

BLACKFALDS AG SOCIETY
Minutes of October 15, 2013 Meeting
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Attendance:

Kevin Baughman	Dena Thomas	Carol Simpson	Les Simpson
Tristina Branconnier	Vic Schweiger	Sherri Klam	Kylie Sjare
Wayne Tutty	Elsie Howard	Murray Howard	Trish Willis
Mat Reijnders			

13 Attendees in total

1.0 Call to order at 7:09 pm

2.0 Introduction of Guest(s) & New Members:

No new members or Guests. All attendees paid the yearly membership fee of \$1.00.

3.0 Reading and Amendments of Agenda

The Agenda was made available at the start of the meeting.

Amendments:

- Add: Election of Officers
- Add: Election of 5 Directors
- Add: Signing Authorities
- Add: 8.3 FCSS Meeting – Children’s Charter
- Add: 9.2 Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission – AGLC
- Delete: 11.3

Sherri makes a motion to approve the amendments.

CARRIED

4.0 Election of Officers

4.1 Election of President

1st Call: Elsie nominates Trish Willis. Trish accepts the nomination.

Elsie makes a motion to cease nominations.

Trish Willis will be President for the 2013-2014 Year.

CARRIED

4.2 Election of Vice-President

1st Call: Tristina nominates Dena Thomas. Dena accepts the nomination.

Murray makes a motion to cease nominations.

Dena Thomas will be Vice-President for the 2013-2014 Year.

CARRIED

4.3 Election of Treasurer

1st Call: Dena nominates Tristina Branconnier. Tristina accepts the nomination.

Murray makes a motion to cease nominations.

Tristina Branconnier will be Treasurer for the 2013-2014 Year.

CARRIED

4.4 Election of Secretary

1st Call: Elsie nominates Mat Reijnders. Mat accepts the nomination.

Vic makes a motion to cease nominations.

Mat Reijnders will be Secretary for the 2013-2014 Year.

CARRIED

4.5 Election of Casino Coordinator

1st Call: Wayne nominates Carol Simpson. Carol accepts the nomination.
Sherri makes a motion to cease nominations.
Carol Simpson will be Casino Coordinator for the 2013-2014 Year.

CARRIED

4.6 Directors

Three Year Directors:

Elsie nominates Vic Schweiger. Vic accepts the nomination.
Murray nominates Kevin Baughman. Kevin accepts the nomination.
Dena nominates Kylie Sjare. Kylie accepts the nomination.

Directors for 2013-2014 Year:

Kevin nominates Les Simpson. Les accepts the nomination.
Elsie nominates Sherri Klam. Sherri accepts the nomination.

CARRIED

4.7 Signing Authorities

The following accounts will require the signature of 2 of 4 of the executive of the Blackfalds District Agricultural Society:

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| • Blackfalds District Agricultural Society
Branch 31629-899 Member 1265880 | 600108328239 |
| • Jim Hurley Memorial Trust
Branch 31629-899 Member 1265436 | 600107509581 |
| • Blackfalds Agricultural Society Raffle
Branch 31629-899 Member 1265304 | 600300002774 |

The following account will require the signature of the Casino Coordinator and 1 of 4 of the executive of Blackfalds & District Ag Society:

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| • Blackfalds District Agricultural Society Casino
Branch 31629-899 Member 1265342 | 600110016964 |
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The following account will require 2 of the following signatures: President, Vice-President, and Secretary:

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| • Blackfalds Farmers' Market
Branch 3169-899 Member 1265351 | 600100021089 |
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Since there are no changes to the executive and Casino Coordinator no changes to the signing authorities are necessary.
Dena makes a motion that no changes are to be made regarding the signing authorities.

CARRIED

5.0 Last Meeting Minutes – September 17, 2013

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 as circulated.

CARRIED

6.0 Addresses and Reports of Officers

6.1 Financial Report

Report read by Tristina.

Les moved to approve the financial report as presented.
CARRIED

7.0 Reports of Committees

7.1 Thank You – Tristina

To say thank you and as a token of our appreciation for being the Blackfalds Farmer's Market Manager these past years Trish presented to Tristina a \$100 gift certificate for Family Foods and a \$25 gift certificate for Subway.

7.2 Future of Farmers' Market

The season's last market was finished with 5 vendors and about 30 customers while the season started with 25 vendors and 200 to 300 customers.

The change to a different time and day of the week as well as having the market outside did not have the desired effect.

Very frustrating for Tristina as market manager is the fact that Blackfalds residents are saying on Facebook not to go to the Blackfalds Farmers' Market.

The special markets at the Community Hall seem to be doing much better. The October market attracted 30 vendors and 200 customers. Special markets to be considered are during Blackfalds Days, Winterfest in February, Mother's Day and during the oct/nov/dec period.

To be eligible as a Farmers' Market the Ag Society needs to hold at least 8 markets a year. Not clear is if the 8 markets have to be held consecutively.

Tristina makes a motion to abandon the Market as of December 31, 2013. Kylie suggests to make sure the 8 markets have to be consecutive before we take this step.

If we don't go ahead with the Farmers' Market this coming season we need to find another agriculture related event to sponsor/organize so we don't lose our yearly grant of \$17,500. Ideas brought forward include: petting zoo, continuation of the plant-a-planter program, barrel race or other horse event, community gardens (e.g. provide dinner during harvest; sell harvest at a market), canning/preserving course, food safety course (Alberta Health Services).

Les, Carol, Trish and Mat volunteered to go to Agri-Trade to see if there are people we can network with and come up with new ideas for an agricultural event.

Agri-Trade is from Nov. 6-9 at the Westerner in Red Deer.

Tristina was able to find the grant eligibility requirements for Farmers' Markets:

Minimum of 10 markets, at least 2 hours per market day with a minimum of 10 vendors of which 8 must be selling homemade products.

8.0 Unfinished Business/Updates

8.1 2014 Budget

Trish calculated what the expenses were for last season and it turned out to be almost \$37,000. A detailed list of expenses is shown on the agenda for this meeting. Big ticket items are ACCA Youth Camp, naming rights for the Field House, Blindman 4H Club and expenses related to legal requirements such as insurance, audit and membership fees. Trish mentioned that we tend to approve funding requests ad hoc. The Ag Society needs to decide what is important.

Our policy is to sponsor up to 10 kids each year to go to the ACCA Youth Camp. This includes bus fees and other fees. Tristina proposes to change the policy to sponsor up to 5 kids including all fees. Carol says the Youth Camp has a huge impact in kid's lives. It teaches them skills that are beneficial in their future lives. Instead of minimizing the number of kids we should perhaps consider cutting the donations of for example the 4H club.

Maybe we should be looking into fundraising possibilities like organizing a Bull Buster or a Grey Cup Party?

After some discussion we tentatively agreed to donate a maximum amount of \$1000 per year for non-agricultural events on a first come-first serve basis.

Trish proposes to make a budget list for next meeting so we have a more clear understanding on where the money is coming from and where it all goes.

8.2 4H Funding Request

The Ag Society received a \$6,585 donation request from Blindman 4H Club. Trish talked to Tamara about their Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission (AGLC) License. Tamara indicated that the 4H Club is an eligible recipient even though the club does not have an AGLC License.

Motion made by Carol to defer this item to the November meeting.

CARRIED

8.3 FCSS Meeting – Children's Charter

Dena went to the meeting. Total attendance was 10 people from different agencies and elementary school. The goal was to get different ideas what children want to see, to try to equalize the playing field and how to reach families in need.

Trish thanked Dena for attending.

9.0 Requests/New Business

9.1 Blackfalds Bulldogs – Bantam Hockey

The Ag Society received a donation request from the Blackfalds Bulldogs. They are hosting a hockey tournament and are asking items to be included in a prize raffle.

Dena makes a motion to donate a sweatshirt and book.

CARRIED

9.2 Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission – AGLC

Carol let the membership know that the Casino License has been moved up from the 4th quarter of 2015 to the 3rd quarter of 2015. The exact date will be determined by computerized random draw in February of 2015.

10.0 Correspondence

10.1 Leadership Summit AAAS – sent via email

11.0 Upcoming Events

11.1 Gathering of Alberta Co-Operative Conference – November 1-2, 2013 – Red Deer – Holiday Inn – Gasoline Alley

11.2 Alberta Showcase – October 18-20, 2013 – Red Deer

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12.0 Payables

12.1 Motion by Sherri to move \$210 from General Account to Farmers' Market Account **CARRIED**

12.2 Motion by Dena to pay \$3,450 for Tristina's honorarium (23 markets x \$150/market) **CARRIED**

12.3 Motion by Carol to pay \$362.53 to Trish for Thank-You gift and AGM dinner **CARRIED**

13.0 Next Meeting

Next meeting will be on November 19, 2013 at 7:00 pm in Ag Room.

14.0 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Vic at 8:38 pm. **CARRIED**

END OF MEETING