

**District 13 Spring Meeting
Thursday April 14, 2016
Wallacetown, Ontario**

1. Welcome and introductions:

Brian Slaughter, welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

The Honourable Cameron McWilliam, Mayor of Wallacetown brought greetings and thanks to all the fair boards for all their volunteering and their devoted attention each person brings to their fair.

2. Directors Updates

- Brian provided an update on OAAS Activities
 - OAAS has been busy preparing policy guidelines for approval at the fall Annual Meetings
 - Each fair board will be mailed a copy of the tentative guidelines to review with their boards and have a chance to provide feedback and comments by September 1
 - A vote will be called at the November 19th Annual meeting for passage of the Policy Guidelines
 - OAAS Office Manager
 - Vince Brennan has been hired and will be assuming the roles of Secretary and Treasurer. His information is being sent to all fairs.
 - Kathryn Lambert will remain as Convention Administrator and all of her contact info stays the same
- Michelle provided an update on Homecraft activities
 - Judging Schools are being held in Wyoming and Forest
 - New judging books are now on sale
 - New for 2017 OAAS is removing bread competition and will be having a butter tart competition instead
- Melissa gave an update about the First Impressions Program applications are now due

3. Election of Officers

Brian Slaughter tendered his resignation as Agricultural Director after 2 years as he is now the 2nd Vice President at the OAAS.

Motion: That Melissa Johnson be appointed Agricultural Director for District 13

Moved by: Carrie Fraleigh DeSchutter

Seconded by: Pam Hill

Carried

Brian Slaughter called for nominations for the Associate Agricultural Director.

- Joan Edwards nominated Angela McDonald from Forest Fair
- Michelle Evanitski nominated Ian Ferguson from Thorndale Fair
- Ian declined the nomination
- Angela accepted the nomination and was declared the District 13 Associate Agricultural Director

4. OAAS Changes

Melissa Johnson gave an overview of some of the changes that are coming from the OAAS

- Provincial Director
 - The OAAS board is downsizing and the new Provincial Director will be the voice of the district at the OAAS Board

- The Homecraft Director and the Agricultural Director will no longer sit on the board
- This position will need to be filled at the Annual Meeting
- Mileage
 - For 2017 the OAAS will be providing \$1000 to each District to help cover the cost of travel to fairs for the Homecraft and Agricultural Directors

5. Open Forum

- Discussion occurred regarding changing District Fees
 - District fees needs to be part of the District Policy Guidelines
- Banners are available if anyone would like to use them at their events
- Ambassador Experience
 - Lauren and Carleigh are helping with the Ambassador Day hosted by Forest on July 16th. Information will be forwarded to Sharon to circulate to all the fairs
- Ambassador Reunion
 - Ilderton is hosting the 1st Ambassador Reunion on June 11th starting at 11 a.m. Invites will be posted on facebook and the OAAS site. May 7th is the deadline for RSVP
 - Reminder that the insurance form needs to be completed and sent in
- CNE
 - Reminder that there will be a van going to CNE on Sunday August 21st from Ilderton. An email will be sent closer to the date with details
- Annual Meeting
 - Rodney has asked to switch their year to next year. Dorchester will host the November 2016 Annual Meeting
- Spirit Award
- Future Round Table Topics
 - Working together with your Municipality
 - Agriculture for Ambassadors
- Fair Announcements were shared

ACTION: Sharon to send Joan Edwards all Ambassadors contact information

6. Adjournment

Motion: That the spring 2016 meeting be adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Moved by: Carrie Fraleigh DeSchutter

Seconded by: Joan Edwards