



## Northumberland Federation of Agriculture

### Agenda for rescheduled board meeting

Feb. 14, 2017 at OAFVC Colborne, 7:30pm

1. **Call to order** : Allan Carruthers
2. **Agenda** : motion to **ask for additions or deletions**
3. **Delegations/Guests:**
  
4. **Approval of Minutes** : motion to approve minutes of Jan. 2017
5. **Financial Report** : motion to approve Financial report
  
6. **Business Arising from the minutes/current issues:**
  - 6.1. Meeting Feb. 15 with Northumberland County addressing farm property tax assessment with Ben LeFort, farm policy researcher from OFA
  - 6.2. Amy's update on Young Farmer's Forum planning – Possible "Proud to Lead" funding event
  - 6.3. Paul did follow up to investigate procedures by the East Central Student Nutrition Program for school board.
  - 6.4. Pat, Strategic Planning Workshop report
  
7. **Correspondence:**
  - 7.1. Wall of Fame nomination
  - 7.2. Fast Ag Facts for Dufferin; <http://bit.ly/FastAgFacts4Dufferin> ..... could we have something like this for Northumberland?
  - 7.3. Drought workshop with Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority.....date & time?
  
8. **Reports:**
  - 8.1. Allan –
  - 8.2. Bruce Buttar, Zone Director –
  - 8.3. Resi Walt MSR –.
  - 8.4. Gene, PAC member – county discussion outline
  - 8.5. Trissia Mellor, County Rep –
  
9. **New and Other Business:**
  
10. **Next Meeting:** Next meeting, Mar. 14 Snack duty : Paul Burnham
  
11. **Adjournment:**

Snack duty is assigned to Sid Atkinson for tonight

## Upcoming Events of Interest:

### Invitation to Stakeholder Meeting – Re: Syrian Refugees

Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am– 11:00 am Sir Mackenzie Bowell Room, Belleville City Hall

The Agenda for the meeting will include:

- Overview of FFTW
- Overview of **Agricultural Experience Survey** that will be sent to Refugees
  - How we can share the survey results with potential employers most effectively?
  - How can we connect with those in your network?
  - How do we identify employers to invite to the job fair?
- April 12<sup>th</sup> **Agri-Food Skills Match and Showcase:**
  - Goals & proposed format
  - Who will be invited
  - Proposed format
  - Your ideas for the design of the event to make it most effective for employers
- How can you help us? (e.g. other programs, funding, job fairs we should be attending, employers looking for workers right now)
- Next Steps

Our target is to achieve employment for 60%, or 90 of the registered Syrian refugees in the first stage which concludes May 17, 2017. This is an aggressive target, but we are committed to meeting it and need your help. We hope to see you February 15<sup>th</sup>.

For more information please contact:

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## **GETTING STARTED IN AQUACULTURE AND AQUAPONICS**

**North Grenville Community Centre**  
285 County Road 44  
Kemptville, ON  
Canada

Monday, 6 March 2017 from 8:45 AM to 4:30 PM

Part 1: Learn about the advantages of farming aquatic species; global aquaculture output and future outlook; consumer trends in seafood consumption; aquaculture in Canada and Ontario

Part 2: Production systems; aquaponics; water supply; egg and fingerling supply; nutrition and growth; fish health management; necessary permits and licenses; nutrient management

Part 3: Fish processing methods and requirements; market factors; product forms and pricing; distribution channels to major markets; economics; model farm design and next steps

Part 4: Industry Presentations

ONE-DAY WORKSHOP WILL INCLUDE:

LUNCH; PRESENTATIONS FROM GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY; AS WELL AS ALL DOCUMENTATION.

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