

DRESDEN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

February 18, 2025

Minutes

6:30 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE – Scott McKay, Kris Stocking, Stephen Ball, Sandra McFadden, Dwayne McFadden, Alicia VanEsse, Cheryl Cameron, George Carther, Randy McFadden, Todd Orton, Von Parking

QUROM - Yes

1. **Call to Order** – 6:40

1. **Welcome** – Kris asked Alicia to chair the meeting.

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

Stephen made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous AGM. Sandra seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

1. **Financial Report - Scott McKay from BDO**

Scott walked us thorough the financial statements. He pointed out that cash had increased mostly due to the settlement with CRA over the HST. The deferred revenue had increased due to the \$230,000 in Capital Improvements that had been completed. See the financial statements for details. They are available on the website.

1. **OAAS Update** – Alicia Van Esse/ Carolyn Brown

District 9 is a small district made up of only Highgate, Dresden and Comber.

Grace stepped down as president and has been replaced by Corey Gosnel from Highgate. Corey is a lawyer in London. Alicia and Carolyn are the representatives from Dresden and Collin is the secretary.

OMAFRA has decided that all Agricultural Societies need to have the same constitution. A general constitution has been sent to all fair boards to be adjusted to each fair. The new constitution has been presented to the membership and will be voted in at next year's AGM. You can view the constitution on our website.

UPDATES:

Tractor Pull 2024 (Don and Alicia)

The tractor pull was successful. The weather was nice, no rain, bar sales were up and expenses were down. Dresden Hockey Moms took admissions at the front gate. The 50/50 draw was down a little from last year. We are in talks with Goodtimes Truck Pullers Association for a show in 2025.

Demo Derby 2024 (Ron and Hope)

It was successful. In the Team Trucks event we had 30 trucks. The other classes had fewer entries. The track was too dry and dusty. The total at the end of the night was a little short, but the announcer was paid out of registrations.

Fair 2024 (Carolyn and Sandra)

For the schools, we had classes that were related to what is in the school curriculum. The photography class was huge. We needed to get new shelves for the fine arts/ hobbies classes. Grains saw more entries in the new classes, but older classes had fewer entries. We did not have a mid-way, but we did have inflatables, the hockey hall of fame and flat track was successful. Expenses were increases due to the extra exhibits. The night market being on the same Saturday may have hurt attendance.

We have changed classes for 2025. New for this year is a baby photo contest.

Barn Area (Rob Doyle Barn Liaison)

Everything has gone well over the last year in the barn area,

Racing 2024 and upcoming Capital Projects

Attendance was about the same. Online betting increased. We had an event for each race date, however there is always room for improvement. The Lasix program was well received.

Approximately \$230,000 in Capital Projects were completed last year including a new track conditioner, an extension onto the paddock and improvements to the barns.

Nominations for the Board

George Carter and Randy McFadden were nominated for the board.

Adjournment – 8:03