



**Location:** Brussels Library

**Date:** Wednesday, April 3, 2024

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

## Brussels Agricultural Society General Meeting

### In Attendance

Rosie Kellington, Reg Vinnicombe, Glenda Morrison, Maggie Speer, Sandra Machan, Marie McCutcheon, Joan Bernard, Lori Vader, Linda Garland, Crystal Blake, Pam McLellan, MaryAnn Thompson, Jeff Cardiff, Monique Baan, Rhonda McArter, Dorothy Cummings, Matt Cardiff, Jenna Baker, Loretta Hlggins

Regrets: Pauleen Kerkhof, Justin Morrison

### Approval of Agenda

The agenda was reviewed. The motion to approve the agenda (J. Bernard ) was seconded (M. Baan) and passed.

### Approval of Minutes

The previous meeting minutes were reviewed. The motion to approve the previous minutes from the March 6, 2024 meeting (M. Thompson ) was seconded (L. Vader ) and passed.

### President's Report

R. Vinnicombe updated the group that the Lions will be donating \$1000 this year. **D. Cummings asked that our address be added to the website which will be G. Morrison's address - Glenda to talk to Justin. M. Baan asked that Z. Onn be contacted to also put our address in the Fair Book which will be done by Rosie Kellington.**

### Homecraft President's Report

L. Garland reported that almost all of the judges are lined up for the Family Fun Fair. She handed out a few extra posters for members to put up. She asked for volunteers to come at 1 pm on May 4th to set up. Members are encouraged to ask people to pick up buckets of junk from Murray Lowe's Barber Shop. **M. Baan will get it advertised on the town sign.** Ideas from OAAS will be discussed at their next meeting.

### Treasurer's Report

G. Morrison informed the group that some donations have been coming in from various groups.

## Ambassadors' and Ambassador Sub-committee Reports

M. Speer encouraged as many members as possible to attend the District 8 Ambassador Competition on May 4th in St. Pauls. L. Higgins updated the group on her recent learnings and invited everyone to the District Ambassador Competition to support her as well. **R. Kellington will send out a reminder closer to the date.**

## Ladies Night Sub-committee Report

J. Fischer reported that Ladies Night is set for Oct. 26th at BMG Community Centre. Cardiff's have agreed to cater. They are hoping to hire a DJ for the night. They will be asking the firemen to help out again.

## Old Business

- AssistExpo - updates for 2024 fall fair classes. R. Vinnicombe has moved the 2023 data and is setting it up for 2024.
- Huron East - R. Vinnicombe reported that it sounds like HE will honour our agreement to not pay rent for the arena or kitchen for the Fair although nothing has been put into writing. If we have the meal ahead of the Fall Fair days we will have to pay the new rental rates. A staff from the municipality will be on-site when we are setting up for the fair as they are concerned about liability. Our agreement will be renewed again in intervals in the future.
- Constitution updates / ONCA training-R. Vinnicombe has attended 2 webinars on OAAS training. It is a lengthy document to update. With the new legislation, we have to make sure we put what we want into the constitution rather than the default laws.
- 2024 Fair
  - Fair Book updates- Z. Onn has been updating the sections. **Section leaders please reach out to Z. Onn if they have any changes.**
  - Kids program- R. Vinnicombe asked for suggestions. We only have about 45 minutes before and after the parade for programming. Some ideas mentioned were building bird houses, fairy doors, painting windows/doors, homemade ice cream and looking at Ag Scape website for activities. **M. Cardiff will contact J. Wagemans.** M. Baan wondered if some Agricultural groups would have materials to use.
  - 50/50 draw. The group consensus was to not have a 50/50 at the fair.
  - Raffle Draw (license & tickets)- R. Vinnicombe will get the license.
  - BBQ - We need food and drinks for families who will be attending on Tuesday night, but are not purchasing the meal. It was suggested that we use the booth at the arena-Leo's? Terri Grey? For the meal on Tuesday night, sweet pickled pork and beans was suggested. **J. Cardiff will come back with a meal proposal for the next meeting.**
  - Entertainment - The motion to hire the Ron Howatt Band for \$500 for Wednesday afternoon (J. Cardiff) was seconded (M. Thompson) and passed. The motion to get the Escape Room (\$800 for Tuesday night) and the Inflatables \$5000 (L. Garland) was seconded (C. Blake) and passed. **D. Cummings will contact the Firemen regarding the obstacle course and smoke house.**
  - C. McCallum has agreed to organize and run the Ambassador Cake Decorating contest again this year.

- Alanis Clarke has agreed to organize and run the Dog Show again this year.
- Vendor Market- location of vendors and a possible price increase above \$20 was discussed

## New Business

Signs for Fair-D. Cummings informed the group that we have 5 signs to advertise the fair but we could use 5 new ones. **She will bring a quote to the next meeting.**

## Correspondence and Announcements

- District 8 Ambassador Competition, May 4th, Downie Optimist Hall, St. Pauls, ON at 7pm
- Family Fun Fair, Sunday May 5, 2024 at the Brussels Legion starting at 1pm.
- The Clinton Raceway Fundraiser, Sunday August 25th, 2024. They will provide us with further details closer to the date. There is a Media & Season Partners social event on April 18th (7 - 9pm at the Huron Fish & Game).
- Brussels Fall Fair, Theme is Pork & Beans, September 17 - 18, 2024

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by J. Bernard. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 1, 7:00 pm, Brussels Library

Minutes submitted by: Rosie Kellington

Minutes approved by: Reg Vinnicombe