



**BRACEBRIDGE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**  
**Annual General Meeting & Elections**  
**Minutes**  
January 11, 2018

The Annual General Meeting of the Bracebridge Agricultural Society took place on January 11, 2018 at the Knox Presbyterian Church, 120 Taylor Road, Bracebridge.

### **Opening & Welcome**

Calling the meeting to order at 7:02pm, President Dave Nichols confirmed quorum. Secretary/Treasurer Pat Munroe noted 26 members in good standing were present and that the meeting could proceed.

Deputy-Mayor Rick Maloney brought greetings from Mayor Graydon Smith and the Town of Bracebridge Council. He applauded the efforts of the Society's Board and volunteers for their efforts and success in 2017, especially highlighting the Society's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary as well as Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday. He particularly thanked the volunteers in maintaining J.D. Lang Park.

President Dave Nichols related apologies from Linda Murray, OAAS Provincial Director, who was unable to make it to the meeting due to weather and roads conditions.

President Dave Nichols referred to the success of last year's fair, making reference to the near perfect weather contributing to a record crowd. He noted there were many new things brought to the fair and stated that the volunteers should be proud of all their hard work.

He reported that the buildings were now filled with winter storage items and that there is a waiting list, and that summer rentals for functions and events are now booking 2 years in advance.

He reported that we had hoped to have more work done inside in the areas of accessibility but that we were not approved for any grant funding. Work could not start on projects until grant decisions were announced, thereby causing us to miss the window of opportunity re: timing. He indicated that the accessibility projects would be put into the 2018 budget. Another future project being considered is the installation of new flooring in the kitchen and bathrooms.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of January 12, 2017 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 12, 2017.  
Moved by John Wilson, seconded by Lynn Wilson. M.C. (agm01-01-18)

**AGM Motion 2:** That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of January 12, 2017 be accepted.  
Moved by Josh Campbell, seconded by Lynda Nicholson. M.C. (agm02-01-18)

### **Business Arising**

There was no business arising out of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of January 12, 2017.

### **2017 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, 2017, 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, providing information on the details behind some categories. A full breakdown of details is available upon request. Pat attributed the increased midway and gate revenues, and therefore overall profit, to the weather bringing out record numbers of fair attendees. Pat pointed out a minor error in the Expenses on Programs allocations, but that the overall amount was correct. BDO Canada will be providing an updated version. There were no questions.

**AGM Motion 3:** That the 2017 Annual Financial Statement be accepted as presented.  
Moved by Lynda Nicholson, seconded by Sheila Stratton. M.C. (agm03-01-18)

### **Constitution Amendments**

Secretary/Treasurer Pat Munroe reported on the process followed for bringing forth the proposed constitution changes. She then walked the membership through each of the proposed amendments, noting 2 requested revisions. All other proposed amendments were accepted as presented.

**AGM Motion 4:** To accept the proposed amended Constitution of the Bracebridge Agricultural Society with 2 amendments as noted.  
1. Amend Article 5(j) to read "All Directors and Chairpersons of Committees be required to hold membership for the current year of their tenure."  
2. Amend Article 8-5(j) to read "prepare an annual budget for approval by the Board of Directors."  
Moved by John Wilson, seconded by Donna Wallace. M.C. (agm04-01-18)

### **Appointments**

**AGM Motion 5:** That Pat Munroe be appointed as the Society's Secretary/Treasurer for the period from the date of election (this day of January 11, 2018) to the next Annual General Meeting.  
Moved by Lynda Nicholson, seconded by John Wilson. M.C. (agm05-01-18)

**AGM Motion 6:** That BDO Canada LLP, Bracebridge, be appointed as auditors for the Bracebridge Agricultural Society for Fiscal Year 2018.  
Moved by Paul Sisson, seconded by Lynn Wilson. M.C. (agm06-01-18)

### **Election of 2018 Board of Directors**

Secretary/Treasurer Pat Munroe stated the conditions required to be met by anyone wishing to run for the Board of Directors, or to vote in the election. Pat thanked and excused the 2017 Board of Directors.

**AGM Motion 7:** That Jerry Fox, Helen Fox and Irene Thomson be accepted to act as scrutineers for the election of 2018 Board of Directors.  
Moved by Lynn Wilson, seconded by Heather Hurren. M.C. (agm07-01-18)

Deputy-Mayor Rick Maloney presided over the election process. Pat had previously scribed the names of nominees received by email and Rick read them out. Rick then made 3 calls for further nominations from the floor after which he brought the nominations to a close. Pat reviewed the emails received from absent nominees, and Rick polled the remaining present nominees, and declared the acclamation of the following 13 members for the 2018 Board of Directors:

Jennifer Glover	Sheila Stratton	Dave Nichols	Ben Carter
Josh Campbell	Donna Wallace	Heather Hurren	Paul Sisson
Lynn Wilson	Lynda Nicholson	Carole Ruttan	Miranda Turnbull
Heather Stevens			

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 15 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 8:** That these persons so named, and acclaimed, as Directors at the 2018 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 11, 2018) for the period to the next Annual General Meeting, and shall report on such matters to the Society members at the next annual general meeting for ratification.  
Moved by Jim McConnach, seconded by Lynn Wilson. M.C. (agm08-01-18)

### **New Business**

1. Jerry Fox requested consideration be given to revamping the small storage buildings so that items/materials could be segregated between what is required on a regular basis versus what is required only during fair time.
2. Steve Harper enquired about getting the Dancing Tractors as an attraction.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business presented, Pat Munroe brought the meeting to a close at 8:21pm.

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Secretary/Treasurer

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President