

BLACKFALDS AG SOCIETY
Minutes of December 15, 2015
BLACKFALDS MULTIPLEX
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Attendance:

Kevin Baughman	Vic Schweiger	Sherri Klam	Wayne Tutty
Kylie Sjare	Dena Thomas	Elsie Howard	Murray Howard
Marney Kreutz	Eden Kreutz	Carmen Petch	Larry Ellis
Trish Willis	Ray Olfert	Mat Reijnders	

15 Attendees in total

1.0 Call to order at 7:05 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.

The following amendments were made to the Agenda:

Regarding Correspondence – additional item 9d) Annual Convention.

Regarding New Business – additional item 8h) Community Garden.

Wayne makes a motion to accept the amended Agenda.

CARRIED

Approval of last meeting minutes – October 20, 2015

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

Larry 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 latest Income and Expense Statements will be presented at the next meeting.

6.0 Reports of Committees

6.1 Casino

Trish informed the membership that the outstanding casino funds were used to purchase a new sound system, ice scooters and a new overhead door for the Zamboni room.

6.2 Farmers' Market – Update on Christmas Market – Kylie and Ray honorarium

Kylie provided the update on the Christmas Market. The market was not a huge success. A number of vendors didn't attend even though they had indicated previously that they would be present. Also the number of visitors was disappointing.

The budget for the Christmas market was \$1200. The total cost in expenses was \$942.61. Total earnings in table rentals was \$580. The loss for this event was \$362.61. There were sufficient funds in the Farmers' Market account to offset this amount.

Dena makes a motion to pay \$18.86 (for plates) purchased for the Christmas Market as requested by Kylie.

CARRIED

At the January meeting the membership will discuss if there is any future in continuing with the Farmers' Market. Sherri asked the membership to think about new options for a different agricultural event so the Ag Society remains eligible to receive grant funds.

The Christmas Market is a special market and the membership agreed last year to pay the manager a honorarium of \$250 per special market. Also a request was made to increase the assistant's honorarium from \$50 to \$100 for this last Christmas Market as a thank-you for all the help in organizing this particular event.

Trish makes a motion to pay a honorarium of \$250 to the Farmers' Market manager (special markets only) and a honorarium of \$100 (one-time only) to the assistant. **CARRIED**

6.3 Blindman 4H Light Horse Club

Eden presented the latest update:

Some of the new projects as part of the Explore 4H initiative are courses in cooking, woodworking, photography and outdoor adventure.

Also the club is getting ready for a public speaking event to be held on February 5th, 2016.

On March 5th, 2016 starting at 1:30 pm the district public speaking event will be hosted by the Blindman Light Horse 4H. They are looking for judges and Dena has expressed interest in attending the event as judge.

Other events that have been organized were a Santa Anonymous event as part of a community services project in Lacombe and lasertag with Chinese auction as part of their Christmas party.

Another event was called Horse in Hand by George Morris, a famous horse trainer. There were 3 sessions (Nov. 20, 21 and 22) and the 4H Club was responsible for the concession earning a cool \$500.

Some upcoming events are: making cookbooks (March 2016) and selling of flower baskets (Spring 2016).

7.0 Unfinished Business/Updates

Not applicable.

8.0 Requests/New Business

8.1 Blindman 4H Light Horse Club

A request was received from the 4H Club asking for help in sponsoring some of their upcoming 2016 events.

A motion was made by Carmen to assist the Blindman 4H Light Horse Club with expenses and fees for the upcoming year by sponsoring \$2,000. **CARRIED**

8.2 GAIN Training

Trish has received documentation regarding GAIN Training (Casino). Everyone who is interested in taking the course please contact Trish.

8.3 Found Check

While going through old files a cheque was found in the amount of \$250 from Trish Willis to the Ag Society. The amount was paid in cash to Trish regarding bleacher rentals and Trish in return issued a cheque to the Ag Society.

Dena makes a motion to disregard the found cheque. **CARRIED**

8.4 Grant paperwork

As soon as the accountant returns the books to the Ag Society we can start completing the grant application paperwork.

8.5 Books at Accountant

All financial records are currently at the Accountant's Office for review and approval.

See also item 8.4.

8.6 Farm Improvement Club

An email was received from a member of a local Farm Improvement Club. They are looking for support to print their materials and would like to talk to the Ag Society.

Sherri proposes to invite a representative to our next meeting (Jan 19, 2016).

8.7 Membership fee

Kevin makes a motion to pay the annual membership fee of \$300. **CARRIED**

8.8 Community Garden

The existing community garden is very popular. Currently there are approx. 30 people who are interested in starting their own garden listed on a waiting list.

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There are plans to start a community garden on the east side of Hwy 2A at Pine Crescent Park. This could potentially be a sponsoring opportunity for the Ag Society. We could help fund a picknick area and/or a shed to lock away garden tools. Community gardens are Ag related and will likely not generate an income although there is perhaps a possibility to organize a market near the end of harvest season.

9.0 Correspondence

9.1 Blaine Calkins

The Ag Society received a Christmas card from Blaine Calkins.

9.2 Adult Riding Club

The Ag Society received a Thank-You card from the Adult Riding Club.

9.3 Calendar

A calendar was received.

9.4 Agadvance magazine

A copy of the AgAdvance magazine was received.

9.5 Annual Convention

A package containing information regarding the upcoming annual Ag Society Convention was received.

10.0 Payables

Cash donations in the amount of \$94 were received and are to be deposited in the Jim Hurley Account.

Motion by Elsie to transfer \$188.76 for website maintenance, payable to Trish.

CARRIED

11.0 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Trish at 7:46 pm.

CARRIED

12.0 Next meeting

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

END OF MEETING