

BLACKFALDS AG SOCIETY
Minutes of November 18, 2014
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Attendance:

Kevin Baughman	Vic Schweiger	Sherri Klam	Kylie Sjare
Wayne Tutty	Elsie Howard	Murray Howard	Trish Willis
Dena Thomas	Mat Reijnders		

10 Attendees in total

1.0 Call to order at 7:01 pm

2.0 Introduction of Guest(s) & New Members

No new members or Guests.

3.0 Reading and Amendments of Agenda

The Agenda was made available at the start of the meeting. No additional items were added.
Trish makes a motion to accept the agenda.

CARRIED

4.0 Last meeting minutes – October 21, 2014

The minutes were circulated via email to the membership and hand-outs were made available at the start of the meeting.
Dena makes a motion to accept the minutes of last meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

5.0 Delegations

Emily and Tara Bickley made a presentation on behalf of the Blindman 4H Light Horse Club. The club is asking for help to cover some of the cost for riding arena rental, riding instructor, clinics etc.
The Ag Society has sponsored the Blindman 4H Club several times in the past. Vic mentioned that if we have sponsored them before there is no reason that we shouldn't help them out this time. Also because it is a clearly agriculture related activity. Vic is wondering if it is possible to get some sort of report showing what the funds have been used for.
Dena makes a motion to sponsor the Blindman 4H Light Horse Club in the amount of \$2,000. Motion is seconded by Elsie.

CARRIED

6.0 Addresses and Reports of Officers

6.1 Financial Report

Income and Expense Statements (as per October 31, 2014) were presented by Kylie.
There are still some outstanding deposits and the financial year needs to be closed off.
Wayne moved to approve the financial report as presented.

CARRIED

7.0 Reports of Committees

7.1 Blackfalds Farmers' Market

Maria had requested to rent a Santa Clause to give out candy canes and stickers at the Christmas Farmers' Market on December 12. She estimates that \$250 should cover the cost.
Dena makes a motion to approve \$250 for the rental of Santa Clause.

CARRIED

Maria would like to advertise for an assistant manager to help organize next season's Farmers' Markets. Sherri will email Maria for additional info regarding responsibilities and salary expectations for this new position.

In the meantime the Ag Society has no issue paying \$50 for an assistant manager to help out with the Christmas Farmers' Market.
Trish makes a motion to support this.

CARRIED

Trish talked to Sean Barnes (Town of Blackfalds) regarding the community hall rental fees for next season. They didn't come to a conclusion although Sean did agree that in the end the Town will benefit from the profits of the Markets in some way. Trish will try to have an answer by next meeting.

8.0 Unfinished Business/Updates

8.1 Grant Application

The grant application must be submitted and received by the Provincial Government by January 15, 2015 to be eligible for grant funding.

On December 2, 2014 a meeting will be held at 7:00pm in the Ag Room to complete the grant application. Wayne, Sherri, Kylie and Mat will attend.

Sherri will email Carol to see if the Ag Room is available.

9.0 Requests/New Business

9.1 Jim Hurley Memorial Skate – Email

An email was received from a concerned resident regarding older youth misbehaving at the Jim Hurley Free Skate. The resident would like to see somebody supervise the event so this behavior doesn't happen. The membership feels that this is not up to the Ag Society since we only sponsor the event. The Town and the staff of the Arena are responsible for supervising the participants and make sure they follow the Arena rules.

9.2 Inter-agency Open House for networking – Red Deer

The Ag Society received an invitation to attend a meeting to network with different volunteer organizations. Invitation is acknowledged but the membership agrees it does not apply to the Ag Society.

9.3 Recruiting more members – ideas

Sherri has booklets with information about the Ag Society which were handed out at the last Parade. However the booklets are in desperate need of updating. Sherri will look into this. After new copies have been printed they will be posted at several businesses and facilities around Blackfalds such as the Town Office, Abbey Centre, The Grind, Family Foods etc. Also handouts will be made available to Maria to be given out at the Farmers' Markets.

A motion is made by Trish asking Sherri to update the brochures and have Sideline Printing print 100 copies.

CARRIED

10.0 Correspondence

The following correspondence was received:

10.1 Agri-Business Forward

10.2 Real Estate Wealth

Was deposited in the Ag Society mailbox by mistake. Wayne will return the item to the post office.

11.0 Upcoming Events

11.1 Christmas Market – December 12

See also agenda item 7.1.

11.2 Christmas Supper next meeting December 16

Vic makes a motion to have a potluck dinner before our next meeting on December 16, 2014.

Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm.

12.0 Payables

Sherri purchased gift cards to say thanks to Dena, Carol and Trish for their contribution to the Ag Society in past years.

Motion by Wayne to pay \$325 to Sherri Klam.

CARRIED

13.0 Next Meeting

Next meeting will be on December 16, 2014 in Ag Room at the Arena.

A potluck dinner will be served at 6:00 pm.

14.0 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Murray at 7:47 pm.

CARRIED