

**District 13 Annual Meeting  
Saturday November 17, 2018**

**1. Welcome and introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 9am by Lauren Armstrong, District 13 Director. She welcomed everyone to our annual meeting and thanked Ilderton Agricultural Society for hosting the meeting.

Introductions were made of the executive:

Agricultural Director-Lauren Armstrong  
Associate Agricultural Director -Mark Williams  
Homecraft Director - Judy Slaughter  
Associate Homecraft Director -Judy Krall  
Provincial Director -Brenda Tipping  
Secretary -Treasurer - Sharon Carter

**2. Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the 2017 District 13 annual meeting were handed out to members as part of the registration package. Lauren called for any errors or omissions. None were indicated.

**MOTION:** That the minutes of the 2017 District 13 meeting be accepted as presented.

MOVED BY: Kim Carder

SECONDED BY: Justin Richards

CARRIED

**3. Financial Report**

Sharon Carter, Secretary-Treasurer reviewed the financial statements

**MOTION:** That the financial statement as presented be approved.

MOVED BY: Gary Atkinson

SECONDED BY: Carol Campbell

CARRIED

**4. Correspondence**

Sharon reported there was no correspondence for this meeting.

**5. District 13 Provincial Director report**

Brenda provided an update from the OAAS Provincial Board.

- Judging Program
  - Judging panel has been created whose first task is to streamline the process of becoming a judge while mainting and improving the quality of training for our judges
  - They will also be looking at the content and message being delivered at judging schools with the intent of creating a more consistent program across the province
  - Look for an email from Vince in the coming days regarding this
- Volunteer Awards
  - OAAS has been very pleased with the number of awards being requested.
  - Please remember that these requests must be made on the correct forms which can be found in the members section of the OAAS website
  - Awards need to be ordered 4 weeks in advance or a “rush order” fee of \$15 will be charged for orders received less than 4 weeks in advance

- CFIA Traceability Regulations
  - The OAAS is working with the Albert Association of Agricultural Societies and CAFÉ to create a position paper to present to the Provincial Agricultural Societies at the CAFÉ convention
  - The OAAS position is that:
    - The animals must leave the farm with approved identification and animals that are not properly tagged will not be granted entry to the fairgrounds and that it is the responsibility of the owner and NOT the Agricultural Society in the event that a tag is lost to resolve the tagging issue and
    - That it is the responsibility of the owners and not Agricultural Societies to collect and report animal identification and movement data.
  - Discussion occurred and clarification was provided by farmers in attendance

**MOTION:** That District 13 support and agree with the Position Paper on CFIA Traceability current and proposed reporting and tracking regulations

MOVED BY: Connie Bontje

SECONDED BY: Brian Slaughter

CARRIED

- Website, Newsletter & Directory Updates
  - Please remember that the OAAS is always looking for content for the website and newsletter – please send any photos, articles, etc. to the OAAS Office Manager
  - Please check your fair emails for Directory Updates and Affiliation fees. These were sent out at the end of October so hopefully your fair has already taken care of them.
  - If email addresses have changed or contacts have changed please ensure that you go onto the OAAS website to update that information so that your fair is getting all the information provided
- Provincial Executive Update
  - After OAAS board meeting in October Doug Yeo is the incoming President and Brian Slaughter is the incoming 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- Agricultural Society Survey
  - We received a good number of responses from the fairs and the replies were reviewed at the OAAS board meeting in October. The replies have been forwarded to various committees that will be responsible for following up on these responses.
- Convention:
  - Pictures of hotel were shown as part of the slideshow.
  - Policy & Governance Workshop is being presented Thursday during the day at Convention. There is an additional fee for this. More information will be coming in the new few days
  - After the Fair Photo Contest pictures are due to Kathryn by December 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Looking for suggestions on Homecraft Specific seminar topics
  - **Competitions: Judging will take place on THURSDAY evening. All submissions must be received between 12-5 on THURSDAY of convention.** Winners will be announced at the Friday morning meeting
  - Homecraft meeting – there will not be a specific homecraft meeting at convention. Recognition of the Honorary Homecraft President will take place at the Friday morning meeting.
  - New for 2019 – District Director Round-Up. A meet & greet program for District Directors. More information will be sent closer to convention.

- Convention room block has been sold out. Alternative hotel block has been arranged at the Staybridge Suites – Toronto Markham – 1-800-238-8000 use code SHE

**MOTION:** To accept the Provincial Director report as presented.

MOVED BY: Kathy Williams

SECONDED BY: Nancy Urquhart

CARRIED

#### **6. District 13 Homecraft Director Report**

Judy Slaughter presented the Homecraft Director Report:

- OAAS Convention
  - Nice to see so many delegates District 13
  - Reserve Grand Champion for machine quilted quilt
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place for Intermediate poster
- Judging Schools
  - Wyoming hosted crafts & quilts
  - Forest hosted culinary arts
- Congrats to Abigail Scott from Ilderton being named 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up at CNE Ambassador of the fair's
- District Directors visited every fair starting in August and wrapping up in October
  - Many volunteers in action
  - Everyone has so much pride in their fair
  - Many unique exhibits themes and new ideas
  - Many different classes where articles are donated to local charities

**MOTION:** To accept the Homecraft Director report as presented.

MOVED BY: Beth Sawyer

SECONDED BY: Brenda MacTavish

CARRIED

#### **7. District 13 Ambassador Program Report**

Lauren Armstrong presented the Agricultural Director Report:

- Incident occurred at one of the fairs this past year
  - Reminder to please be respectful to one another, encourage each other, we all have a hard time finding volunteers
- District 13 facebook page

**MOTION:** To accept the Agricultural Director report as presented.

MOVED BY: Wayne Ramsey

SECONDED BY: Gary Atkinson

CARRIED

#### **8. District 13 Ambassador Report**

Lauren Armstrong presented the Ambassador Experience Report:

- Eleven attended the day program in June hosted by the Thorndale Agricultural Society
- Ambassadors enjoyed ice breakers, mock interviews, elevator speech, changes at CNE, what to wear, what to pack, question box, CNE bus, Ambassador facebook page
- Interesting to see all the different things that each fair does
- Lots of great sharing of ideas within the district

**MOTION:** To accept the Agricultural Director report as presented.

**MOVED BY:** Connie Bontje

**SECONDED BY:** Carol Campbell

**CARRIED**

#### 9. Bylaw Revision

- Draft Bylaw revisions were circulated to all fairs at the spring AGM
- Lauren reviewed the changes slide by slide

**MOTION:** That the suggested changes as proposed in the circulated draft Bylaw be approved

**MOVED BY:** Ian Ferguson

**SECONDED BY:** Kim Carder

Discussion Occurred - Required 66.6% of the eligible votes to pass the motion.

Doug Yeo acted as counter. 28 in favour, 3 opposed.

**CARRIED**

#### 10. Coffee break and Raffle tickets sales

#### 11. Round table sessions occurred

#### 12. Reports from District Competition

Kelly Cook and Eva Norma-Westgaard were the judges for the day.

#### RESULTS

Item	1st	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3rd
Junior Poster	Brigden	Wyoming	Shedden
Intermediate Poster	Dorchester	Brigden	Western Fair
Senior Poster	Brigden	Shedden	Western Fair
Butter Tarts	Wallacetown	Thorndale	Dorchester
Chocolate Chip Cookies	Brigden	Thorndale	Wyoming
Hand Quilt	Thorndale	Alvinston	Wallacetown
Machine Quilt	Glencoe	Brigden	Forest

#### 13. Ambassador Introductions

- The Ambassadors joined the group before lunch, each ambassador introduced themselves

#### 14. Guest speaker - Dianne O'Shea

- Gave a presentation on Food Literacy

#### 15. Open Forum

- What are other fairs doing about Marijuana and Vaping?
  - Check with local health unit as they have signage and rules
- Live Auction Item for Convention
  - Ideas were discussed regarding what to purchase for District 13 donation to convention auction – included Ripley's family package, CN Tower package, Blue Jay Tickets

**MOTION:** That the district spend up to \$200 to purchase a live auction item for the OAAS convention

**MOVED BY:** Brian Slaughter

**SECONDED BY:** Beth Sawyer

CARRIED

## 16. Election of Officers

With the By-law change the following elections took place.

**MOTION:** To dissolve the present District 13 Executive with the exception of Brenda Tipping, Provincial Director who remains for a 3 year term

**MOVED BY:** Ian Ferguson

**SECONDED BY:** Justin Richards

CARRIED

**MOTION:** To have the elections completed by ballot

**MOVED BY:** Brenda McTavish

**SECONDED BY:** Kathy Williams

CARRIED

### District Director – 1 Year Term

- Brenda MacTavish nominator Judy Slaughter
- No further nominations came forward
- Judy Slaughter accepted the nomination and was declared District Director for a 1 year term

### District Director – 2 Year Term

- Ian Ferguson nominated Lauren Armstrong
- No further nominations came forward
- Laruen Armstrong accepted the nomination and was declared District Director for a 2 year term

### District Director – 3 Year Term

- Justin Richards nominated Judy Krall  
Michelle Evanitski nominated Mark Williams
- No further nominations came forward
- Mark Williams declined his nomination
- Judy Krall accepted the nomination and was declared District Director for a 3 year term

### Secretary/Treasurer

- Wayne Ramsay nominated Sharon Carter
- No further nominations came forward
- Sharon accepted the nomination and was declared District 13 Secretary/Treasurer

## 17. Award Presentations

Attendance Award – Wallacetown

Wallacaetown donated the \$50.00 prize back to the district to put toward the OAAS Auction item

Ambassador Congeniality Award – Presented to Ambassador from Ilderton Agricultural Society

## **18. Upcoming Meetings**

2019 spring meeting will be held in Parkhill, the 2019 Annual meeting will be held in Thorndale and the 2020 Annual Meeting will be held in Dorchester.

## **19. Announcements/Coming Events**

- March Bruch – Rodney
- March BBQ – Wallacetown
- December 2018 – Glencoe Home Tours
- Feb – Thorndale Dinner Theatre
- Wyoming had TV Cash Calendars for sale
- BBQ Chicken Dinner in Wyoming
- Easter brunch/Jamboree in Bridgen
- Pro Rodeo on Father's Day weekend in Alvinston
- Dinner/Dance – Irish Stew – Melbourne

## **20. Greetings from OAAS**

Doug Yeo, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President brought greetings from the OAAS

- Thanked all who filled out questionnaires
- New policies coming in regards to the Ambassador program
- Reminder to share your fair news
- OAAS website reminder
- Judging program

## **21. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** That the District 13 Annual meeting be adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

CARRIED