

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Oct. 13, 2015, 7:30pm OAFVC in Colborne

Present: Pat Johnston, Lisa Meekes, Lyle Gallagher, Carl Wilce, Terry Linton, Gene Brahaney, Ian Sculthorpe, Jim Hair, Paul Burnham, Allan Carruthers, Sid Atkinson, Jeff Harrison, Marvin McComb, Trissia Mellor, Heather Candler, Marty Opsteen

1. **Call to Order:** by Allan at 7:30pm
2. **Agenda:** Motion to approve Sid, 2nd by Gene. CARRIED
3. **Approval of Sept. Minutes:** Motion by Terry, 2nd by Lyle that minutes are approved. CARRIED
4. **Financial Report:** motion to approve by Sid, 2nd by Terry. CARRIED
5. **Delegation/Guests:**

Heather Candler, Agriculture and Rural Economic Development Advisor Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs came to tell us about the new Rural Economic Development Program (RED). This program can provide funding to rural communities, organizations and businesses to help attract investment, create jobs, and boost tourism. There are four application deadlines throughout the year, Jan. 15, Apr. 15, July 15 and Oct 15 for 2016. Heather encouraged anyone with questions or wanting help to apply to contact her.
6. **Business Arising from the minutes/current issues:**
 - 6.1. A budget for the 2015-16 year was presented and the Field to Food budget was added to the list. Motion by Terry, 2nd by Lyle that there be an increase to \$5000 for the political lobbying budget. CARRIED Gene brought to everyone's attention that the expenses exceeded the revenue and final discussion was that it could be managed. A motion that the amended budget be presented at the AGM to be approved by the membership was made by Paul, 2nd by Sid. CARRIED
 - 6.2. The financial statement of the partial year of info from Jan. to Sept. was agreed to be presented at AGM
 - 6.3. Annual meeting/Banquet date is Oct. 23. With Lori Caughey as speaker. A motion was made by Lyle that two complementary tickets will be set aside for Lori and guest. 2nd by Allan. CARRIED Trissia offered the use of a projector for her presentation if needed and there is a screen in the hall. Current numbers from ticket sales is 32. It was agreed to tell the caterers 70-75 for dinner. Directors will continue to sell to reach this number.
 - 6.4. Scholarship- four recipients are to receive scholarship money this year. 2 at \$1000 and 2 at \$250. Marvin will return applications to Lisa so cheques can be prepared for the banquet.
 - 6.5. AGM for OFA Mon. Nov. 23 & Tues. 24th. At the International Plaza Hotel, 655 Dixon Road, Toronto. Delegates will be decided at Annual meeting so Visa numbers can be transferred for each room. Pat looking after \$40-\$50 baskets of local goods for our contribution for the silent auction.
 - 6.6. Cultivate – A festival of food & drink – Sept. 26 Port Hope – Lisa set up the corn and toy table and display and did the first shift. Ruth Lamb did shift two and Bruce and Cindy did shift three, cleaned up and returned table and toys to Pat. Dirt on Farming Digests by Farm and Food care were handed out to many of the public and it seemed like a very positive event.
 - 6.7. Federal Election Oct. 19 - All Candidates night in Baltimore Oct. 7 we sponsored and covered the cost of coffee and donuts. Allan reported that there were about 60 in attendance and the local conservative candidate Adam Moulton did not participate. There have been eleven all candidates meetings in this riding. Ian did a great job as time keeper and Pat and Carl attended the event.

7. **Correspondence:**

7.1. Lynne & Tony Prower sent an email with concerns about farming practices in their area.

"Because of the number of plantings over the summer, the perfect rows of very green vegetables that grow very fast, and with no weeds visible between the rows, we are concerned about the type and quantity of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers that are being put onto the land."

Ian talked to Tony and explained that it was not in NFA's mandate to interfere with farming practices.

7.2. Greg McCullough from The Breeze radio station sent questions about the Trans-Pacific Partnership. A response will be sent back to him stating that when the details are released he would be best to contact each commodity for their specific concerns.

8. **Reports:**

8.1. Allan attended the International Plowing Match in Finch and was impressed with that farming area landscape. The weather was great and the event was well attended.

8.2. Pat- The Food Charter group are gathering their ideas and working on plans to put them to action.

8.3. Jim Hair, MRS-. The Fall Summit meeting will be held at Stirling Farmtown on Nov. 4 from 10:00 – 2:30. The speakers will be Peter Jeffery from OFA and Peter Moran from MPAC in Trenton.

8.4. Gene, PAC member- The meeting to be held in Kemptville on Oct. 21 was cancelled. Gene will be attending the Fall Summit on Nov. 4

8.5. Trissia Mellor, County Rep – The Market Opportunities workshop held at OAFVC was a great event with attendance maxed out at 20. Representatives to talk about the Health Unit, Food Safety, Retail specialist and Labeling specialist, all in the same place at the same time, was a useful tool to help people learn the requirements for their specific situations. Other areas plan on taking this same workshop format and repeating in their communities.

9. **New and Other Business:** no new or other business

10. **Next Meeting:** Next meeting Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 7:30 pm Jake Med will be on lunch duty

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