

## Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Oct. 10, 2017 OAFVC Colborne, 7:30pm

Present: Allan Carruthers, Marty Opsteen, Lisa Meeke, Gene Brahaney, Pat Johnston, Ian Sculthorpe, Terry Linton, Bruce Buttar, Sid Atkinson, Resi Walt, Arlene Dorland, Ashley Greenly, Trissia Mellor, Paul Burnham, Marvin McComb, Lyle Gallagher, Doug Gray, Gord Sharp, Amy Petherick

1. **Call to Order:** by Allan Carruthers at 7:40 A moment of thoughts was taken for the passing of Trent Hills mayor Hector MacMillan
2. **Agenda:** Marty/Pat.....agenda accepted as amended. CARRIED
3. **Delegation/Guests:** none
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion; Doug/Ashley....Sept. minutes approved as circulated. CARRIED
5. **Financial Report:** Motion; Terry/Doug.....To approve financial statement as circulated. CARRIED
  - 5.1. Ruth Lamb has checked financials and submitted report. Ruth is still looking for second set of eyes to go over financials as suggested at last year's AGM. Both will receive two sets of tickets for the AGM for their time and trouble.
6. **Business Arising from the minutes/current issues:**
  - 6.1. AGM October 27; Tickets are distributed to directors for sale. Please sell as quickly as possible so we can give an accurate number for caterer, by Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>. Dan Needles would like a microphone with a stand and a podium. Paul offered his equipment for this use if hall does not have. Dan would also like tables set up so he is as close to the crowd as possible. He will speak for 45min. He plans to bring his new books to sell and needs a volunteer to help him take cash. Invites have been sent out to Mayors, MP, MPP and OFA Pres. Via email. Constitution and Bylaws will be presented by Arlene & Sid. Resi has a projector for crowd to see. Lisa will get 100 programs printed for the evening.  
Motion; Arlene/Gene..... NFA order door prizes for AGM 2017 from Burnham Market (two at \$50 each) CARRIED Paul will look after this task.  
Jill Brown from Scotia Bank has donated \$200 to our AGM.
  - 6.2. Scholarship committee has chosen the recipients for this year. Rebecca Redner and Christina Jibb. Their cheques will be presented at the AGM.
  - 6.3. OFA AGM will be November 20 & 21 Toronto. Three rooms are booked for Marty, Sid and elected PAC director. There is a PAC meeting prior to the AGM that old and new members are invited to attend. Gene will let Lisa know if he is able to attend so she can book an extra room. Silent auction donation discussed. Motion; Amy/Doug..... NFA donate a sculpture from Hoselton Studio. DEFEATED Motion; Marty/Pat....NFA donate a food from Northumberland gift basket from Burnham's Market to the OFA silent auction 2017. CARRIED
7. **Correspondence:**
  - 7.1. Rural Ontario Leadership Program was launched to help celebrate the achievements of those who are dedicated to helping improve the quality of life and economic development of rural Ontario. It will recognize rural residents, communities, regions and businesses who demonstrate leadership. Applications are to be submitted by Nov. 15
8. **Reports:**
  - 8.1. Allan- Thank you to NFA for donation in memory of Allan's Dad.  
Had a meeting with Jennifer Moore to continue the process of FARM 911 sign project. Still in the planning stage and working out the details.
  - 8.2. Bruce Buttar did not attend last board meeting. There was a lobby day at Queens Park last week and some of the focus was on growth in urban centers putting pressure on infrastructure. Suggestion to expand in rural centers where there is less infrastructure costs. Keith Currie has spent 20 of the last 29 days on OFA matters which shows how busy he is.  
Also OFA is not getting involved in the Port Hope solar project since the process is going along on a normal routine.
  - 8.3. Resi Walt MSR- Also attended the meeting with Jennifer Moore and it was suggested they not promote until a cohesive system is finalized for signage. FARM 911 will be doing a presentation at the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>.

Sandra Arthur of Cramahe Township made aware that her son had a collision with a courier truck while hauling hay. She would like some sort of awareness to happen. The Northumberland Ag Advisory committee is working on this awareness issue and we could suggest a slow moving vehicle sign info campaign, social media road safety campaign and or high school presentations. There was discussion of possibly having a director at large hold a position of Farm Safety Rep.

There is an Eastern Summit to deal with resolutions at OFA annual convention on Wednesday Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in Brockville for anyone interested in attending.

Lyle will deliver a member sign to John Moore. Thanks Lisa for helping Resi with replacing gate signs.

8.4. Gene, PAC member- Thank you to Gene for being the rep for so many years.

8.5. Trissia Mellor, County Rep- Looking for growers in the area to submit 10kg samples of special crops; ice burg lettuce, brassicas, endive, cauliflower, kale, sugar beets. Let Trissia know if anyone can do this.

Warkworth is looking to have Friday night in December Christmas market to be similar to Distillery market in Toronto. The OAFVC is getting funding for an eight bottle at once liquid filler to add to their facility.

Eastern Ontario food conference will be held in Ottawa Oct. 26-28<sup>th</sup>.

Municipal Agriculture Economic Development & Planning Forum in Milton Oct. 18-19<sup>th</sup>, and is open to the public.

Cannabis.....what are the thoughts & feelings of the development of that crop in this area. There was a Grow Up conference in Niagara that happened Oct. 6-7 & focused on the education, collaboration and growth of the cannabis growing industry.

8.6. Strategic Goals and Actions- next meeting need to update future goals.

8.7. Young Farmer's Forum- no update at this time

8.8. Electronic Policy Committee – Ashley reported there was a working copy and board would like to see a print copy next meeting. Need to decide if it is a policy or bylaw.

9. New and Other Business:

9.1. Sid, Paul, Resi, Mark Burnham & Trissia attended the Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> public open house in Peterborough hosted by the province to increase the awareness and provide input of the agricultural community on the province's draft Agricultural System mapping and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's Natural Heritage System across the Greater Golden Horseshoe. There was a good cross section of people in attendance and all will see what develops from this draft proposal.

10. Next Meeting: Nov. 14 Snack duty is assigned to Doug Gray

11. Adjournment: Arlene 10:05pm

Snack duty for tonight Amy Petherick