

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Sept. 13, 2017 OAFVC Colborne, 7:30pm

Present: Allan Carruthers, Marty Opsteen, Lisa Meekes, Gene Brahaney, Pat Johnston, Ian Sculthorpe, Terry Linton, Bruce Buttar, Sid Atkinson, Resi Walt, Arlene Dorland, Ashley Greenly

1. **Call to Order:** by Allan Carruthers at 7:35
2. **Agenda:** Added Food Charter Report & Solar Project Report; **Motion; Paul/Pat.....agenda accepted as amended. CARRIED**
3. **Delegation/Guests:** Jill Brown Ag rep from Scotiabank Napanee and AJ Burlington Small business rep from Scotiabank Belleville came to reminding us of the benefits for OFA members; reduced rates and discounts. They told us how they were willing to come to the farm to chat with farmers. They also were going to look into some sponsorship for our AGM.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** **Motion; Gene/Paul....Aug. minutes approved as circulated. CARRIED**
5. **Financial Report:** **Motion; Ian/Terry.....To approve financial statement as circulated. CARRIED**
6. Business Arising from the minutes/current issues:
 - 6.1. Municipal Farm Bus Tour August 11 review- Great feedback from the participants. Several said they have not had a chance to learn about this industry on such a close level. Media free zone kept a nice stress-free atmosphere. The cost of the day was \$1470.06. Ashley said she could get security booties donated for next year's event.
 - 6.2. AGM October 27; Dan Needles is booked as a speaker at a cost of \$1500.00 and the venue has been changed to The Alderville Community Center to accommodate a potential larger crowd. Quotes from Taylor's Meats (\$21.00) and The Dutch Oven (\$20.95) were received. **Motion; Terry/Sid..... Hire Taylor's Meats to cater this year's AGM. CARRIED** Lisa will get 200 tickets printed. **Motion; Arlene/Sid.... The price per ticket will be \$20 each. CARRIED** The agenda will be set to have the business part after supper then the social guest speaker will finish off the night.
 - 6.3. OFA AGM November 20 & 21 Toronto- **Motion; Pat/Ian.....Lisa book three rooms for President, Vice and PAC. CARRIED** Alternates will be selected at our AGM.
7. Correspondence: none
8. Reports:
 - 8.1. Allan- Happy about the great attendance of volunteers for the Hastings Plowing Match
 - 8.2. Bruce Buttar – Attended the annual field day held in Haldimand County this year. The three day tour had a great variety of farms to visit. Bruce feels it's a bit too long. Lisa is to send an official letter of request for Northumberland to host this event next year. We will try to combine it with our municipal tour to be efficient with our resources. **Motion; Paul/Sid..... A committee be formed for the 2018 OFA director field day. CARRIED**
An old display board was brought in to see what could be done with it. After some discussion it was decided it was too heavy and cumbersome and Resi knows a possible person willing to have it. She will contact and donate it.
 - 8.3. Resi Walt MSR-NFA will have a display at the Port Hope fair with Soil and Crop. Ian will set up and take down and Allan will go at some point.
OFA is lobbying on behalf of the farmers against the private corporate tax policy changes that will affect many. **Motion; Paul/Terry..... A letter is to be sent to the MP to express our concern about these changes. CARRIED**
The Hastings Plowing Match had lots of help at the booth. The "Farm 911" launch was a great success with lots of first responders in attendance.
 - 8.4. Gene, PAC member- The August PAC meeting was policy driven. Want feedback from counties on the policy changes - terms of office limited to five years, executive voted on at board meetings not AGM and by board members at the first meeting of the board meeting. Food evolution movie was shown at the meeting and found very interesting. Next meeting will be in October.
 - 8.5. Trissia Mellor, County Rep- absent
 - 8.6. Strategic Goals and Actions- nothing to report
 - 8.7. Young Farmer's Forum- The committee has decided to postpone this event until the New Year.
 - 8.8. Electronic Policy Committee – Ashley, Doug and Amy will be working on a policy. Until policy is in place there will be no voting online where money is to be spent.
9. New and Other Business:
 - 9.1. Pat was at the Food Charter meeting on Sept. 6. They have launched a new web site at northumberlandfoodcharter.com

9.2. Paul met with Karen Beatie who owns the land that the solar project is planned for. She was not made aware of any issues with the project. Of her 100 acres, three acres are class 6 Site location is not visible from the road. It was decided that it was not appropriate for NFA to take sides.

10. Next Meeting: Oct. 10 Snack duty is assigned to Amy Petherick

11. Adjournment: Paul 9:15 pm

Snack duty for tonight Ian Sculthorpe