

BLACKFALDS AG SOCIETY
Minutes of January 19, 2016
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Attendance:

Kevin Baughman	Vic Schweiger	Sherri Klam	Wayne Tutty
Marney Kreutz	Eden Kreutz	Carmen Petch	Larry Ellis
Ray Olfert	Shera-Lee Karras	Mat Reijnders	

1.1 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.
No amendments or additions.

4.0 Approval of last meeting minutes – December 15, 2015

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

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

CARRIED

5.0 Delegations

Dana Penrice and Ted from the Farm Improvement Club introduced themselves and provided information on the leadership program they are running. The program addresses the challenges young farmers are facing in establishing food systems in our current economic system and the issues associated with climate change.

They are requesting \$600 to pay for the printing of course text books.

After their presentation the membership discussed their request.

Larry makes a motion to pay \$600 to the Farm Improvement Club.

CARRIED

6.0 Addresses and Reports of Officers

6.1 Financial Report

The latest Income and Expense Statements were presented by Shera-Lee.

Kevin makes a motion to accept the financial report as presented.

CARRIED

7.0 Reports of Committees

7.1 Blindman 4H Light Horse Club

Eden presented the latest update:

On March 5th, 2016 the district public speaking event will be hosted by the club.

The riding season starts in March. A new instructor has been hired to teach English and western riding.

A one-day course is being held in February in Leduc.

The bottle drive has been cancelled.

There is a lot of interest in the flower baskets and cookbooks.

The club will be running the concession at a 3-day course hosted by Peter Gray.

During family day weekend a ski trip is organized for the 4H club members and their families.

Eden also presented a card to the Ag Society membership to say thanks for their contribution.

7.2 Casino

Trish could not attend this night's meeting so no update was presented.

8.0 Unfinished Business/Updates

8.1 Farmers' Market future

After the problems during last season the membership will have to decide whether or not to continue with the Farmers' Market.

If not then the Ag Society will have to come up with another event that is eligible under the grant regulations in order to receive next year's grant. Some of the ideas for an eligible event are helping

setting up a community garden or a partnership with the 4H club to help with sponsoring some of their events.

After some discussion it was decided that first we need to investigate if there is interest from the vendors to attend the market for another season. Complicating matters is that this 2016 season a community market is being organized in Lacombe and there are rumours that a similar market will be started up in Blackfalds.

Carmen has volunteered to call all vendors to see how many will commit to this year's market and get their opinion on lowering table rental cost as an incentive.

Sherri will accept resumes for marketing manager and assistant manager with a closing date of February 15th, 2016.

Also Sherri will tentatively book the hall for the upcoming market season.

9.0 Requests/New Business

9.1 Financials complete - \$2100.00

The account has completed the financial paperwork and has returned the books to the Ag Society. A motion was made by Carmen to pay \$2100.00 for accountant services. **CARRIED**

9.2 Grant Application sent on Jan 15, 2016

Sherri emailed the grant application paperwork to the Alberta government on January 15th, 2016. A confirmation of receipt was received by Sherri.

9.3 Sponsoring body form completed for the market

9.4 Amphitheatre – Paid in full (2 payments in 2014)

The accountant pointed out that two payments were made in 2014 for the naming rights of the amphitheatre. This means that the naming rights are now paid in full.

9.5 Review phone list

Sherri circulated the phone list among the membership and asked to review the list and update the information where necessary.

10.0 Correspondence

The following correspondence items were received:

- Town of Blackfalds calendar;
- A bulletin from Alberta Horses informing the membership about the upcoming Alberta Horse Convention;
- Thank-You card from Parkland Audio;
- Information package regarding the AAAS General Meeting on February 6, 2016.

11.0 Upcoming Events

Not applicable.

12.0 Payables

Not applicable.

13.0 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Carmen at 8:26 pm.

CARRIED

14.0 Next meeting

Next meeting will be on **Thursday February 25, 2016 at 7:00 pm** in the Ag Room at the Arena.

END OF MEETING