



BRACEBRIDGE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
Annual General Meeting & Elections
Minutes
January 12, 2017

The Annual General Meeting of the Bracebridge Agricultural Society took place on January 12, 2017 at the Knox Presbyterian Church, 120 Taylor Road, Bracebridge.

Opening & Welcome

Calling the meeting to order at 7:00pm, 1st Vice-President Lynn Wilson extended apologies on behalf of President Sheila Stratton for her not being able to attend. She shared Sheila's message of deep gratitude to all members, volunteers and Directors for all their support in the past year.

As Assistant Agriculture Director for OAAS District #11, Lynn brought greetings from OAAS District #11.

Steve Clement, District Councillor for the Town of Bracebridge, brought greetings from Town Council and Mayor Graydon Smith. Steve indicated that he is the chairperson heading up the Volunteer Committee for the Town and truly understands and appreciates all the hard work and effort that is involved. He applauded the Agricultural Society in its efforts to maintaining the history of the fair by educating people through our displays and activities on the life, work and animals of the farm. He knows that the Society is planning on being involved with the Town in its celebrations of Canada's 150th year and extended best wishes for success for a 150th fair celebration.

Lynn Wilson referred to the success of last year's fair despite the weather, and thanked all the volunteers. She made reference to all the maintenance and renovation work that had been done around the grounds and invited everyone to provide input on anything else they would like to see happen.

Quorum

Lynn Wilson called on Secretary/Treasurer Pat Munroe to confirm quorum. Pat advised that 15 members in good standing were required to make quorum. She further advised that the meeting could proceed as there were 24 members in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of January 14, 2016 had previously been posted on the website and hard copies were available for review.

AGM Motion 1: To dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of January 14, 2016.
Moved by Josh Campbell, seconded by John Wilson. M.C. (agm01-01-17)

AGM Motion 2: That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of January 14, 2016 be accepted.
Moved by Lynda Nicholson, seconded by Donna Wallace. M.C. (agm02-01-17)

2016 Financial Statements

Secretary/Treasurer Pat Munroe presented the Accountant's Report on Applying Specified Auditing Procedures followed by the Annual Financial Statement for the Fiscal Year Ending November 30, 2016, as prepared by our accountant, BDO Canada LLP, Bracebridge. She advised that the procedures completed do not constitute an audit of the Society, and the resulting report is for use solely in connection with the Annual Return and Grant Application to the Ministry of Agriculture and Food. Pat highlighted specific areas of the report, indicating percentage changes in each category, year 2016 over year 2015. There were no questions. Pat advised that the report would be posted on the website.

AGM Motion 3: That the 2016 Annual Financial Statement be accepted as presented.
Moved by Arla Rebman, seconded by Jennifer Glover. M.C. (agm03-01-17)

Reports

150th Anniversary Fair

150th Anniversary Fair Committee Chairperson, Jennifer Glover, outlined a suite of special activities planned for the 150th fair, including Super Dogs, pig races, a quilting contest, the logo colouring contest, the milking cow, a mechanical bull and the special prize awards for the livestock programs. She also made reference to some yet to be confirmed proposals for new banners and a horse/handler costume contest.

Life Memberships

On behalf of the 2016 Board of Directors, 1st Vice-President Lynn Wilson presented Life Memberships to Helen Fox (via Jerry Fox), Bill McBride, and Paul & Sharon Sisson.

Election of 2017 Board of Directors

Pat Munroe, Secretary/Treasurer, presided over the election process, with white-board scribing assistance from Lynn Wilson. Pat thanked and excused the 2016 Board of Directors.

AGM Motion 4: That Jerry Fox, Jim McConnach and Steve Clement be accepted to act as scrutineers for election of 2017 Board of Directors.
Moved by John Wilson, seconded by Donna Wallace. M.C. (agm04-01-17)

Pat had previously scribed the names of nominees received by email and read them out. She then made 3 calls for further nominations from the floor.

AGM Motion 5: That the call for nominations be closed.
Moved by Lynn Wilson, seconded by Paul Sisson. M.C. (agm05-01-17)

Lynn reviewed the names of 18 nominees. Pat advised that she had not received any indication from 2 of the absent nominees of their intentions and desire to let their name stand. Their names were scratched from the list. She had heard from one other absent nominee who did wish their name to stand. In reverse order of receipt of nomination, Pat polled the remaining present nominees, and declared the acclamation of the following 16 members for the 2017 Board of Directors:

Jennifer Glover	Sheila Stratton	Arla Rebman	Dave Nichols
Josh Campbell	Donna Wallace	Heather Hurren	Paul Sisson
Lynn Wilson	Thelma Marrin	Lynda Nicholson	Carole Ruttan
Heather Stevens	John Wilson	Michael Barnes	Bill McBride

Pat explained that officer positions would be voted on at the first Board of Directors meeting immediately following the Annual General meeting. Pat advised that the new Board of Directors could appoint up to 2 additional persons to fill the complement of the Board to a full 18 in number, if they chose. The list of duly acclaimed persons and their nominators was recorded by Secretary/Treasurer Pat Munroe to be retained in the official records.

AGM Motion 6: That these persons so named, and acclaimed, as Directors at the 2017 Annual General Meeting of the Bracebridge Agricultural Society be authorized to administer the affairs of the Society from the date of election (this day of January 12, 2017) for a one (1) year period to the next Annual General Meeting, and shall report on such matters to the Society members at the next January general meeting for ratification.
Moved by Jim McConnach, seconded by Heather Hurren. M.C. (agm06-01-17)

There being no requirement for the use of ballots during the election of the 2017 Board of Directors, it was not necessary to call for a destruction of ballots.

Appointments

AGM Motion 7: That Pat Munroe be appointed as the Society's Secretary/Treasurer from the date of election (this day of January 12, 2017) for a one (1) year period to the next Annual General Meeting.
Moved by Lynda Nicholson, seconded by John Wilson. M.C. (agm07-01-17)

AGM Motion 8: That BDO Canada LLP, Bracebridge, be appointed as auditors for the Bracebridge Agricultural Society for Fiscal Year 2017.
Moved by Pat Munroe, seconded by John Wilson. M.C. (agm08-01-17)

New Business

There was no new business brought to the table.

Adjournment

With no further business presented, Pat Munroe brought the meeting to a close at 7:40pm.

Secretary/Treasurer

President