



BRACEBRIDGE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
Annual General Meeting & Elections
Minutes
January 10, 2019

The Annual General Meeting of the Bracebridge Agricultural Society took place on January 10, 2019 at the Knox Presbyterian Church, 120 Taylor Road, Bracebridge.

Opening & Welcome

Calling the meeting to order at 7:03pm, President Dave Nichols confirmed quorum. Secretary/Treasurer Pat Munroe noted 24 members in good standing were present and that the meeting could proceed.

Unfortunately, Mayor Graydon Smith was unable to attend as originally planned. Post-meeting he sent his greetings and apologies, indicating how much the Bracebridge Agricultural Society and all its volunteers are appreciated.

President Dave Nichols reported on the success of last year's fair weekend. He reported that we had a full slate of summer event bookings and that our winter storage was now filled to capacity. He listed the major projects which were accomplished at the grounds and buildings in 2018 and the extensive work completed towards our accessibility goals. He then outlined some of the work planned for 2019.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of January 11, 2018 had previously been sent to Directors 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 11, 2018.
Moved by Donna Wallace, seconded by Jennifer Glover. M.C. (agm01-01-19)

AGM Motion 2: That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of January 11, 2018 be accepted.
Moved by Lynda Nicholson, seconded by Josh Campbell. M.C. (agm02-01-19)

Business Arising

There was no business arising out of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of January 11, 2018.

2018 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, 2018, 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. All questions posed were answered to the satisfaction of the members.

AGM Motion 3: That the 2018 Annual Financial Statement be accepted as presented.
Moved by Donna Wallace, seconded by Jennifer Glover. M.C. (agm03-01-19)

Appointment of Auditors

AGM Motion 4: That BDO Canada LLP, Bracebridge, be appointed as auditors for the Bracebridge Agricultural Society for Fiscal Year 2019.
Moved by Pat Munroe, seconded by Jim McConnach. M.C. (agm04-01-19)

Election of 2019 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 2018 Board of Directors.

AGM Motion 5: That Jerry Fox, Helen Fox, Jim McConnach and Anna McConnach be accepted to act as scrutineers for the election of 2019 Board of Directors, and that any 3 of the 4 of them would confer amongst themselves and act as such.
Moved by Lynda Nicholson, seconded by Heather Hurren. M.C. (agm05-01-19)

Secretary/Treasurer Pat Munroe presided over the election process. Pat had previously scribed the names of nominees received by email and read them out. Pat then made 3 calls for further nominations from the floor after which she brought the nominations to a close.

AGM Motion 6: To close the nominations for the 2019 Board of Directors.
Moved by Heather Hurren, seconded by Jennifer Glover. M.C. (agm06-01-19)

Pat polled the remaining present nominees, removing one declining name. A short delay ensued while communication was attempted with one absent nominee to determine his wish to stand or not.

AGM Motion 7: To proceed with the election pending the communication response, and to accept the assumption that Jared Cayley wished to let his name stand for Director position.
Moved by Lynda Nicholson, seconded by Dave Nichols. M.C. (agm07-01-19)

Pat advised that since 2 additional persons were required to fill the complement of the Board to a full 15, she could re-open nominations to continue the election, or the new Board of Directors could appoint persons to fill the 2 remaining positions at a later time, or the new Board could carry on for the year with current number.

AGM Motion 8: To carry on the business of the Society with the current number of 13 acclaimed Directors, with the option to fill the 2 positions left to the discretion of the new Board to fill at a later time.
Moved by Donna Wallace, seconded by Paul Sisson. M.C. (agm08-01-19)

Pat declared the acclamation of the following 13 members for the 2019 Board of Directors:

Jennifer Glover	Dave Nichols	Ben Carter	Gary Simmonds
Josh Campbell	Donna Wallace	Heather Hurren	Paul Sisson
Lynda Nicholson	Carole Ruttan	Miranda Turnbull	Jared Cayley
Cheryl Stratton			

Pat explained that officer positions would be voted on at the first Board of Directors meeting immediately following the Annual General meeting.

AGM Motion 9: That these persons so named, and acclaimed, as Directors at the 2019 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 10, 2019) 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 Dave Nichols. M.C. (agm09-01-19)

Appointment of Secretary/Treasurer

AGM Motion 10: That Pat Munroe be appointed as the Society's Secretary/Treasurer for the period from the date of election (this day of January 10, 2019) to the next Annual General Meeting.
Moved by Donna Wallace, seconded by Carole Ruttan. M.C. (agm10-01-19)

New Business

1. Jerry Fox requested consideration be given to upgrading the current lighting system in the Exhibit Hall. He suggested that efficiencies of hydro were very likely given the age of the existing system. He presented an information brochure from Lakeland Power that could be used for obtaining an estimate on hydro savings.
2. Jim McConnach recommended the new Board consider increasing the honorarium amount currently provided to Pat Munroe, our Secretary/Treasurer. He suggested that it be in line with the general cost-of-living increases experienced over the past 5 years since her last review. Pat Munroe recommended that the new Executive Committee take this under review and make their recommendations to the full Board at a near future Board meeting.
3. Jerry Fox gave notice that he would no longer be cutting the grass on our premises around the buildings and parking areas. He indicated the time commitment this job entails, and also outlined the requirement for ongoing maintenance of the lawn tractor equipment as part of the responsibility. It was suggested that we might need to look into getting a paid service provider.

Adjournment

With no further business presented, Pat Munroe brought the meeting to a close at 7:56pm.

Secretary/Treasurer

President