

**Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies
Board Meeting
Wednesday, Feb 16, 2022, at 7:00 pm**



Place: Markham Room Lower Conference Level

Present: Valerie Allen, Lauren Armstrong, Randy Creighton, Mike Dupuis, Beth Howell-Vervaecke, Andrew Icton, Linda Murray, Liz O’Gorman-Smit, Heather Owens, Leonard Riopel, Angie Robinson, Brian Slaughter, Glen Syme, Andrew Taylor

Staff: Vince Brennan, Kathryn Lambert

Zoom: Carol Cann, Heather Dillon, Grace Mullen

Absent: Bart Scherpenzeel

Guests: Jentje Steenbeek

Minutes

1. Call to Order at 7:00 pm sharp
2. Welcome/Introductory Comments – Beth Howell-Vervaecke
Thanks everyone for their work and dedication over the past year, assistance with committees and convention.
3. Appoint an Action sheet recorder – Andrew Icton
4. Roll call
 - What have you accomplished as a Provincial Director in the past year that you are most proud of?
5. Approval of Agenda – call for any additional items
Motion by Mike Dupuis to approve agenda as presented
Seconded by Linda Murray
Carried
6. Declaration of Conflict of Interest - none
7. A reminder of the Code of Conduct signed
8. Review Action Sheet – Beth Howell-Vervaecke
All actions completed
9. Approval of Nov 30, 2021, meeting minutes
Motion by Brian Slaughter approve minutes as presented.
Seconded by Valerie Allen
Carried
10. Any business arising from the minutes?
None
11. Correspondence received
 - Letter from Barry VanCamp

Can see both sides of fairs not charging an administrative fee and exhibitors getting the full payout to prize money.

OAAS can not get involved in the way individual AG Societies operate.

Suggestion to raise at Spring District meetings everyone needs to consider how they operate and change to better serve the customers.

Agreed to respond, OAAS not in a position to dictate to Ag Societies how they operate or what their rules are. If he has concerns than he needs to take directly to the Agricultural Societies.

Motion by Leonard Riopel to reply to the letter from Barry VanCamp

Seconded by Mike Dupuis

Carried

- Finance Report

- Review Statement, Balance sheet, Income and Expense, 2022 Budget
- Year-end Financial Statement review
- Bank account motions

Motion by Grace Mullen to approve Profit/Loss statement

Seconded by Glen Syme

Carried

- Bank account motions

Motion by Glen Syme to approve the setting up chequing and savings accounts and credit card with RBC

Seconded by Andrew Taylor

Carried

Motion by Andrew Taylor to approve the allowing the use of e-transfers on the bank accounts with RBC – to the maximum amount per transaction of \$ 10,000

Seconded by Grace Mullen

Carried

Motion by Linda Murray to approve the setting up of a GIC for the OAAS 175th Central Canada Exhibition Association Scholarship funds with RBC

Seconded by Grace Mullen

Carried

12. Manager updates – Vince Brennan

- AGM motions
- Auditors for 2023
- Review AGM agenda
- Review Board Expense forms
- Scholarship motions

Motion by Randy Creighton to approve the creation of a Scholarship Committee that will review the applications and submit their recommendations to the Board. The committee shall consist of Board directors and other people as appointed by the OAAS Board.

Seconded by Liz O’Gorman-Smit

*“The OAAS is committed to providing an environment in which all persons are treated with respect and dignity.
The Designated Harassment Officers are Brian Slaughter and Andrew Icton.”*

Carried

Motion by Glen Syme to approve the awarding of \$2,000 scholarship(s) each year as per the qualifications stipulated in the Scholarship application form, up to 4 scholarship year.

Seconded by Linda Murray

Carried

Motion by Carol Cann to approve scholarship being called the OAAS 175th Central Canada Exhibition Association Scholarship

Seconded by Leonard Riopel

Carried

13. Convention Administrator updates – Kathryn Lambert

- Overview of our convention
- Close to 500 people with everyone – tradeshow, speakers, registered
- Auction – going to add some items for online items through Facebook
- Hotel waved all penalties, so do not have to guarantee room nights

14. Committee Reports – see website. (Motion for received committee reports)

PROGRAMME COMMITTEES

- OAAS Programs
- Youth

STANDING COMMITTEES

- Finance -
- Human Resources -
- Nomination -
- Sponsorship/Funding -
- Governance – Reviewed proposed changes to the constitution and additional changes that will be presented at the AGM on Saturday

CONVENTION COMMITTEES

- Ambassador
- Auction
- Speakers/Sessions - report
- Registration
- Competitions
- Hospitality

AD HOC COMMITTEES

- Judging Panel – report posted to website
- 175th Anniversary
- Hiring position for sponsorship

Thank you to our retiring Directors

Glen Syme thanked Linda Murray

Liz O’Gorman-Smit thanked Bart Scherpenzeel

Beth Howell-Vervaecke thanked Brian Slaughter

Beth Howell-Vervaecke thanked everyone and invited to hospitality suite

Motion to adjourn – Linda Murray

15. Adjourned till Saturday, Feb 19 at 1:00 pm.