

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Jun 14, 2016, 7:30pm OAFVC in Colborne

Present: Lisa Meekes, Terry Linton, Allan Carruthers, Trissia Mellor, Marty Opsteen, Glen Milne, Gene Brahaney, Resi Walt, Sid Atkinson, Amy Petherick, Bruce Buttar, Arlene Dorland, Marvin McComb, Paul Burnham, Liam Cragg

1. **Call to Order:** by Allan at 7:40pm
2. **Agenda:** Motion; Arlene/Gene ... that the agenda be approved. CARRIED
3. **Delegation/Guests:** Liam Cragg addressed the board with his concerns about Hydro's policies regarding line brushing on private property. He proposed a list of policy revisions after having issues on his property.
 - 1) Property owners be given a list of each person's name on brushing crew
 - 2) Property owners have supervisors contact information
 - 3) Work to be done to be reviewed by property owner prior to start
 - 4) Notification of project completion and a joint evaluation by supervisor and property owner
 - 5) A definition of what a manageable piece of wood being left behind by crew for owner isResi had forwarded Liam Cragg's concerns to Ian Nokes of OFA who assured him that he would bring them to his Hydro contact.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion; Marty/Terry April minutes approved as circulated. CARRIED
5. **Financial Report:** Motion; Terry/Arlene ... To approve financial report as circulated. CARRIED
6. **Business Arising from the minutes/current issues:**
 - 6.1. 6 x 16 progress on this pilot project- Arlene informed us the goal of a nine meeting course with a final day to have an invited guest attend for 12/14 -16 year olds, perhaps a farm visit as well and hoping to run through the summer in Codrington Community Centre. Open to the idea of partnering with other groups. Women's Institute is contributing \$100 and FCC is contributing \$200. Incredible Edible festival committee is interested in learning about this program. Motion; Arlene/Sid.... NFA contribute \$200 to this pilot project. CARRIED
 - 6.2. Still have vacancies on our board that need to be filled. There was some discussion on the action plan for the position of 2nd vice. We talked about recruiting and brainstormed a list of possible members who should be asked to serve on the board. Alan stressed the fact that the chair position needs to be filled and it truly is a group effort so please everyone consider the task.
Good to hear Pat Johnston is recuperating at her mom's and is on the road to recovery.
 - 6.3. Membership to Farm and Food Care payment was sent in.
7. **Correspondence:**
 - 7.1. We made a submission to apply to be a host county for August 2017 OFA meeting. It would be a two day event of tours and a dinner with OFA board members and dignitaries. As a host county we would be responsible for tour locations and arranging a bus, all other costs would be taken care of. We will be notified soon if our county was chosen.
 - 7.2. Resi was contacted by Quinte Immigration Services regarding Syrian's with an agriculture background available for work. Amy suggested they be given the Ontario Institute of Agrologists contact info.
 - 7.3. Lisa will call Barb Trotter from the Warkworth UCW to confirm a date for the annual meeting of October 14, 2106 (alternate date Oct. 21) and once this is done to notify OFA who will be advertising the information in the August edition of the Better Farming Magazine.
 - 7.4. Quarterly newsletter is out. Next issue we will move to cut mailings and rely on digital distribution. We have a mail only list of 250 members so the rest will receive digitally and this will cut our mailing down a lot from 725 members.
 - 7.5. June 14 meeting for "Grow the Greenbelt Info Session" in Cobourg with Professor Wayne Caldwell. Document emailed to directors.
8. **Reports:**
 - 8.1. Allan – June 3-4 Cobourg Safety Expo had a display by the NFA consisting of a combine courtesy of Matt Greydanus and a Tractor and air seeder by Ian and Travis Greydanus. Our table was set up filled with info resources and volunteers handed out milk and ice cream. Rutherford's Market donated the use of their freezer for the event. Resi

took a bunch of photos to include in our proud to lead funding submission. Great speakers at this event with approximately 85-100 attending the talks and possibly a total of 1000 in attendance for the event. Fred Young from Workplace Safety has an idea of developing a static display promoting road safety issues for the Ag sector with MTO funding program.

- 8.2.** Bruce – It was announced that there will be a member fee increase in 2017 to the amount of \$225. There has not been an increase in many years.
Grain Farmers of Ontario are working on a memorandum of understanding with the OFA
A change in voting privileges will enable alternate delegates to vote at the AGM if they are registered
OFA has become a member of Coalition of Ontario Manufacturers for Competitive Industrial Power Rates to help get farm electricity rates.
As business environmental cost increase OFA brainstorming on how farmers can be more competitive in this area as targets are for zero waste and increase recycle program. Trissia offered an idea on a local level that the counties coordinate with seed companies to help to develop programs to manage farm waste such as seed bags and tire collection.
- 8.3.** Resi Walk, MSR – A 911 committee is being formed to have an awareness campaign for the encouragement of emergency numbers at all farm entrances. Contact Resi if you are interested. Allan volunteered.
The Trails act has been passed and easements are voluntary for property owners.
The Hasting Farm Show is applying for funding in the proud to lead program to encourage young member engagement. The tent display this year at this event will be smaller, probably two 10x10 tents. Allan is going to look into fire extinguishers for prizes.
Resi is working on a new updated display for our zone as branding for our four counties. So far the estimate is approximately \$1000 for a 5' x 8' display and she is looking for funds from each county. **Marty/Marvin motioned that NFA contribute ¼ of the cost of this display up to the amount of \$300 CARRIED**
The President/Secretary Zone 12 meeting held in April was a great opportunity to interact with the other counties. Lisa attended Allan could not make it. Great exchange of information and ideas.
- 8.4.** Gene, PAC member – Attended the April meeting in Guelph where Cap & Trade was discussed; MPAC assessments coming out this fall for farms; different views on cruelty to animals between anglers and hunters and OFA; Social License development so agriculture industry encourages branding of trust, pride, food safety and safe operations.
- 8.5.** Trissia Mellor, County Rep – Informed us that Farm Fest in Port Hope was planning to move their event from August to the spring in 2017, possibly 1st week of June.
The new pop up banner for the OAFVC was on display. The edited print ready NFA logo will be sent to Lisa.
OMAFRA is working on a training program to design, develop and deliver *Agriculture as a Local Economic Development Opportunity*. It is expected the program will include a manual/guidebook, PowerPoint training presentation, hand-outs and activities and a summative evaluation. The primary audience is to be local and regional economic development professionals, with a secondary audience of agriculture organizations and commodity groups across Ontario. Allan plans to participate in the Integrated Economic Development Strategic Planning brainstorming session to represent NFA.

New and Other Business:

- 8.6.** Scholarship committee for 2016 is Lyle Gallagher, Gene Brahaney & Marvin McComb. The inquiries are starting to come in. Please encourage participation.
9. **Next Meeting:** Next meeting Tuesday, Jul. 12 at 7:30 pm
10. **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned by Paul at 10:05. Lunch was provided by **Marvin Stapleton of Deerhaven Equipment Belleville.**