

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Jul 14, 2016, 7:30pm OAFVC in Colborne

Present: Lisa Meekes, Terry Linton, Allan Carruthers, Trissia Mellor, Marty Opsteen, Gene Brahaney, Resi Walt, Amy Petherick, Arlene Dorland, Marvin McComb, Paul Burnham, Lyle Gallagher, Ian Sculthorpe, Cam Davidson

1. **Call to Order:** by Allan at 7:45pm
2. **Agenda:** Motion; Gene/Arlene ... that the agenda be approved. CARRIED
3. **Delegation/Guests:** Cam Davidson from Local Farm Fest told us that the committee has decided to move their event from August to next June to coincide with Ontario's Local Food Week which is June 4th-9th, 2017 and to try and market this event to school kids. They hope to continue the partner/sponsorship with NFA and welcome any suggestions from the membership and will be having a fall planning meeting. The donation of \$500 was returned to NFA as there will not be an event in 2016. Arlene/Ian motioned that NFA donate \$1000 to the 2017 event in the spring. CARRIED
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion; Marty/Gene June minutes approved as circulated. CARRIED
5. **Financial Report:** Motion; Arlene/Marvin ... To approve financial report as circulated. CARRIED
6. **Business Arising from the minutes/current issues:**
 - 6.1. Arlene updated us on the 6 x 16 pilot project which will be held in Codrington. They have set an organization meeting for Aug. 28 and are looking for 10-16 year olds to participate. A fee for the cooking course will be \$10 and they hope to present all who complete the course with a \$10 certificate for Codrington farmers market. Trissia had suggested that there was already a voucher system set up to include the markets for all of Northumberland County and she could look into that as being a more inclusive option. Arlene said they are also looking for more group funding for this pilot and are hoping to include a farm tour in the eight sessions.
 - 6.2. Still have vacancies on our board that need to be filled. Some discussion on the action plan for the position of 2nd vice and having a rotating chair in the event that no one steps up to the position. Wondered if it would be good to invite commodity reps to a few monthly meetings to increase interest. Our director municipal labels do not match the municipality names and thoughts of editing the names or changing the labels to something other than municipalities was discussed. Resi was going to check into what other federations were doing.
 - 6.3. Hasting Plowing Match & Farm Show Aug. 24 & 25 in Queensborough, ON. Resi has a sign up sheet for shifts at this event. Contact her with your available hours to give.
 - 6.4. Resi informed us the decision for the host county of the OFA August 2017 meeting has been deferred to the August so we should hear soon whether they are coming to Northumberland.
 - 6.5. AGM October 14, 7:00pm St. Paul's Gathering Place Warkworth ON. A committee was formed consisting of Paul, Arlene, Amy and Allan to look after the details for the agenda. A guest speaker without an agriculture theme was tossed around as entertainment. Committee will research. Arlene/Amy motioned the tickets be \$12.50 with the rest to be subsidized by NFA CARRIED
 - 6.6. Scholarship application deadline is Aug 1st. Nothing has been received at this time.
7. **Correspondence:**
 - 7.1. The grain farm toy table has been requested for the following events:
Beef Day, Incredible Edible Festival, Holstein Twilight Meeting, Campbellford Fair, Farm Fest, Port Hope Fair
As Pat usually coordinated the shuttle of this item around it would be good to know who will be transporting to the different events of the summer.
 - 7.2. Quinte Business Achievement Awards deadline was Jun 30 and we nominated Northumberland Grain
8. **Reports:**
 - 8.1. Allan – Report of the Community Expo was emailed to Lisa so it can be submitted for proud to lead funding. Karen Longwell of Northumberland News was doing an article about the Greenbelt Expansion in this area and requested an interview of Allan. Peter Jeffries of OFA is a good resource for media on this topic and possibly Dwain Campbell, Northumberland County planner
 - 8.2. Resi Walk, MSR – Announced a big thank you to Amy for helping her to erect 20 new OFA member signs in the Campbellford area.
Wall of Fame ceremony for inductees will happen Sunday Sept. 18 at Farm Town in Stirling.

Awareness of a new focus of farmer's mental health after a study released from the University of Guelph in June found that stress, anxiety, depression, emotional exhaustion and burnout are all higher among farmers than among other groups, which was revealed in early findings of a survey done.

- 8.3. Gene, PAC member – Next PAC meeting August 31 in Guelph. Gene also made us aware that with nominations complete president Don McCabe has a challenger to his zone 6 director position in Lambton/Middlesex for the next election.
- 8.4. Trissia Mellor, County Rep – A successful Integrated Economic Development Master Plan meeting was held on June 23rd with the purpose of reviewing the master plan, what has been done, what the goals are and how to get there for the next 5-10 years and have it ready for 2017 budget deliberations. Participation was sought from our community partners to provide feedback on key elements of the draft document. Those who attended the Agriculture & Food 90 minute session were: Allan Carruthers, Sid Atkinson, Vicki McMillan and Sidney, Madelaine Currelly, Kira Mees, Wendy Gibson, Julie Savard, Kevin Narroway, Jim Sled, Ben Walters, Dwayne Campbell, Jennifer Moore, Joe Mullin, Rob Day, Dindin Villarino, Cassie Bullard, Dan Borowec, and me.

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

10. ***Next Meeting:*** Next meeting Tuesday, Aug. 9 at 7:30 pm

11. ***Adjournment:***

The meeting was adjourned by Paul at 9:28. Lunch was provided by **Marvin Stapleton of Deerhaven Equipment Belleville.**