

BLACKFALDS AG SOCIETY
Minutes of January 20, 2015
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Attendance:

Kevin Baughman	Vic Schweiger	Sherri Klam	Wayne Tutty
Kylie Sjare	Dena Thomas	Elsie Howard	Murray Howard
Heather Kanngieser	Taryn Kanngieser	Maria Pais-Martins	Larry Ellis
Mat Reijnders			

13 Attendees in total

1.0 Call to order at 7:02 pm

2.0 Introduction of Guest(s) & New Members

Sherri welcomed Heather and Taryn Kanngieser and Larry Ellis as new members of the Ag Society. Introductions were made and Sherri expressed her thanks on behalf of the Ag Society membership to the new members for joining the Ag Society.

3.0 Reading and Amendments of Agenda

The Agenda was made available at the start of the meeting. Wayne added item 8.3 Bench Update to the Agenda. Dena makes a motion to accept the amended Agenda. **CARRIED**

4.0 Last meeting minutes – December 16, 2014

The minutes were circulated via email to the membership and hand-outs were made available at the start of the meeting.

Wayne makes a motion to accept the Minutes of the last meeting as circulated. **CARRIED**

5.0 Delegations

5.1 Potential Market Manager – Shera-Lee Karras

Shera-Lee is a candidate for the Blackfalds Farmers' Market and present at this meeting to introduce herself to the membership.

Shera-Lee recently moved from Sylvan to Blackfalds and is a stay-at-home mom. Last season she visited the Blackfalds Farmers' Market on a number of occasions and it quickly became her favorite day of the week. She has no experience as a Market Manager but has lots of volunteer experience in various organisations and is involved in the community. Shera-Lee is available for a market manager training course through AAAS and Maria is available to help her as well.

Maria had already indicated that to run the market well hiring an assistant market manager would be very helpful. At this time we have no potential candidates for the assistant market manager position.

Sherri thanked Shera-Lee for coming. Shera-Lee left the meeting and a discussion was held.

Kylie makes a motion to appoint Shera-Lee as the new Blackfalds Farmers' Market Manager. **CARRIED**

6.0 Addresses and Reports of Officers

6.1 Financial Report

The latest Income and Expense Statements were presented by Kylie.

Dena makes a motion to accept the financial statements as presented. **CARRIED**

7.0 Reports of Committees

7.1 Blackfalds Farmers' Market

Maria thanked the membership for taking a chance with her.

She indicated that all vendors are looking forward to coming back in the new season.

Sherri thanked her for all the time and effort she put into the Market.

Maria ordered an ad to be put in the Blackfalds Summer & Spring Guide for a total cost of \$92.40.

Dena makes a motion to pay \$92.40 for the ad. **CARRIED**

Dena was wondering if Shera-Lee is interested in managing the special markets as well. Maria hasn't mentioned the special markets to Shera-Lee as of yet.

8.0 Unfinished Business/Updates

8.1 Financials

The financial paperwork was returned by the auditor on January 14, 2015. The deadline to submit the financials to the Provincial Government was January 15. This year for the first time there is also the possibility to submit the paperwork by email. Sherri made use of this option to make sure the financials were submitted on time.

8.2 Grant

The grant application was finalized. The total amount the Ag Society applied for was \$37,859.50. This includes the Base Grant of \$17,000.00 which Ag Societies are eligible for if at least one agriculture related event per year is organized. For our Ag Society this agriculture related event is the Farmers' Market.

8.3 Bench Update

Wayne let the family of Florence know that a bench with memorial plaque was installed in Willow Park overlooking the acreage where Florence lived. Florence's family was very appreciative of this.

9.0 Requests/New Business

9.1 Hall rental – Balance

Just a reminder that the hall rental fee for next year's Farmers' Market season must be paid by May 14, 2015.

9.2 Laptop

The current laptop has some missing keys and is not able to connect to the Internet anymore. Wayne suggests buying a new laptop. Sherri will check with Trish to locate the installation disks for Simply Accounting.

Wayne makes a motion to approve \$500 to purchase a new laptop.

CARRIED

Sherri will look into selling or donating the old laptop.

10.0 Correspondence

10.1 Mail

The Ag Society received a Thank-You note from the Blindman 4H Club at the meeting. The card and home-made cookies (very good!) were presented by Heather and Taryn Kanngieser.

11.0 Upcoming Events

11.1 Farmers' Market

The Farmers' Market will be held from May 14 until October 1, 2015.

11.2 Casino

The casino fundraising will take place in September 2015.

12.0 Payables

Not applicable.

13.0 Next Meeting

Next meeting will be on February 17, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Ag Room at the Arena.

14.0 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Kevin at 7:32 pm.

CARRIED