



Location: Brussels Library

Date: Wednesday, July 3 2024

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Brussels Agricultural Society General Meeting

In Attendance

Reg Vinnicombe, Glenda Morrison, Rosie Kellington, Sandra Machan, Rhonda McArter, Jackie Garniss, Crystal Blake, Pam McLellan, Monique Baan, Mary Douma

Regrets: Dorothy Cummings, Marie McCutcheon, Jeff and Cathy Cardiff, Mary Ann Thompson, Sean Mitchell, John Lowe

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was reviewed. The motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by M. Baan, seconded by P. McClellan, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

The previous meeting minutes (June 5, 2024) were emailed. The motion to approve the previous minutes made by R. McArter, seconded by M. Douma, motion carried.

President's Report

No report

Homecraft Report

M. Douma reported that last Thursday 11 people came to the pillow case workshop. 3 were handed in that day and she expects more to be completed for the fair. She was pleased with the workshop and thought it was worthwhile. The pillow cases will be donated to appropriate charities.

Treasurer's Report

G. Morrison reported that our charity tax report was filed on time.

Ambassadors' and Ambassador Sub-committee Reports

Facebook posts indicated that some of the ambassadors took part in the Wingham Homecoming Parade. Ads promoting the ambassador competition have been posted on FB.

Ladies Night Sub-committee Report

It was reported that some groups have volunteered to perform for the lip syncing competition.

Old Business

- 2024 Fair
 - Supplies for Section Leads -After some discussion, it was decided that R. Kellington will add 25 rosettes that can be used for multiple purposes to the order of supplies needed.
 - Fair Books - have been updated and placed around town. Z. Onn needs to provide J. Morrison with the electronic fair book to put on the website. R Kellington and R. Vinnicombe will confirm that the judging sheets for section R & I match the book.
 - Kids program-no updates
 - Raffle Draw - G. Morrison has tickets. Sandy indicated they would start selling in mid August and provide descriptions/pictures around then too. The baskets in order will be 1.Roast Turkey Dinner 2.Handyman Tool 3.Good Housekeeper 4.Ninja Air Fryer 5.Mystery Basket. R. Kellington will print up this list for those selling tickets so the basket numbers selected by the buyers can be written on the back of the stub and put into the correct basket ticket box. R. Vinnicombe will communicate these box numbers to Sandy. G. Morrison will make up a spreadsheet to keep track of ticket sales.
 - Fair BBQ-volunteer sign up (do members need to provide any food?) will be discussed at next meeting
 - Food Booth - volunteer sign up will be discussed at next meeting
 - Pie Table - purchase or members to provide?
 - Vendor Market - met with Pauline - follow-up: Dave to provide a map of the new lobby area. Cannot block doorways. More furniture coming so might have to work around that. Some vendors along one wall and some in lobby. Everyone will come in the main entrance. \$20 per table. Our tables will be set up right inside the door.
 - OAAS communicated TSSA regulations for inflatables - sent email to Drew
 - Event information sent to Health Unit & link to Jeff/Terri/Zoey provided as food vendors
 - Ordered 1 hand washing station for 4-H show (\$90 + delivery fee)
 - BBQ tickets - confirmed with Jeff that kids 5 and under are free. G. Morrison will make up a spreadsheet to keep track of ticket sales.
 - Ad in Citizen for pie donation - R. Vinnicombe will have the ad put it in twice (first and second week of September)-pies dropped off on Monday night, Tuesday or by mid morning on Wednesday.
 - Assistant for the parade-Crystal Blake volunteered to help John organize the parade on the day of
 - Exhibitor Registration-R. Kellington will create an electronic volunteer sign up sheet to recruit helpers on Monday night 7-9 and Tuesday 9-12 to help fill out entry tags, help exhibitors with Assist Expo online registration and direct people to the appropriate sections. Online registration instructions need to be advertised on FB in mid to late

August. During Craft Days at the library we could advertise to help people with online registration.

New Business

- Day at the Races fundraiser - An electronic volunteer sign up sheet has been sent out in an email. 3-4 people are needed for BBQ & 2-4 people to sell 50/50 tickets. 50/50 draw is made after the 8th race. **It was decided to purchase 150 jumbo dogs and 150 burgers, buns, utensils, napkins, etc. from Brussels Foodland to support local. G. Morrison to ask Leo's if we can borrow BBQ. Ask M. Speer to donate antiseptic wipes for cleanup.**
- Date to review draft constitution - It was decided that a small group would be set up to review a draft constitution in the fall and then present it to the members afterwards. There was some discussion around the number of Directors (now 6 but shouldn't include Past President since not elected - election change Directors vs Officers?). M. Baan and C. Blake volunteered so far.

Correspondence and Announcements

- 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 Rhonda McArter.

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

Minutes submitted by: Rosie Kellington

Minutes approved by: Reg Vinnicombe