 season.  
Local Food Access Survey proceeding with sub committees formed and consultant training planned.
- 9.2. Apple Blossom Tyme Festival will be having a vintage tractor show May 30<sup>th</sup> in Colborne. NFA is sponsoring 30 souvenir dash plates for this show. There is a new promotion of agriculture at the festival this year with a display of a modern combine, hands on activities and games for young and old using the Grain farmers of Ontario "Good in every Grain" theme.
- 9.3. ***Next Meeting:*** Tuesday, Jun. 9 at 7:30 pm at the new OAFVC , 116 Industrial Park Road North, Colborne;  
Gene on lunch duty

***Adjournment:*** Paul is on lunch duty for this evening