

## Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Nov. 10, 2015, 7:30pm OAFVC in Colborne

Present: Lisa Meekes, Terry Linton, Ian Sculthorpe, Jim Hair, Paul Burnham, Allan Carruthers, Sid Atkinson, Trissia Mellor, , Marty Opsteen, Arlene Dorland, Bill Dorland, Bruce Buttar, Amy Petherick, John Logel, Winefred Doll

1. **Call to Order:** by Allan at 7:40pm
2. **Agenda:** Motion to approve Arlene, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amy. CARRIED
3. **Approval of Oct. Minutes:** Motion by Paul, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marty that minutes are approved. CARRIED
4. **Financial Report:**
  - 4.1. Motion to approve by Arlene, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ian. CARRIED Would like to have budget included on financial statement.
  - 4.2. Invoice from OFA for Convention in Nov. was presented in the amount of \$1695.00. Arlene motioned that NFA pay the difference for hotel rooms that the delegates use for convention. Terry 2<sup>nd</sup>. CARRIED
5. **Delegation/Guests:**
  - 5.1. John Logel, mayor from Alnwick/Haldimand apologized for not being able to attend the AGM. He attended the Premier's awards and was impressed with the diversity of award winners in agriculture in Northumberland.
  - 5.2. Wernfrid Doll from Edward Jones Financial came for his annual review of our investments. He informed us of different management tools like automatic rebalancing to possibly increase the rate of return. It was decided that Arlene, Paul & Allan would get together and review our investments and report back to see if there is better options for growth of these funds.
6. **Business Arising from the minutes/current issues:**
  - 6.1. AGM for OFA Mon. Nov. 23 & Tues. 24<sup>th</sup>. At the International Plaza Hotel, 655 Dixon Road, Toronto. Delegates chosen at Annual meeting are Allan Carruthers, Sid Atkinson and Amy Petherick. Sid informed us that he is no longer able to attend. The alternates are Paul Burnham, Ian Sculthorpe and Lisa Meekes. Lisa will have to have a letter written to accompany the alternate delegate yet to be decided. Pat has baskets for silent action ready to go and Allan will pick up and take with him.
  - 6.2. Election results from AGM Banquet:

President - Allan Caruthers nominated – Elected  
1st Vice President - Pat Johnston nominated – Elected  
2nd Vice President – Bill Dorland nominated & declined, Ian Sculthorpe nominated & declined – Vacant  
Policy Advisor Committee Rep – Gene Brahaney - Elected  
Percy Director – Terry Linton  
Directors at large – Marvin McComb, Sid Atkinson, Martin Opsteen, Amy Petherick, Glen Milne  
Delegates to Convention – Allan Caruthers, Sid Atkinson, Amy Petherick  
Alternates to Convention – Paul Burnham, Ian Sculthorpe, Lisa Meekes
7. **Correspondence:**
  - 7.1. Cramahe community gardens, Horticultural Society sent a request for funds for their projects. Since Pat is more familiar with this group we will defer this until she is able to attend our meeting to discuss.
  - 7.2. Cam Davidson called to request \$500 for the August Farm Fest in Port Hope. Arlene motioned and Sid 2<sup>nd</sup> that we pay the \$500 for 2015 event and also pay \$500 for the 2016 event. CARRIED
  - 7.3. Roxanne Jeniga, Scholarship recipient sent a lovely thank you in appreciation.
  - 7.4. Mike Paquet of People First Resource Development Group is running a grant writing workshop targeting staff, board members and volunteers from small to large non-profit organizations. Cost of this workshop is \$125. Locations in our area in November are Peterborough, Port Hope and Belleville. Terry moved and Sid 2<sup>nd</sup> that we pay for the registration if someone wanted to go. CARRIED

- 7.5. Pasture Potential: Marketing & Conservation Strategies workshop is being held in Lindsay on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> sponsored by Farms at Work.
- 7.6. Ontario Young Farmers Forum is being held Sunday Nov. 22 at the International Plaza Hotel in Toronto with a great line up of speakers. Reg. is \$160. Amy was asked if she could participate in conjunction with the OFA Convention but is not able to.

8. **Reports:**

- 8.1. Allan was happy with the Annual Banquet and felt the ag trivia was a successful activity with the crowd.
- 8.2. Bruce Buttar, Zone Director told us that he was impressed with the attendance of the AGM as compared to other counties he has attended.

The OFA Convention will only have one election for director at large. The candidates are Ron Ashmore, Andrea McCoy-Naperstkov & Peter Lambrick.

He reported that OFA had a rally including a night reception at Queens Park on Oct. 6 and was well received by MPP's and staff. OFA plans to have two of these a year to stay connected.

The new Federal Minister of Agriculture is Lawrence MacAulay from PEI and OFA has some contact with him already.

- 8.3. Jim Hair, MRS- The delegate's packages for the convention will be mailed out to each.

The Fall Summit meeting was held at Stirling Farmtown on Nov. 4 from 10:00 – 2:30. The speakers were Peter Jeffery from OFA and Terry Lynn Wright from MPAC in Trenton. Great info on how property assessments are calculated and a tool to check your own property; go to [aboutmyproperty.ca](http://aboutmyproperty.ca) to see what is listed.

- 8.4. Trissia Mellor, County Rep – The 2015 Premier's Awards for Agri Food Innovation Excellence were presented in Baltimore on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>. Local recipients were Brandneu Foods Canada of Cobourg, for their kale dehydrator; Haute Goat of Campbellford for their marketing of edibles & skin care products & Scarlett Acres of Colborne for their aerosol pheromone trap system.

Plans are underway to host a "Beverage Farming" workshop day in March of 2016 to help manage challenges in this new industry.

The OAFVC has its range hoods installed and the hot kitchen can be operational in Nov. Currently product testing is the most frequent activity happening on site.

9. **New and Other Business:**

- 9.1. Paul motioned and Sid 2<sup>nd</sup> that a letter is to be sent to congratulate Kim Rudd for her election win and that we are hoping to meet with her soon. CARRIED
- 9.2. Xmas dinner is set for Dec. 15 at either Glover's Market in Warkworth or the Social in Port Hope. Arlene will look into making these arrangements.

10. **Next Meeting:** Next meeting Tuesday, Jan. 11 at 7:30 pm Ian Sculthorpe will be on lunch duty

11. **Adjournment:** Terry moved to adjourn. 9:45 pm