



## Shannonville Agricultural Society MEETING MINUTES

Date: Dec. 13, 2023

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Twp. Rec. Hall



1. Call to Order at 7:01 pm
2. Peeps in the Room: Heather, Terry, Frances, George, Peter, Carol, David & Carla
3. Adoption of Agenda: M/S: George / David - carried
4. Minutes of Last Meeting: M/S: Frances / George -carried
5. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer noted that the final year-end report has yet to be completed but will be by year-end and will be presented at the Annual General Meeting in Jan. 2024. Bank account at 7,417.87, the GIC at 19,724., the Market Fund at 15,041, and current float of \$500. cash.
  - 5.1: OMFRA Annual Report: Work in progress and Carla now has access to TPON (Transfer Payment Ontario). This report secures grants and funding for 2024 based on our activities in 2023. To be approved at our AGM and submitted to OMFRA in the new year.
  - 5.2: Invoices to be paid: David, annual website & webmail hosting fee of 156.
    - : George for material, 198.04
    - : Heather for material, 20.14
    - : Per Diems to David, 600.00 and Carla, 200.00
    - Motion to Pay the above invoices: M/S: Peter / Frances - carried
6. Correspondence: Modified Lawnmower Pullers & Chainsaw Guy
7. Old Items of Business & Items carried from the last meeting minutes:
  - 7.1: Pancake Breakfast's Review
    - Nov. 19, 2023, All good, well attended with total profit a little over \$2K.
    - Plans for Jan 14, 2024 – Retain same price, close at 12:00 instead of 12:30
      - Tom's Valu Mart in Tweed made a generous offer of support at parade for our Breakfast's. David to draft letter, under Heather's signature identifying our general breakfast needs and thanking him in advance for any support he may be able to provide.
  - 7.2: ATV Santa Claus Parade Review – Dec. 8, 2023
    - All went as planned. Train was decorated and Queen & Princess of the Furrow joined Heather for the parade train ride. We cooked 450 hot dogs and made gallons of hot chocolate. We do have some proposed changes for next year.
  - 7.3: Confirm our 2024 Third-Party Support Applications to the Township
    - Five applications were discussed and approved at our last meeting. David reviewed our 6'th Application which basically includes our on-going use of Twp facilities for meetings, fundraisers, etc.
    - All agreed and David will submit to the Twp noting our personal priorities.

## 8. New Business

### 8.1: Plan for AGM in Jan 10 (Agenda, Program, Motions, Elections, guests, etc.)

- It was noted that they now call the traditional AGM, just AM (Annual Meeting)
- It was agreed that the Roger's Boys be invited to be our entertainers (Heather)
- Harry Scanlan, Pres. Of Hastings Ag will conduct our elections
- The Lions Club has agreed to provide snacks & cheese
- David will promote in in.quinte and napanee.today
- Twp Council will also be invited

### 8.2: Membership: (Numbers, Plans, emails)

- We will need a Membership Chairperson / Manager / Director in the new year.
- 2023 completed the year with 68 members & 2024 will start out with 36 signed up members.

### 8.3: 2024 FAIR Planning (Aug. 23, 24, 25, 2024)

- Fair Director – Future Meeting
- New Program Ideas Include:
  - volley ball tournament, lawnmower pulls, chainsaw carving, car show, entertainment on stage blocks, horse barrel show, etc.
- Survey Community for Input
  - We agreed to go home and come back with meaningful closed questions.
- Working Groups to identify and work on needs (stages, bleachers, picnic tables, ice cream booth fixes, vendor promotions, involving service groups and churches, 4-H Club liaison, Youth Ambassador, local school involvement, Gate prices & on-line ticket sales, Vendor fees, Exhibit Category & Class Update
  - It was agreed to call a special meeting (2024-01-17) to make specific actionable plans for the fair.

8.4: Carla has suggested and is getting quotes for team vest-type apparel for all members/volunteers to wear while participating in any of our public functions. All agreed.

8.5: Heather reviewed feedback from the Ontario Non-Profit By-Law and Governance session she attended. We will be receiving draft copies later in the year for our consideration of including in our current By-Laws. More to follow.

9. Next Meeting: Date: **AGM Jan. 10, 2024**

Time: 7:00 pm\_ Location: Rec. Hall

: Date: Special FAIR Mtg. on Jan. 17, 2024

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10. Meeting Adjournment, moved by Carol at 8:20 pm