

BLACKFALDS AG SOCIETY
Minutes of November 19, 2013 Meeting
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Attendance:

Wayne Tutty	Vic Schweiger	Sherri Klam	Stacey Roberts
Brian Roberts	Trish Willis	Mat Reijnders	

7 Attendees in total

1.0 Call to order at 7:02 pm

2.0 Introduction of Guest(s) & New Members:

Brian Roberts was introduced as a new member of the Ag Society. Welcome Brian!

3.0 Reading and Amendments of Agenda

The Agenda was made available at the start of the meeting. No amendments to the Agenda. Sherri moved to approve the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

4.0 Last Meeting Minutes – September 17, 2013

The Minutes were circulated via email to the membership and hand-outs were made available at the start of the meeting. Sherri makes a motion to accept the minutes as circulated.

CARRIED

5.0 Delegations

There were no delegations.

6.0 Addresses and Reports of Officers

6.1 Financial Report

Tristina was not able to attend and therefore a Financial Report was not presented at the meeting.

7.0 Reports of Committees

Not applicable

8.0 Unfinished Business/Updates

8.1 2014 Budget

Dena and Trish had a meeting to come up with a preliminary budget for the upcoming season. They discussed the issues surrounding the Farmers' Market and the expenses as well as donations we are committed to every year. The Base Grant of \$17,500 the Ag Society receives each year is for organizing at least one agricultural event per season which in our case is the Farmers' Market. If we decide to not continue with the Market we need to find another event to sponsor or organize. The committed expenses and donations for the upcoming season is estimated at \$17,400. The additional Year End Grant for the 2014 season is estimated at \$14,000. This whole amount will be dedicated to pay for the ACCA Youth Camp, the Jim Hurley Memorial Skate and the Ag Event (Petting Zoo at Blackfalds Days). If it wasn't for the casino funds (\$20,000 divided over 3 years) and the fact that we can use some of the casino proceeds to pay for e.g. insurance, advertising and website, this season could be a financially challenging year.

It turns out that it costs the Ag Society \$10,000 to receive the base grant of \$17,500.

To free up money a couple of scenarios were discussed.

In the past it was agreed to sponsor up to 10 kids to attend the ACCA Youth Camp which is accounted for in the yearly budget. In the last couple of years we haven't received the maximum amount of 10 applications. We can choose to send less than 10 kids.

The Farmers' Market is not in this year's budget since there was a motion to cancel the Market. Wayne suggests to find another agriculture related event. For example a tree pruning course, tractor sale, farm safety, preserving/canning course.

In the past a lot of money was donated to help out the Town of Blackfalds. Sometimes it's difficult to find suitable projects.

Wayne also proposes to see if there are companies or businesses that offer insurance and audits at a more reasonable rate than what we currently pay.

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Another way to boost our finances is to hold a raffle. Members of the Ag Society and/or kids that attended the Youth Camp could help to sell tickets.
The decision on whether or not to cancel the Farmers' Market is deferred to next meeting.

8.2 Blindman 4H Funding Request

The Ag Society received a \$6,585 donation request from the Blindman 4H Club. During the last meeting it was tentatively decided to donate maximum \$5,000 each year to agriculture related organisations. Sherri thinks that we should donate money to more than one agriculture related organization. Last year we donated \$3,000 to the Blindman 4H Club. We also sponsored the Central Alberta Adult Riding Club and Camp Curious.

Sherri makes a motion to donate \$2,000 to the Blindman 4H Club at this time. **CARRIED**
Trish asked the membership if it is ok to add a clause to give the Blindman 4H Club the opportunity to ask for additional funding at a later time. The membership agreed.

9.0 Requests/New Business

No Requests/New Business at present.

10.0 Correspondence

10.1 Gain Training

11.0 Upcoming Events

No upcoming events at this time.

12.0 Payables

12.1 Motion by Wayne to pay \$800 for Director's Insurance to Foster Park Baskett Insurance.

CARRIED

13.0 Next Meeting

Next meeting will be on December 17, 2013. We will have a potluck at 6:00 pm in Ag Room and the actual meeting will start at 7:00 pm.

14.0 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Vic at 7:33 pm.

CARRIED

END OF MEETING