



Shannonville Agricultural Society MEETING MINUTES

Date: Nov. 8, 2023

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Twp. Rec. Hall



1. Call to Order @ 7:00 pm
2. Peeps in the Room: Pat, David, Heather, George, Carla, Peter, Carol, Terry, Mac & Frances
3. Adoption of Agenda: M/S: George / Terry – carried.
4. Minutes of Last Meeting: M/S: David / Carol – carried.
5. Treasurer's Report: M/S: Carla / George – carried
 - Reported that bank sits at \$6665.03
 - Other investments sit at \$34701.31
 - Reviewed copy of the 2023 Fair Final Financial Results
 - New cheque from Deerhaven to replace stale-dated one given to Carla (\$300.)
 - \$100. cash received from tent donation
 - 5.1 Invoices to be paid: David for 30.93
 - : George for 88.10
 - : Carla for 500.00 for Pancake Breakfast float

Motion to Pay the above invoices: M/S: Terry / Frances – carried.

6. Correspondence: Library Thankyou Card circulated
7. Old Items of Business & Items carried from the last meeting minutes:
 - 7.1: Volunteer Thank You Dinner Update: All went well. Thoughts about more social interaction.
 - 7.2: Library Craft Sale in the Barn: All went well and we will probably repeat next year.
8. New Business
 - 8.1: Demo Derby
 - Carla reviewed the fair financial results
 - Much discussion centred around the Demo Derby
 - M/S: David / George that we strike the Demo Derby from the Shannonville World's Fair in 2024 – carried (this motion will not be in conflict of By-Law 8)

8.2: Plan for AGM in Jan 10

- Harry Hanlan from Hastings Federation of Agriculture has accepted the position of holding our annual election of Officers.
- We are looking for a comedic speaker so if you think of one let Heather know.
- The Lions Club has offered to supply snacks and treat at this event and we are hoping for an attendance of around 30 people.
- No By-Law modifications have been identified for this meeting
- As per By-Law Article 8, at least 2 weeks notice of every Annual General Meeting shall be given by various publications and notices including social media such as Facebook, Twitter, web site.

8.3: Pancake Breakfast Plans (Nov. 19, 2023)

- Heather to issue list of requirements based on previous events
- Noted that 5 litres of Maple Syrup was submitted by Doreen (David has them)
- David somehow managed to agree to buy the supply of bacon & sausages probably all from Country Traditions (Note as of Nov. 9, Country Traditions does not have any 5 kg. boxes of bacon that was \$29.99 each. Their current flier says \$21.95 for 2.5 kg. Might wait a little to see which way the wind is blowing)
- Need about 30-35 doz eggs and Pat and Terry will have some for donations. Always need to buy more wherever the deal is, if not free.
- Message to all, look for deals and freebies, bread, eggs, juice, peanut butter, jams, cream, and big tins of coffee always welcome. Just let Heather know.
- Terry will look after the hash browns

8.4: Officers, Chairpersons & Sub-Committees for 2024 – discussion

- As we try to share the load and get many new people actively involved in managing the many parts of the Ag. Society, we are looking at a few key components as we try to implement
- FAIR: We believe a Fair Chairman/Director would certainly have a lot of people involved in actually preparing for the fair but he/she would be the go-to person to share info and point people in the right direction.
- BUILDING & TENT: Facilities Director might be a better term but this person would coordinate the use of the Jarrell Bldg., the Coverall and our tents. Sorry, ad-on as I type this, it might also include the picnic tables and bleachers. George has accepted this position.
- MEMBERSHIP & VOLUNTEERS: We have had volunteer and student volunteer coordinators, mainly focused on the fair. In the past our Treasurer has received the dues and a log of current members. Both of these activities have grown to the point where a Membership director would be more efficient.
- PANCAKE BREAKFAST: As seen in 8.3 above, we seem to throw a breakfast together based on past success. Things get done, people show up, we have fun and make some money. However, a Director of Fund Raising could ensure that we have the Rec. Hall booked and coordinate with all members on inventory that's on hand and what's needed. Review rising prices and with a budget identify any need to increase our price. Heather is prime for our next Breakfast. So more to follow next year.

8.5: Membership Chairperson confirmation

- Rough description outlined above. Stewing.

8.6: Twp ATV Santa Claus Parade – Dec. 8, 2023

- It appears that there will be Parade this year, without a Twp Rec. Director
- Carla volunteered to call the CAO to see if they needed our assistance as provided last year.
- If yes, we would need to set Elsie's trailer to the side and dress the train with Christmas decorations

8.7: Jarrell Bldg. Floor

- George identified that the north west corner of the barn is sinking, possibly from water leakage at the well. By agreement the Twp is responsible for winterizing the water & well. Heather will verify.
- May need to look for grant to fix, but would need to know what and how to fix first.
- It was also clear that we need a wheelchair accessible solution at the barn man-door. Becomes an issue when the garage doors are closed.

8.8: George recommended a community survey on what our community might like to see at future fairs.

- More discussion to follow.

8.9: George identified that the Thai Guy (food truck) needs any requests for bookings in Dec.

- David will update the Food Vendor on-line Application Form and send it to him.
- David will leave the vendor price the same as last year, unless notified otherwise.

8.10: Twp Third Party Support Applications

- David has completed one, requesting fencing along McFarlane Rd
- Heather has identified modifications to the horse ring with more gates. David needs more detail so the Twp could estimate their costs, if approved.
- George has identified the need to clear some of trees and brush near the western end of the tractor pull track to expand our bleacher viewing of the tractor pull. Might need specific distances for the Twp to consider the amount of work involved.
- George identified the need for Twp Roads to avoid mini dumps of material and keep the area near the storage shed clear, especially at fair time.
- George requested that the Twp remove the huge pile of logs on the fair grounds.
- David will put together a draft application for all the above to review at next meeting.

8.11: Silver Plate

- Heather showed all a silver plate that she was given that was originally presented to the Shannonville Agricultural Society in 1948 by the CIBC. It will go on display in the barn.

8.12: Membership Renewals

- David handed out new 2024 membership cards to those in attendance and collected \$70. in cash from those that hadn't already paid.
- We currently have 36 listed names with 27 paid-up members.

9. Next Meeting: Date: Dec. 13, 2023, Time: 7:00 pm, Location: Rec. Hall

- As we don't normally have a Dec. meeting, David will contact the Twp to request the meeting facility.

10. Meeting Adjournment @ 8:30 pm