



**Location:** Brussels Library

**Date:** Wednesday, June 5, 2024

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

## Brussels Agricultural Society General Meeting

### In Attendance

Reg Vinnicombe, Glenda Morrison, Rosie Kellington, Sandra Machan, Dorothy Cummings, Linda Garland, Crystal Blake, Pam McLellan, Monique Baan, Marie McCutcheon, Maggie Speer, Jackie Garniss, Mary Ann Thompson

Regrets: Jenna Baker, Justin Morrison

### Approval of Agenda

The agenda was reviewed. The motion to approve the agenda was made by D. Cummings, seconded by M. Baan, motion carried.

### Approval of Minutes

The previous meeting minutes (May 1, 2024) were emailed. The motion to approve the previous minutes made by S. Machan, seconded by M. Speer, motion carried.

### President's Report

#### **Ag Career Initiative Update:**

\$500 per fair day. Program runs from July 21/2023 until Dec 31/2025. Change for this year: want booth staffed especially during high traffic times, discuss careers in Agri-Food sector (presentation available on OAAS website). Need to re-apply online to be eligible for funding in 2024.

#### **Alcohol & Gaming Commission of Ontario webinar:**

Key points were:

- we should have a separate lottery trust account for proceeds/expenses (money belongs to public not charitable organization)
- we need to submit a lottery event report within 30 days of the event (financial report, ticket reconciliation)
- any deviation from lottery license requires an amendment submitted (e.g. number of tickets to sell, date of draw)
- board/bona fide members not allowed to participate (conflict of interest)
- can't sell tickets to anyone under 18 (would need parents, grandparents name on ticket)
- if change anything after start selling tickets would need to get approval of change from everyone already sold tickets to (e.g. date of draw)
- prize structure of raffle must be 20% of gross sales

### **Agreement with Huron East:**

Still on the to do list with Lissa. She mentioned that they found a copy of the old agreement and it's pinned to the wall in the clerk's office. R. Vinnicombe requested a copy but the clerk wasn't in the day he picked up the raffle basket lottery license. Lissa didn't know the date of the agreement. Reaffirmed that rental for the community centre would be no charge for the fair.

### **Constitution Updates:**

Aiming to have a draft ready for review with membership in July. Constitution updates to be approved prior to October 18<sup>th</sup> deadline (need to submit constitution to OMAFRA & CRA once approved).

## Homecraft President's Report

L. Garland reported on the Family Fun Fair and wanted to thank the Legion and judges who offered their services for free. She reported the winners of the buck-of-junk contest. People who attended learned a lot about judging. All judges are in place for the fall fair. Still working on getting a volunteer to lead the Culinary Arts section.

## Treasurer's Report

The financial statements were mailed out. P. McLellan made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented by G. Morrison, seconded by C. Blake, motion carried. After many phone calls and questions answered, G. Morrison is happy to announce that we have been reinstated as a charity effective May 7, 2024. Cheque was received from Huron East. (R. Vinnicombe will ask J. Lowe to send an email thank you to those who have donated.)

## Ambassadors' and Ambassador Sub-committee Reports

M. Speer reported that L. Higgins did an amazing job and had a lot of compliments on her unique, fun and creative speech at the District 8 Competition (May 4 th ). They are very proud of how she presented herself and represented our fair. They plan to hand out fair books at schools – M. Speer to reach out to Maitland River and Northwoods about a date the last week of school.

Parades: Wingham Homecoming - June 29th, Bluevale Homecoming - August 10 th . There will be at least one Ambassador available for those parades. M. Speer has reached out to Jamie Fischer about using his convertible for the parades.

They discussed the format of the upcoming Ambassador Competition on August 14 th at the Brussels Legion: Entries will be similar to last year. Google slides or PowerPoint Presentation sent in and then oral presentation of the entry to the audience in attendance. This year will include an interview with judges. Judges will also judge the entries for the Junior and Little Ambassadors.

H. Hodgins is working on adjusting the outline given these few changes.

L. Higgins and the Committee are actively recruiting for the competition. Advertisements will be circulating shortly. Right now there is a recruitment for the Wingham Homecoming Ambassador and they don't want their recruitment to get lost in the mix. Since the meeting N. Lowe has offered to reach out regarding judges. There is a closing sale on currently at Wendt's Jewelry in Mildmay so M. Speer is going to stock up on tiara's and ambassador gifts.

L. Higgins has decided to forego attendance at the CNE due to an important family commitment. They will meet again at the beginning of July.

## Ladies Night Sub-committee Report

No report

## Old Business

- 2024 Fair
  - Supplies for Section Leads -R. Kellington will be ordering ribbons and stickers, rosettes (9 OAAS+4 Dorothy), entry tags, trophies (ordered), and creating winner sheets (thanks Z. Onn) and vouchers. Please let her know what you need in terms of supplies for section bins, etc. M. McCutcheon would like a rosette for overall winner. D. Cummings will send R. Kellington a picture of rosette with Ag. Society colours for reference.
  - Fair Book has been printed. Raffle basket information is incorrect. In the future we will list the themes of the basket without the items. Rosie will distribute copies and tags at various locations in Brussels. Members discussed printing the fair books in black in white in the future due to increased costs.
  - Kids program-the Pork Producers will cover the 3 stations
  - Raffle Draw (license & tickets)-R. Vinnicombe will let the Allison's know the tickets are printed and discuss how to best sell them. - Update: Sandy typically starts selling tickets in August, baskets won't be complete until mid August - Sandy will provide pictures & list of items at that point
  - BBQ - volunteer sign up (do members need to provide any food?) (Reg to ask Jeff for list of jobs/times/numbers of volunteers required) Update: BBQ ticket template sent to Blyth Printing
  - Food Booth - volunteer sign up (Rosie to make up a shareable sign-up sheet, Reg will ask Terri for times/number of volunteers required)
  - Pie Table - need to confirm with J. Cardiff how many pies we need. Need to put ad in Citizen asking for donations prior to fair
  - Entertainment - Ron Howatt Band, Escape Room, Inflatables - all confirmed
  - Ambassador cake decorating - C. McCallum has been updated with timing
  - Dog Show - can be on main stage
  - Vendor Market - R. Vinnicombe will be meeting with P. Kerkhof later in month to determine number of spaces available
  - Advertising Signs - have been ordered
  - Face painting - booked
  - Contact information requested by D. Cummings was provided by members

## New Business

- Day at the Races fundraiser - volunteer sign up - 3 required for BBQ & 2-4 people to sell 50/50 tickets. We also need to buy burgers, hotdogs, sausages (100 of each) and condiments, utensils, napkins etc. It was suggested to ask Foodland in Brussels. We also need to provide a 2nd BBQ. G. Morrison suggested to ask the Leo's for their bbq. Rosie to create a sign-up sheet for volunteers.
- The motion to purchase a 1/6th of page ad in the Rural Voice (August issue) at \$180 made by D. Cummings, seconded by M. McCutcheon, and carried.

## Correspondence and Announcements

- Michael Whiting ([michael@thewhitings.ca](mailto:michael@thewhitings.ca)) from the Parkhill Fair has asked to borrow the table cloths from the canning section for their fair August 10 & 11. It was agreed that we would allow this as long as they were returned in the same condition.
- Ambassador of the Fair Competition, Wednesday August 14th, 2024 at 7pm, doors open at 6:30pm.
- Clinton Raceway Fundraiser, Sunday August 25th, 2024.
- Brussels Fall Fair, Theme is Pork & Beans, September 17 - 18, 2024

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by M. Thompson.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 3 at 7:00 pm, Brussels Library

Minutes submitted by: Rosie Kellington

Minutes approved by: Reg Vinnicombe