

BLACKFALDS AG SOCIETY
Minutes of March 15, 2016
BLACKFALDS MULTIPLEX
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Attendance:

Kevin Baughman	Trish Willis	Sherri Klam	Wayne Tutty
Marney Kreutz	Eden Kreutz	Carmen Petch	Larry Ellis
Ray Olfert	Mat Reijnders		

10 Attendees in total

1.0 Call to order at 7:01 pm.

2.0 Introduction of Guest(s) & New Members

No guests or new members.

3.0 Reading and Amendment to the Agenda

The Agenda was made available at the start of the meeting.
No amendments or additions.

Approval of last meeting minutes – January 19, 2016 (February meeting was cancelled)

The minutes were circulated via email to the membership and hand-outs were made available at the start of the meeting.

Carmen makes a motion to accept the Minutes of the last meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

4.0 Delegations

No delegations

5.0 Addresses and Reports of Officers

5.1 Financial Report

Shera-Lee was not able to attend the meeting. The financial report was send to Sherri who presented the numbers.

Trish makes a motion to accept the financial report.

CARRIED

6.0 Reports of Committees

6.1 Casino

Trish only has financial records until August 2015 and also needs some signatures to complete necessary paperwork to be submitted.

6.2 Blindman 4H Light Horse Man

Eden presented the latest update:

The club received new shirts.

Horse clinic was held on February 20. Another 2 day clinic is being held on March 20 & 21.

Ride nights have started on March 3.

Small engine workshop turned out to be a large engine workshop (race car).

The 4H club will be doing the bull sale concession.

The public speaking event was very successful. Some highly talented and impressive speakers made it to the Provincials.

A photography event was held at Kerry Wood Nature Centre.

The food book fundraising is on-going. Cost is \$15.

The flower baskets fundraising is not being held because it is too costly.

Workshops for knife-making, woodworking, small engine repair are also ongoing.

The club is going through a storage shed filled with 4H related stuff. Members are especially interested in photos to document the history of the 4H club.

7.0 Unfinished Business/Updates

7.1 Coop Grant for Town sent

The application for the Coop Grant for the Town of Blackfalds has been sent out by Sherri. A copy is available for review.

7.2 Event for Grant

In order for the Ag Society to receive the yearly grant we have to organize an event related to agriculture for which the Ag Society is accountable for the end result of this particular event. Some ideas are hiring a teacher to give classes or to organize a workshop/course such as gardening or tree-pruning in relation to the Town's community gardens. Fred (Alberta Government) wasn't very forthcoming with any specifics or any ideas or events that would qualify. Sherri will try and get in touch with Lisa, also Alberta Government, to get her input.

Trish mentioned that on the front cover of the Activity Guide the Community Market is being referred to as Farmers' Market which it, strictly speaking, is not under the definition of Alberta Government.

8.0 Requests/New Business

8.1 Farmers' Market

8.1.1 Alberta Government

All paperwork was completed regarding numbers of vendors and customers as required by Alberta Government.

8.1.2 Cancelation Notice

A Cancelation Notice was sent out to the vendors. The Facebook announcement was viewed over 3000 times.

Ray said that he still has some Farmers' Market sandwich boards in his shed. Sherri will see if she can make room in the Ag room so the boards can be stored.

8.2 ACCA Camp

So far the Ag Society has received two requests from kids to be enrolled in the program. After some discussion it was determined that the deadline will be the AG Society meeting on May 17.

8.3 Blackfalds Days Petting Zoo, other activities

The Petting Zoo is not listed as an eligible agriculture event but is extremely popular during Blackfalds Days. The kids love it and the Town is very appreciative that the Ag Society organizes it. Blackfalds Days this year is being held from June 17 until June 19, 2016.

Wayne makes a motion to book the Petting Zoo.

CARRIED

Also the idea has been brought forward to dedicate an annual sponsorship in memory of the three kids that tragically died while playing in the back of a grain truck.

The Faith Community Church has asked to use the Farmers' Market tables for an upcoming community garage sale.

Trish makes a motion to approve their request.

CARRIED

9.0 Correspondence

The following correspondence items were received:

- 2016 Alberta Agriculture Hall of Fame Nomination – deadline is April 30, 2016;
- A Thank-You card was received from Town of Blackfalds – Abbey Centre;
- Invitation to Regional Meetings;
- Gain Training brochure regarding rules and regulations for raffles and 50/50 tickets.

10.0 Upcoming Events

10.1 Blackfalds Days

This year Blackfalds Days is being held from June 17 until June 19, 2016.

10.2 Blackfalds Fun Run

The Fun Run is being held on June 4, 2016.

11.0 Payables

Not applicable.

12.0 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Wayne at 7:49 pm.

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13.0 Next meeting

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Next meeting will be on **Tuesday April 19, 2016 at 7:00 pm** in the Ag Room at the Arena.

END OF MEETING