

## **Minutes of the DISTRICT 4 OAAS SPRING MEETING**

**HOST: Peterborough Agricultural Society LOCATION: Lindsay  
Exhibition Grounds**

**Thursday April 19, 2018**

Doors opened 6:30 PM

**Present:** 38 members representing 16 of our 18 Agricultural Societies, Provincial Director Zachery Prescott, District Directors Barry Van Camp, Andrew Icton (meeting Chair), Secretary/treasurer Beth Meszaros

Guest panelists: Todd Graves (Fire Department), Sargent Kirk Robertson (Kawartha Lakes Police Department) Mike Wood EMS (rescue 7)

Regrets: District Director Margaret Taylor-Sevier, Past District Director Medda Burnett

Andrew Icton welcomed all to our meeting at 7 p.m. As a roll call he asked each fair present to share something new that they are planning for their fair in 2018(see attachment 1)

Andrew then introduced our District executive.

Thank you was extended to Marion Blackburn for her years of service as a District Homecraft Director

Recognition of Frances Tuffs from Orono for the Merit Award that she received for her work with the First Impressions committee

Congratulated Norwood Agricultural Society as they are to celebrate their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

Acknowledged Joyce McMullen a super volunteer from Sunderland who turns 100 this year.

Andrew handed out the First Impression certificates to the Agricultural Societies that completed this program in 2017.

**Approval of Agenda:** Accepted by Marilyn Hill, Brooklin 2<sup>nd</sup> by Suzanne Barker, Lindsay carried

**Minutes of the last meeting:** Read by Beth Meszaros. Accepted by Kristin Williamson, Brooklin 2<sup>nd</sup> Guy Scott, Kinmount, carried

No business from minutes.

**Treasurer's report:** Beth Meszaros reported that we have no outstanding bills. The balance in the bank account as of March 29, 2018 was \$3381.24. Accepted by Dwayne Thomas, Minden/ Haliburton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Michael DiLella, Orono

There were no reports from District Directors given.

**Provincial Directors Report** given by Zachery Prescott (see attachment 2)

Andrew Icton then asked if anyone would like to be a part of the nomination committee as we have to fill one Directors position as his term is a 1 year term. No one volunteered to help on this committee.

We then moved to our program A Panel Discussion- IF NOT NOW THEN WHEN  
PLANNING FOR EMERGENCIES IF NOT US THEN WHO

Panelist: Todd Graves (fire department), Mike Wood (EMS), Sargent Kirk Robertson (Kawartha Lakes Police), Moderator Dave Grandy

(see attachment 3)

Thank you was extended to Peterborough for hosting and Lindsay for the use of their facilities.

Next meeting date: Saturday, October 27, 2018 Centreville Church Hall- Blackstock Ag Society will be our host for this meeting.

Andrew adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

**Attachment 1**

**Roll Call Responses:**

Brooklin: George Canyon concert. Note their fair is in approximately 60 days and fair books are out and there are some here if anyone is interested.

Sunderland: Due to most likely being unable to acquire a midway they are looking at enhancing the bouncy castles. They are searching for entertainment for those 9 years and up. Large rabbit show, lots going on in the arena with exhibits etc.

Blackstock: Is planning a back seat driver competition

Minden/ Haliburton: Miniature horse derby, local entertainment, horse drawn plowing match

Port Hope: Still working on plans. Ag education day on Friday

Beaverton: Are now a 2 day fair. Struggle with bouncy castle provider

Orono: Axe throwing competition, Friday night concert featuring the James Barker band, Sheep to Shawl demonstration

Port Perry: Their book will be on the website very soon

Peterborough: Dodge Ram Rodeo, Super Dogs, axe throwing, Special needs day on Friday

Kinmount; Featuring The Bazaar Past and Future, will have teachers teaching cursive writing, super hero day, strongman competition

Uxbridge: Tractor pull Friday, leaf blower soccer

Lindsay: free parking pay gates will be after you park and then enter the grounds, battle of the bands

Norwood: 150th anniversary, giving back to the community by running fundraisers for a Hospice in their Community. Sponsoring a Next Generation Leahy concert, RCMP musical ride on June 12 &13

Bobcaygeon: 160 yrs. The Memories- rebranding logo

Millbrook: Thursday will be children's day, bake sale auction

Wilberforce: Biggest little fair around, has no midway and do not really feel it is needed.

## **Attachment 2**

### **Provincial Director Report**

Check the Assist Expo information for your Society to make sure it is correct.

Anyone with suggestions for roundtable discussions at the convention are asked to send them in

From surveys it was noted that there is a request for more home craft topics particularly make and take

The craft display at the Convention for 2018 will be cancelled. Societies are asked to submit digital pictures of crafts.

When picking items to go to the convention be sure that they meet all the competition standards. There are several items that are disqualified because they do not meet the standards.

Looking for Gazette articles.

Information about rabies Immunization vaccines is available on the website

Working with 4-H Ontario to create an activism webinar

Convention survey report is online.

Convention video is coming

OAAS flags are available.

Twelve fairs have showed an interest in participating in First Impressions

The Strategic Plan has been completed and the OAAS has decided to focus on 4 pillars

1. Member Services
2. Organization and Sustainability
3. Collaboration and Dialogue
4. Marketing

2019 convention will be held at the Sheraton Parkway in Richmond Hill on Feb. 14 to 16, 2019

Policies considering asking for Police checks for all Provincial and District Directors

### **Attachment 3**

#### **Summary of Panel Discussion**

The Police Department objectives

1. to make the safest and best experience ever
2. try to make their involvement less and less

Issues for the Police Department

1. traffic and pedestrian flow
2. rowdy patrons
3. missing children

When creating an emergency plan the Police will advise a board if asked.

Fire Department

Cannot stress enough the need to communicate clearly

Develop a severe weather plan

Small fairs that do not use radios should use phone numbers

Plan ahead.

EMS

EMS is used as first event responders and deal with everything that falls under basic life support.

Be aware that there are more and more liability issues.

Conclusion

The key is Communication

When making a plan put in place a chain of command, know who is going to make decisions. Create structure but do not make it complicated

Make sure you have a land line in the office