

**District 13 Annual Meeting
Saturday November 19, 2016
Dorchester, Ontario**

1. Welcome and introductions:

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Melissa Johnson, District 13 Ag Director. She welcomed everyone to our annual meeting and thanked the Dorchester Agricultural Society for hosting the meeting.

Introductions were made of the Executive:
Agricultural Director - Melissa Johnson
Homecraft Director - Michelle Evanitski
Associate Homecraft Director - Kathy Williams
Secretary-Treasurer - Sharon Carter

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the 2016 District 13 Annual meeting were handed out to members as part of the registration package. Melissa called for any errors or omissions. None were indicated.

Motion: That the minutes of the 2016 District 13 meeting be accepted as presented.
Moved by: Kathy Williams
Seconded by: Pam Hillis
Carried

3. Financial Report

Sharon Carter, Secretary-Treasurer reviewed the financial statements

Bank fees were discussed.

Motion: That the Secretary-Treasurer is directed to investigate other banking options in order to reduce banking fees by changing financial institutions.
Moved by: Brenda Tipping
Seconded by: Brenda MacTavish
Carried

Motion: That the financial statements as presented be accepted.
Moved by: Brenda Tipping
Seconded by: Brenda MacTavish
Carried

4. Correspondence

Sharon reported that emails were received from OAAS Executive Elaine Rennie, Judy McFalls and Doug Yeo with regrets as they were unable to attend the District 13 Annual Meeting

5. District 13 Fair Ambassador Experience Report

- Committee Lauren Armstrong and Carleigh McInnes brought us up to date on what has happened in the fair ambassador experience during the last year.
- Items included advice, roll models, social media and communication was a big factor in the past year.
- Ilderton hosted the First Ambassador Reunion this past July. Would like to continue the reunions but not yearly

- Mock interviews to prepare for CNE were done with the help of the guest speaker Matt Garwood.
- Leftover food was used for the Ambassador day at Forest so no additional costs

6. District 13 Policy Updates

- Michelle gave an overview of some changes for the District Policies based on the OAAS Constitution
- Each fair was asked to provide feedback from the packages that were provided at the Spring 2017 meeting in relation to Section 9F Provincial Director and only one (1) fair responded
- Discussion Occurred
 - Concerns that there was not enough time
 - Did a vote on Provincial Director have to occur today
 - Lack of communication from fair secretaries to board members was raised
 - District policies can be reviewed at any time either by recommendation of the Executive or by a member fair bringing a concern

Motion: That a vote be taken on the new District 13 policies as presented. Specifically in regards to the changes with respect to the Provincial Director position and the maximum allowed votes per fair.

Moved by: Alison Warwick

Seconded by: Wayne Ramsey

Carried

7. Insurance

- Melissa presented updated information was presented on insurance coverage that is provided by the OAAS for district boards and volunteers. It was noted that there has been no changes to our policies.
- OAAS purchases insurance coverage on behalf of the OAAS Board of Directors and their OAAS District activities. Agricultural societies are not covered by the policy and must have their own insurance
- All OAAS and District activities such as Spring and Fall District meetings, District fundraisers, Ambassador events, judging schools, etc. are automatically covered
- Vince, Office Manager, OAAS needs at least ten (10) business days' notice of the event.
- If your fair is holding a fundraiser for the District you would fill out the form and forward it to your District Directors for coordination with Vince

8. General Topics/Questions from the Floor

- Homecraft
 - Michelle stated that there are some changes coming so please watch the OAAS site and hold off on your prize books for now.
 - Looking for hosts for Judging Schools, please let Michelle know
 - Changes are coming to your judges lists
- Ambassador Program at Convention
 - Something new we wanted to offer this year is stories from the past and is due by December 1 so it can be ready for convention, past and present Ambassador, or at one time known as sweetheart of Fair, or queen of the fair
 - The ambassador package is in your take-home packages today, we need your waiver and agreement signed off by due date.
 - Please provide cell phone numbers and room numbers this year so if anybody goes missing we have all the information covered.
- OAAS Updates
 - Convention - Auction
 - The OAAS is going to try something new this year so instead of raising District fees it was suggested to have a raffle, and this way you get to choose what you

want to win. The tickets will be three for five dollars or an arm length for ten dollars.

- Melissa asked the membership if district would be interested in donating a item for the live auction.
- Brian stated the tickets went over well last year
- Brain also encouraged every fair board to donate something to the Silent Auction

Motion: That District 13 spends up to two hundred dollars (\$200) for an item for the live auction.

Moved by: Beth Sawyer

Seconded by: Marysia Coutts

Carried

Action: Judy Slaughter will arrange the purchase of the live auction item.

- Convention Resolutions
 - Melissa reviewed the Roles & Responsibilities, What is a resolution, background info, guidelines, improper resolution issues and the OAAS Annual General Meeting resolution process
 - Resolutions coming from the District must be submitted by November 30th to Brian Slaughter
- Provincial Board
 - As per item # 6 District 13 will be appointment a representative from the District to act as Provincial Director for a one (1) year term
 - Provincial Board has downsized by half
 - Travel and expenses are paid from the OAAS not from the District level for the Provincial Director
 - Notes that km rate is going up to 0.40 cents

9. Guest Speaker – Karen Vecchio, Member of Parliament for Elgin-Middlesex-London

10. Ambassador Introductions

The Ambassadors joined the group before lunch. Shannon Havens and Barb McTavish lead the Ambassador session. Each Ambassador introduced themselves.

11. Round Tables

Round table discussions occurred.

12. Report from District Competition

Junior poster

1st – Tatyana - Western Fair

2nd – Sierra - Shedden

3rd – Julianna - Wyoming

Intermediate Poster

1st - Aledo - Aylmer

2nd - Thorndale

3rd - Madelaine -Wallacetown

Senior Poster

1st Thorndale

2nd Meghan - Shedden

3rd Holly - Petrolia

Cookies

- 1st – Karissa - Wyoming
- 2nd – Isaiah - Shedden
- 3rd - Bree - Dorchester

Bread

- 1st – Shauna - Brigden
- 2nd - Ruth Ann - Wallacetown
- 3rd - Rachel - Shedden

Hand Quilt

- 1st - Gladys - Forest
- 2nd - Marie - Brigden
- 3rd - Ada - Wyoming

Machine Quilt

- 1st - Tatiana - Western
- 2nd - Beth - Alvinston
- 3rd - Evelyn - Brigden

13. Open Forum

- Communication concerns were raised
 - Brenda Tipping suggested creating a District website. It was also suggested that we work with OAAS. After discussion the item was deferred to the spring meeting after a cost analysis is completed.
- Ambassador Experience Committee
 - This committee would like to better communication from the OAAS so that they can help the District Ambassadors navigate the changes that are happening
 - It was suggested that a key contact could be Kathryn Lambert
 - The Committee are at the District to act as an advocate for the youth of our District past and present and hope to keep youth engaged in agriculture
- Canada's 150th
 - Discussion occurred regarding grants and ideas such as calendars, time capsules, parades, etc.
- International Plowing Match
 - IPM is being held in Walton in September 2017. Brussels fair (District 8) will be moving their fair to the IPM host site.

14. Election of Officers

Brian Slaughter facilitated the election of officers.

Motion: That the elections be by ballot and that only two (2) members per fair be able to vote

Moved by: Irene Jardine

Seconded by: Gary Atkinson

Carried

Motion: That Barb Racher be appointed to count the ballots.

Moved by: Doug Krall

Seconded by:

Carried

Brain Slaughter declared that all offices are vacation and asked for nominations.

Provincial Director

- Brenda Tipping nominated Melissa Johnson
- Beth Sawyer nominated Mark Williams
- Brenda MacTavish nominated Michelle Evanitski
- All 3 accepted the nomination
- After ballots were counted Melissa Johnson was declared the District 13 Provincial Director for a one (1) year term

Agricultural District Director

- Alison Warwick nominated Brenda Tipping
- Harold Thompson nominated Mark Williams
- No further nominations came forward
- Mark Williams thanked Harold for his nomination but declined to stand for the position
- Brenda Tipping accepted the nomination and was declared the District 13 Agricultural Director

Associate Agricultural District Director

- Gary Atkinson nominated Lauren Armstrong
- Michelle Evanitski nominated Judy Krall
- No further nominations came forward
- Both accepted the nomination
- After ballots were counted Laruen Armstrong was declared the District 13 Associate Agricultural Director

Homecraft District Director

- Brenda Tipping nominated Michelle Evanitski
- Stephanie McCallum nominated Judy Krall
- No further nominations came forward
- Both accepted the nomination
- After ballots were counted Michelle Evanitski was declared the District 13 Homecraft Director

Associate Homecraft District Director

- Alison Warwick Nominated Kathy Williams
- Kathy accepted the nomination and was declared the District 13 Associate Homecraft Director

Secretary-Treasurer

- Wanye Ramsey nomination Sharon Carter
- Sharon Carter accepted the nomination and was declared the District 13 Secretary-Treasurer

Motion: That the elections ballots be destroyed

Moved by: Irene Jardine

Seconded by: Gary Atkinson

Carried

15. Presentations, Upcoming meetings & Closing remarks

- Attendance Award: Bridgen Fair
- Ambassador Congeniality: Bridget Heeman, Thorndale Fair
- Spring Meeting 2017 – Forest
- Fall Meeting 2017 – Rodney
- Raffle draws were completed from the 17 donations
- Several fairs announced upcoming events
- Reminder to pick up prize money and receipts for district fees

- Request to fill out Fair Information form and return to District Secretary-Treasurer and to keep her updated on any changes in your fair executives or dates

Motion: That the District 13 Fall meeting be adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Moved by: Marysia Coutts

Carried