



Location: Brussels Library

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 4th, 2024

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Brussels Agricultural Society General Meeting

In Attendance

Reg Vinnicombe, Glenda Morrison, Rosie Kellington, Maggie Speer, Monique Baan, Jackie Garniss, Jeff Cardiff, Cathy Cardiff, Pam McLellan, Dorothy Cummings, MaryAnn Thompson, Mary Douma, Marie Perry, Linda Garland, Joan Bernard, Rhonda McArter, Terri Gray, Peggy Aitchison, Kate Aitchison, Crystal Blake, Dona Knight, Sandra Machan, Lori Vader, Marie McCutcheon, Jenna Baker, Crystal McCallum, Bridget McCallum

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was reviewed. The motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by C. McCallum, seconded by P. McLellan, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

The previous meeting minutes (August 7th, 2024) were emailed. The motion to approve the previous minutes made by K. Aithison, seconded by M. A. Thompson, motion carried.

President's Report

R. Vinnicombe shared the ad in The Citizen for the Fall Fair for members to review.

Homecraft Report

M. McCutcheon passed around a sign-up sheet for the volunteer potluck.

Treasurer's Report

G. Morrison reported opening a new TD Lottery account. She reviewed the Profit and Loss and Balance Sheets. **Please let her know if you need a float for money at the fair.** There was a discussion around deducting the \$5 membership fee from the winnings at this year's fair. Some thought it would encourage exhibitors to participate in next year's fair. It was noted that this deduction was not outlined in the Rules and Regulations in the Fall Fair Book. The motion to go back to deducting the \$5 from 2024 winnings to cover the membership fee for 2025 was made by M. A. Thompson, seconded by S. Machan, motion carried. The motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by M. Perry, seconded by R. McArter, motion carried.

Ambassadors' and Ambassador Sub-committee Reports

M. Speer spoke on behalf of Emily Bieman, the recently named 2024-25 Brussels Fall Fair Ambassador. Junior Ambassador, Bridget McCallum, spoke about her experiences so far and her plans for this month. C. Blake read a report for Little Ambassador Sophia Blake. M. Speer reported that things went extremely well at the Ambassador Competition. She is very excited about working with the 3 new Ambassadors. She is doing an interview with The Citizen next week and will be doing a presentation in the future. She noted that the approach for the next few weeks will be divide and conquer as the Ambassadors are very busy with other fairs as well as our own.

Ladies Night Sub-committee Report

J. Baker reported that they met last week. Ticket sales are going well and they are hoping to sell 250 tickets. **The Committee is accepting donations for the silent auction. She asked to use the quilt racks that are in the shed, and we are reminded to leave them at the front when putting stuff away. They are still looking for a few more groups for lip syncing competition.** She will pass around a volunteer signup sheet at the next meeting requiring about 8 volunteers, plus donations of pies and cheesecakes to be dropped off Saturday morning at the arena.

Old Business

- 2024 Fair
 - Supplies for Section Leads - All supplies that were ordered have been picked up. **If your section needs something specific, please purchase and submit receipts to Glenda or let R. Kellington know by email asap. R. Kellington will set up a table in her garage for section leads to pick up winners and judging sheets and stickers/ribbons. She will bring other supplies to the fair.**
 - Kids Program - **J. Lowe is arranging for apples and snacks for school lunch. J. Cardiff is ordering milk . T. Gray is getting the hot dogs. J. Wagemans has confirmed with the Pork Producers. We need a source of water for the pig mobile. We need to confirm how many water supplies we have and need. L. Garland will be the contact with North Woods P.S. and will contact the school secretary about the lunch and will get a sheet for each class. It was decided to give more than one hotdog if requested.**
 - Raffle Draw - **R. Vinnicombe will ask the Allison's to bring one of the baskets to Foodland. Members are encouraged to sell tickets and promote this fundraiser. G. Morrison has tickets, a handout with basket #'s, pictures, descriptions and selling instructions (if e-transfer). Return stubs and money to G. Morrison asap. Please share our ads on your personal Facebook pages. Thanks to the volunteers who are selling tickets at Foodland on Fridays from 3-7pm according to the schedule (R. Kellington).**
 - BBQ tickets - **Members are encouraged to sell tickets and promote this fundraiser. Glenda has tickets, and a handout for selling instructions (if e-transfer). Return stubs and money to G. Morrison asap. Please share our ads on your personal Facebook pages. Brett and Laura Fischer are doing a drive through customer appreciation for up to 150 people. J. Cardiff might set up the catering trailer to service the take-outs. He has take-out containers. Fischers have their own tickets. Ice cream will be served for dessert using half ticket for meal and half for dessert. R. Vinnicombe will add G. Morrison's phone number**

to The Citizen ad for getting tickets. G. Morrison has an idea to take care of bottleneck situation for ticket collection.

- BBQ - Any fair board members are asked to park away from the arena. No bar. Another volunteer is still needed for clean-up according to the schedule (R. Kellington).
 - Food Booth - Might start sooner than 6 pm for those who are not going to BBQ. Volunteer sign up (call Terri Gray at (519) 498-1852).
 - Pie Table separate from food booth. Tuesday night sell pies out of food booth. Separate pie table on Wednesday with more selection. Members and public to provide pies.
 - Ad in Citizen for pie donation - Submitted under Notices for two weeks prior to fair (was under Coming Events in last week's paper).
 - Vendor Market - Pauleen Kerkof has determined space for 13 vendor's down slightly from last year (may only have enough vendors for along wall in auditorium)
 - Event information sent to Health Unit & link to Jeff/Terri/Zoey provided as food vendors
 - Ordered 1 hand washing station for 4-H show (\$90 + delivery fee)
 - Registration sign up - Volunteer schedule is full (Rosie)
 - Parade - Ask Brussels Pipe Band? - road closures - J. Lowe. Students go in the east end main doors and eat in bleachers.
 - Bouncy castles - book room for employees - J. Lowe
 - Fair Signs for Surrounding Areas - J. Lowe
 - Dog Show - communicated to Alanis time & location
 - Ambassador cake decorating - just need to find location near stage during dog show where Ambassador's can decorate cakes
 - Set up time -everything must go in on Sunday at 11am , always need more volunteers during set up & tear down. Everyone else please come at 1pm.
 - Volunteer Potluck - R. Vinnicombe to ask for access to the room up stairs at 8:30 am on Tuesday.
 - R. Kellington will ask Jaycock's? or someone from Maitland Valley Camera Club to take pictures during the fair - confirmed.
- Constitution
 - Number of Directors (now 6, do we want to change? Also do we want to change who we elect i.e Directors vs Officers?) Should decide soon so we can start recruiting after the fair.
 - Draft has been circulated to the committee for review.
 - Designate 3 delegates from our members to review and vote on the resolution to approve the revised OAAS Constitution, Articles and By-laws and vote at the virtual meeting on Sept. 25, 2024 (R. Kellington will send email to delegates chosen) Monique volunteered. Could use one more volunteer -submit your name to R. Kellington or R. Vinnicombe.
 - Day at the Clinton Races Fundraiser Feedback - 50/50 & BBQ went very well. Great weather. Fun. 50/50 was \$727 with a net of \$1,092.34. We have a much better idea of what food and drinks and the amounts to buy. Could consider other food options. We have to reapply in the new year if we want to do this again -construction on bleachers may delay scheduling.

New Business

- New Website Design-J. Morrison was excited to report that we are getting a new updated website at no additional cost which will be more geared to Ag. Society and Fall Fair. Overall our website will have a cleaner look. Sponsors will be on the website. It will be more informative and appealing with countdowns to each event. **Would be nice to get drone images and pictures from this year's fair.**
- Parkhill Fair - picked up table cloths & risers, will return by the end of first week of September **(returned Sept 5th)**

Correspondence and Announcements

- Edna Pletch, who was a long-time quilt exhibitor, passed away.
- Brussels Fair Craft Days at Brussels Library, Sat. Sept. 7 and Sat. Sept. 14, 2024 from 10am-noon
- Annual Meet Your Neighbour Night at Brussels Library, Thurs. Sept 12 from 7-8pm. Rsvp by Sept. 4th
- Brussels Fall Fair, Theme is Pork & Beans, September 17 - 18, 2024
- Farm and Food Care Ontario, "Putting Your Best Foot Forward" virtual training session, Tues. Oct 22, 2024, 7-8:30pm, pre-register at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/922974841597?aff=oddtcreator>. For more info. ask Rosie
- Ladies Night, Oct. 26, 2024 BMG Community Centre, Cardiff Catering Dinner and Lip Sync Battle
- BMG Community Centre Grand Opening, Sat. Nov. 16th, 2024
- OAAS Convention, Feb. 20-22, 2025. Sheraton Parkway Hotel, Richmond Hill, ON

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by T. Gray.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, Oct. 2nd at 7:00 pm, Brussels Library

Minutes submitted by: Rosie Kellington

Minutes approved by: Reg Vinnicombe