

Attendance:

Kevin Baughman	Shera-Lee	Sherri Klam	Wayne Tutty
Dena Thomas	Carol Simpson	Kylie Sjare	Larry Ellis
Ray Olfert	Mat Reijnders		

10 Attendees in total

1.0 Call to order at 7:00 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 to the agenda are proposed:

Change Item 9.5 to 9.1.

Add Item 9.2 Library.

Add Item 10.1 Farmers' Market stuff.

Add Item 12.1 Payable to Trish.

Item 13.0 – change next meeting date from May 17 to June 21.

Dena makes a motion to accept the Agenda with above listed amendments.

CARRIED

4.0 Approval of last meeting minutes – March 15, 2016

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

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

CARRIED

5.0 Delegations

No delegations.

6.0 Addresses and Reports of Officers

6.1 Financial Report

The financial report was read by Sherri. Grant application was submitted and approved earlier in the year. The Ag Society should receive funds shortly. Funds consist of a base grant in the amount of \$17,500 and an additional amount of \$9,523.

Kevin makes a motion to accept the financial report.

CARRIED

7.0 Reports of Committees

7.1 Blindman 4H Light Horse

Eden and Marney weren't able to attend tonight's meeting so unfortunately no update on their activities.

7.2 Casino

A notification was received to inform the membership that the casino event has been moved up from the 4th quarter to the 3rd quarter of 2018.

8.0 Unfinished Business/Updates

8.1 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.

Wayne is going to contact the Fire Department regarding their Farm Safety program.

Sherri is going to contact Alberta government to see if drag races are considered an agriculture related event.

Dena will contact Marney to see if the Blindman 4H Light Horse Club has any upcoming events

related to agriculture and which are considered eligible. Dena will also check to see if the Ag Society can be of help in some way with the Town's community gardens.

Mat will contact Pam who teaches canning/preserving workshops to see if she available this season.

Also a tree pruning course by the Town of Blackfalds' horticulturist is still a possibility and should be looked into.

8.2 Denise Nielsen Memorial

There are several organizations that Denise was involved in. To prevent that each organization delivers a separate memorial it was proposed by Jeff (Town of Blackfalds) to combine those efforts and dedicate one memorial for Denise. Sherri has attended a meeting attended by representatives from those organizations. They are: Chamber of Commerce, Historical Society, Car Club (name?), friends & family of Denise. It was proposed to dedicate a memorial area for Denise near the new location of the Wadey House. Plans are to install a stone bench with 4 logos and a gazebo with walking trail. Dena will replace Sherri in any future meetings regarding this.

Dena makes a motion to make a contribution towards a memorial for Denise not to exceed \$1,000. **CARRIED**

9.0 Requests/New Business

9.1 Camp Applications

Since last meeting Trish has received 3 more applications from kids who would like to attend ACCA Camp. The Ag Society will pay the full fee for each child.

Total cost for these 3 kids is: \$1,034.25 x 3 = \$3,102.75.

Dena makes a motion to approve these 3 requests to attend this year's ACCA Camp. **CARRIED**

Larry makes a motion to approve and pay the full amount on Trish's credit card for which she will be reimbursed by cheque by the Ag Society. **CARRIED**

9.2 Library

The membership received a request from Carly (Blackfalds Library) to use the sandwich boards for the summer.

Dena makes a motion to approve use of the sandwich boards provided that damaged boards will be repaired and lost sandwich boards will be replaced. **CARRIED**

10.0 Correspondence

10.1 Farmers' Market Stuff

The Ag Society received a box from Alberta Government containing flyers and maps showing information regarding locations and dates of Farmers' Markets being organized throughout the Province of Alberta. It also contained a poster for the upcoming Alberta Open Farm Days on August 20-21, 2016. Dena will post this at Servus Credit Union.

11.0 Upcoming Events

11.1 Fun Run – June 4, 2016

11.2 Blackfalds Days – June 18, 2016

The Ag Society has booked the petting zoo Butterfields Acres for this event. The petting zoo will be located in the back of the arena between 12:00 pm and 4:00 pm. Sherri will track down the Ag Society sign so it can be displayed at the petting zoo. Ag Society members are being encouraged to visit the petting zoo and say hi.

12.0 Payables

12.1 ACCA Camp Applications - Payable to Trish

See Item 9.1.

13.0 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Kevin at 7:54 pm.

CARRIED

14.0 Next meeting

Next meeting will be on **Tuesday June 21, 2016 at 7:00 pm** in the Ag Room at the Arena.