



**Location:** Brussels Library

**Date:** Wednesday, Aug. 7th, 2024

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

## Brussels Agricultural Society General Meeting

### In Attendance

Reg Vinnicombe, Glenda Morrison, Rosie Kellington, Monique Baan, Jeff Cardiff, Cathy Cardiff, Pam McLellan, Dorothy Cummings, Jackie Garniss, Pam McLellan, MaryAnn Thompson, Mary Douma, Bessie Johnston, Marie Perry, Linda Garland, Joan Bernard, Rhonda McArter, Terri Gray

Regrets: Maggie Speer

### Approval of Agenda

The agenda was reviewed. The motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by M.A. Thompson, seconded by D. Cummings, motion carried.

### Approval of Minutes

The previous meeting minutes (July 3, 2024) were emailed. The motion to approve the previous minutes made by M. Baan, seconded by L. Garland, motion carried.

### President's Report

No report.

### Homecraft Report

L. Garland circulated a sign-up list for the volunteer potluck. She has booked the judges and invited them to the potluck. Still looking for more people to work with the Culinary Arts section. R. Vinnicombe has confirmed the availability of the room upstairs at the arena with L. Bedard for the potluck.

### Treasurer's Report

G. Morrison reported that there have been expenses that will be recouped after the events. Paid liability insurance. Theme baskets came in at a little over budget for an actual retail value of \$1600.

### Ambassadors' and Ambassador Sub-committee Reports

In M. Speer's absence, R. Kellington read her report. The Ambassadors will be in the Bluevale Homecoming Parade this Saturday in a pink Barbie car. The Committee is eagerly working on the last minute details for the handing over of the Ambassador titles one week from tonight – Wednesday,

August 14 th. Please join us as we thank our outgoing Ambassadors for an amazing year and meet our new Ambassadors. Doors open at the Brussels Legion at 6:30 with the festivities starting at 7pm. R. Vinnicombe agreed to give the Welcome, which is a tradition of our Ambassador Competition event. R. Kellington will send a request to M. Speer to ask the new Ambassadors to participate in Library FF Craft Days on Saturday Sept. 7th and 14th, 10am to noon.

## Ladies Night Sub-committee Report

No report.

## Old Business

- 2024 Fair
  - Supplies for Section Leads - ordered. M. Douma to pick up a tote box/bin and buy supplies for her section and submit receipts to G. Morrison for reimbursement. D. Cummings to pick up trophies in Listowel and submit the invoice to G. Morrison.
  - Kids program - No report
  - Raffle Draw - G. Morrison has tickets and members are encouraged to pick them up from her to sell and return the stubs and money to her when sold. R. Kellington provided handouts with detailed instructions, descriptions & pictures for sellers to follow. R. Kellington circulated a volunteer sign up sheet for selling Raffle and BBQ tickets at Foodland. More volunteers are still needed to sell tickets from 5-7pm on Fri. Aug. 30th, Sept. 6th and 13th. Email R. Kellington if you can help.
  - BBQ - More volunteers are needed to sign up for the Tuesday night BBQ which runs from 5-6:30pm, (especially volunteers to serve and clean up from 5:30pm-finish). Email R. Kellington if you can help.
  - Food Booth - T. Gray discussed the menu at the food booth for Tues. night and Wed. and sent around a volunteer sign up sheet. About 5 volunteers are still needed to help Tues. night. Call T. Gray at (519) 498-1852 and leave a message if you can help.
  - Pie Table - We've always had enough or too many pies so again members are asked to make pies and recruit others from the community. No cream pies from the public. Drop off anytime Mon. night, Tues. or Wed. before noon
  - Vendor Market - reviewed vendor market layout proposal with Pauline - 13 spots - down from last year (5 spots in new lobby & 8 in auditorium)
  - OAAS communicated TSSA regulations for inflatables - Drew confirmed licensed with TSSA since 2016 & have all the required paperwork
  - 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 and tickets - J. Cardiff suggested serving Shaw's Ice Cream which takes a few strong volunteers to scoop. R. Kellington will ask J. Lowe to order enough white and chocolate milk for the BBQ and Wed. school lunch, and apples, cookies, etc. like in past years. G. Morrison has tickets and members are encouraged to pick them up from her to sell and return the stubs and money to her when sold. R. Kellington provided a handout with detailed instructions for sellers.

- Ad in Citizen for pie donation - R. Vinnicombe will submit under Notices two weeks prior to fair and include that Terri Gray's inspected kitchen is available to make pies if members or the public bring their own supplies.
  - Registration volunteer sign up is full.
  - Canvas bushel inserts - D. Cummings would like to purchase canvas for the Field Crop section to make small bushel inserts to prevent tearing of the bags and spilling grain and beans all over our display. She will be making them herself so just need to cover the cost of the canvas. A motion to give D. Cummings \$100 to pay for canvas for 50 bushel covers by L. Garland, was seconded by J. Bernard, motion carried.
  - Meet Your Neighbour at the Library on Thursday Sept. 12th at 7pm. - L. Garland reported that she is facilitating this meeting of newcomers and other interested members of the public and will talk about the Ag. Society. She would welcome other members to be there also.
  - Fall Fair Book- R. Kellington reported that very few Fall Fair Books are still available to pick up at local businesses and the Library despite more demand. G. Morrison will make sure the 2024 FF Book is uploaded to our website via Z. Onn and J. Morrison. There was some discussion to simplify the FF Book in the future with less detail in some of the advertisements. It was suggested that a sub-committee be formed to assist Z. Onn with simplification.
- Day at the Races Fundraiser
    - Volunteer sign up - 2 more volunteers are needed to help with the BBQ and 2 more to sell 50/50 tickets. R. Vinnicombe has confirmed prices and just needs to confirm quantities of supplies from Brussels Foodland. It was suggested that we use the experience of Foodland employees to help with quantities. Any leftovers could be sold at the food booth at the fair. G. Morrison to ask if we can borrow Leo's BBQ - confirmed with Zoey that we can use the Leo's BBQ. Need to be ready to sell Food by 12:30pm
  - Constitution
    - Number of Directors (now 6 but shouldn't include Past President since not elected - election change Directors vs Officers?)
    - Draft was ready to submit for committee review but OAAS sent out a new template based on answers recently provided by OMAFRA. Items that ONCA indicated should be Articles and are to be included as Bylaws as per AHOA. Articles will only be the name of the organization, type of organization, objects and location. Will need to revise the draft based on the new template.

## New Business

- Parkhill Fair - picked up table cloths & risers, will return by the end of August
- BMG Grand Opening Request, Nov. 16th - J. Cardiff has been asked if Ag. Society would be

interested in putting on a euchre tournament upstairs at the arena with our group receiving some proceeds from the bar. He will get further details and we can discuss further after the fair.

## Correspondence and Announcements

- Ambassador Competition, Wednesday August 14th, 2024, 7:00 pm Brussels Legion
- The Clinton Raceway Fundraiser, Sunday August 25th, 2024. Need to be ready to sell food by 12:30pm
- Library Fall Fair Craft Days, Sat. Sept. 7th and 14th, 2024 from 10am to noon
- Annual Meet Your Neighbour Night at Brussels Library, Thurs. Sept 12 from 7-8pm. Rsvp by Sept. 4th
- Brussels Fall Fair, Theme is Pork & Beans, September 17 - 18, 2024
- BMG Community Centre Grand Opening, Sat. Nov. 16th

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by J. Bernard.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, September 4th at 7:00 pm, Brussels Library

Minutes submitted by: Rosie Kellington

Minutes approved by: Reg Vinnicombe