



Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Aug. 8, 2017 OAFVC Colborne, 7:30pm

Present: Marty Opsteen, Lisa Meekes, Gene Brahaney, Pat Johnston, Ian Sculthorpe, Marvin McComb, Terry Linton, Gord Sharpe, Amy Petherick, Doug Gray, Bruce Buttar, Trissia Mellor, Lyle Gallagher, Sid Atkinson, Resi Walt, Arlene Dorland

1. **Call to Order:** by Marty Opsteen at 7:35
2. **Agenda:** Motion; Pat/Gene.....agenda accepted as circulated. CARRIED
3. **Delegation/Guests:** none
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion; Terry/Doug.....July minutes approved as circulated. CARRIED
5. **Financial Report:** Motion; Doug/Arlene.....To approve financial statement as circulated. CARRIED
6. Business Arising from the minutes/current issues:
 - 6.1. Municipal Farm Bus Tour for August 11. Board members signed up to attend are Allan, Paul, Marvin, Marty, Ian, Resi, Trissia, Lisa. Dan Fergusson will be the speaker on the bus for the day. King's Plate catering will be serving lunch at the Castleton Sports Field shelter. Final numbers who will be attending from the county is twelve.
 - 6.2. AGM date set for October 27 Warkworth Gathering Place, United Church Hall. Trissia investigated hiring Dan Needles as a speaker and he is available that day so she tentatively booked him. His fee is \$1500 and she said there is some funding from the county for such events for the amount of \$500. It was suggested to have another venue to accommodate the potential higher attendance. Motion; Pat/Amy..... That we proceed with hiring Dan Needles and changing venues for this year's AGM. CARRIED Terry will ask if the Alnwick Civic Centre is free. Betty Wickman was suggested to be the caterer or Paul Burnham knows someone as well.
 - 6.3. Incubation, Acceleration & Commercialization Agri-Food Collaborative seeking our support. They are a group to increase support for the commercialization of new ideas, and establish a more resilient future for the farming and food sector. Letters of support and questions will be received by the Greenbelt Fund. Motion; Arlene/Terry.....NFA wishes to file the info and no action is required at this time for support for Incubation, Acceleration & Commercialization Agri-Food Collaborative. CARRIED
7. Correspondence:
 - 7.1. Agricultural System and the Natural Heritage System in the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH) consultation meeting is happening Sept. 12 in Peterborough..... the same date as our Sept. meeting. Trissia and Resi want to attend as well as some directors expressed an interest. Motion; Gene/Sid..... that the regular September meeting date for the board will be changed to September 13 to accommodate those that wish to attend the Agricultural System and the Natural Heritage System in the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH) consultation meeting in Peterborough. CARRIED Trissia will let the OAFVC know of the change of meeting date.
 - 7.2. Scholarships- Two applications received and have been passed to the scholarship committee for their consideration.
 - 7.3. Quinte 4H request for donation: Motion; Marvin/Ian..... that NFA make a \$100 donation to the Quinte EX 4-H Championship dairy & beef show. CARRIED A request to hear how many attended the show and from which counties will accompany donation cheque.
8. Reports:
 - 8.1. Allan- was not in attendance
 - 8.2. Bruce Buttar – There is an older portable display that Bruce has that he wondered where we should store. He will set up for September meeting so we can decide.
The Hope township solar project is now having the energy specialist Ian Nokes from OFA looking into the concerns.
 - 8.3. Resi Walt MSR- The Quinte Agricultural Wall of Fame is now looking for new committee members.
OFA is having a webinar Aug. 21 about the new guidelines to the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program.
Hastings Plowing Match Volunteers needed, sign up if you can.
 - 8.4. Gene, PAC member- upcoming meeting in Guelph Aug. 23. For this meeting, County Federation Presidents or an alternate (a member interested in the work of PAC) are welcome to attend. Expenses will be covered by OFA and must indicate intent to attend by Aug. 15
 - 8.5. Trissia Mellor, County Rep- The Agriculture Food Management Institute is having a value added workshop Feb. 8, 9, 10 and the keynote speaker will be Gary Morton

Municipal Ag Economic Department Forum will participate in a professional development in Milton Oct. 18-19. More details to follow.

- 8.6. Strategic Goals and Actions- nothing to report
- 8.7. Young Farmer's Forum- Amy, Proud to Lead funding app. deadline Aug. 31. Events needed to occur between Oct. 1-Mar. 31 so Amy felt this Forum would not be eligible. Resi assured her there was more flexibility and to apply anyway.
- 8.8. Electronic Policy Committee – Ashley not in attendance so will be deferred till next meeting.
9. New and Other Business:
 - Jill Brown from Scotia Bank Napanee would like to come as a delegate for our next meeting. Lisa will contact her.
 - Lyle has Soil & Crop Turkey BBQ tickets for Aug. 21
10. Next Meeting: Sept. 13 Snack duty is assigned to Ian Sculthorpe
11. Adjournment: Pat 9:10 pm by Terry

Snack duty for tonight Marvin McComb