

**DRESDEN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

February 27, 2024

Minutes

6:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE – Dwayne McFadden, John Cowan, Laurie Cowan, Rob Doyle, Dennis Duford, Claudette Lemesurier, Ron Hillman, Hope Dickson, Kris Stocking, Jennifer Morgan, Sandra McFadden, Don Mackenzie, Lucille Laprise, Bill Brown, Carolyn Brown, Scott Dubuque, Brad Wardel, Steve Ball, Scott McKay

QUROM - Yes

1. Call to Order - 6:27 p.m.

2. Welcome

Thank you for coming.

Motion to accept the agenda: Lucille Laprise; 2nd Carolyn Brown; carried.

3. Minutes of Previous AGM - They have been posted on the website since last year.

Motion to accept 2023 minutes: Jennifer Morgan; 2nd Ron Hillman; carried.

4. Financial Report - Scott McKay from BDO

Scott introduced himself and explained that he is an independent auditor and used the Canadian Accounting Standards for not for profits for the audit.

He went on to say that there is no test for completeness for revenue from donations, fundraising etc.

Scott then outlined the auditor's responsibilities and reviewed the Statement of Cash Flows.

He then went on to review notes:

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Note 2: restated HST – map out the change from 2022.

Note 4: Buildings and Equipment – went over Cost; Amortization; and Net Book Value.

Note 5: long term debt – tractor loan.

Note 6: Capital Contributions.

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Notes 8 & 9 -racing grants and deferred revenue.

Scott suggested that in the future that a portion of wages be allocated to the Ag Society.

Management Letter

Scott suggested having documentation for deposits. Having incoming monies counted twice.

The money room account should be balanced more often.

HST has been settled with CRA.

5. OAAS Update – Alicia Van Esse/ Carolyn Brown

- a. There are new policies regarding contact tracing. They are taking the responsibility from the fairs and putting it onto the owners.
- b. **OMAFRA** is requiring all fairs to change their constitution. OAAS will provide a template and all fairs **MUST** comply.
- c. 2024 convention was last weekend. There was a change to the executives. The OAAS website is not available to the general public, it is members only. The Fair book poster competition has been omitted for 2025. Spring Webinars are to be announced.

UPDATES:

Tractor Pull 2023 (Alicia)

It was put on by Good Time Tractor Pullers Association. It was delayed but stayed in the black. We had a live band that was sponsored, it didn't work. We had poor attendance, because of the weather. This year's Pull will be on Friday 26 July 2024.

Demo Derby 2023 (Ron and Hope)

Didn't go very well. Had a good car count, but a low spectator turnout due to the bad weather. This year we will be having an ATV rodeo on Saturday and the derby on Sunday. 18-19 May 2024.

Fair 2023 (Carolyn and Sandra)

The fair book is available. It will be posted on the website 1 March 2024. We have had a good response from teachers and 4H. Vegetable classes had few entries last year. We have introduced some new classes. We need more entries in the culinary arts.

Barn Area (Rob Doyle Barn Liaison)

Everything has been fairly quiet.

Racing 2023 and upcoming Capital Projects (Claudette)

Racing – had a good year. Introduced Caesar Sundays. Handle increased approximately 17%.

Capital Projects – adding an addition to the paddock so we can have Lasix. Will be getting a new track conditioner and doing repairs on Barn 2. We have concerns for security. The funding for the old slot building ends in 2026.

Nominations for the Board

Alicia Van Esse made a motion that Rob Doyle be scrutineer. 2nd Carolyn Brown; carried.

- a) Hope Dickson nominated Alicia Van Esse who accepted for 2 years.
- b) Ron Hillman nominated Bill Brown who accepted for 2 years.
- c) Kris Stocking nominated Steve Ball who accepted for 1 year.
- d) Don Mackenzie nominated Jennifer Morgan who accepted for 1 year.
- e) Ron Hillman nominated Brad Wardel who accepted for 3 years.
- f) Claudette Lemesurier nominated Chris Marchand for 1 year. (Chris was not present)
- g) Bill Brown nominated Dennis Duford who accepted for 1 year.

Adjournment – 7:30 Don Mackenzie made the motion to adjourn the meeting.