

**District 13 Annual Meeting**  
**Saturday November 25<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**1. Welcome and introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 9 am by Michelle Evanitski, District 13 Homecraft Director She welcomed everyone to our annual meeting and thanked Rodney Agricultural Society for hosting the meeting.

Introductions were made of the Executive  
Agricultural Director –Brenda Tipping  
Associate Agricultural Director – Lauren Armstrong  
Provincial Director – Melissa Johnson  
Homecraft Director – Michelle Evanitski  
Secretary-Treasurer – Sharon Carter

**2. Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the 2016 District 13 annual meeting were handed out to members as part of the registration package. Brenda called for any errors or omissions. None were indicated.

MOTION: That the minutes of the 2016 District 13 meeting be accepted as presented.

MOVED BY: Wayne Ramsey

SECONDED BY: Judy Krall

CARRIED

**3. Financial Report**

Sharon Carter, Secretary-Treasurer reviewed the financial statements

MOTION: That the financial statement as presented be approved.

MOVED BY: Pam Hills

SECONDED BY: Fran Jones

CARRIED

**4. Correspondence**

Sharon reported that email were received from OAAS Executive Doug Yeo with regrets as he is unable to attend the District 13 annual meeting

**5. District 13 Provincial Director report**

Melissa gave an overview of some changes and visions on behalf of OAAS Broad of Directors

Discussion Occurred

- Provide more support and leadership
  - Increase communication across the broad for issues, issues, financial help, marketing, education
- Convention updates
  - Convention February 15-17 2018 Royal York Toronto, Ont
  - Policy updates, grant of one thousand dollars per district for travel fees
  - Expense forms to Vince
  - Provincial Director travel fees comes direct from OAAS Broad
  - Provincial Director is a three year term
- OAAS Executive
  - Judy McFaul will serve a second year term as President
  - Doug Yeo moved into First Vice President

- Brian Slaughter moved to Second Vice President
- New youth policy for district is in the works
- Updated judging policy list
- Assist Expo
- First Impressions certificates
- Please provide fair updates to Vince

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

- Michelle travelled to 15 of the 16 fairs
  - Norma Poel covered Dorchester
- District hosted three judging schools: culinary arts, needlecraft and quilting
- A number of apprentice judges completed their training and are now on qualified judges list
- We have four teaching instructors in our district
- Western fair has brought back a number of classes
- Aylmer fair has re-structured their program
- Many fairs have made strategic changes to their class list to bring new exhibitors
  - There is a need to promote available of classes and gain interest of groups and individuals in our communities
  - be aware of new crafts and resurgence of traditional items
  - please feel free to check prize books from other fairboards
  - weather conditions had an effect on exhibit numbers
- Congratulations to everyone on successful outcomes as we look forward to planning sessions for 2018
- Ambassador Program
  - Brief bio on the facilitators of this year's ambassador program
  - we have nine ambassadors in attendance
  - ambassador program session instructed today by Barb McTavish, Lara Howes & Morgan McTavish

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

- Lauren gave a updated report on our Ambassador experience
  - seven attended day program on July 9<sup>th</sup> hosted by Glencoe Agricultural Society
  - Ambassadors enjoyed fun minute to win it games to get to know one another better, Amy Natyshak was guest speaker
  - Consideration being given to having other districts involved, currently working with working with Matt Garwood
  - Bus planned for CNE
  - Looking for feedback
  - Creation of Facebook page
  - Planning a winter get together before or after convention
  - Thanks to all volunteers

#### **8. District 13 Agricultural Director report**

- Brenda attended 6 fairs this year
- Interesting to see all the different things that each fair does
- Lots of great sharing of ideas within the district

## 9. Bylaw Revision

- Draft Bylaw revisions were circulated to all fairs 1 week prior to AGM
- Recognition that this wasn't a lot of time to consult with fair boards but majority of the District Executive felt that the suggested changes were a positive step forward for the district
- Before suggested changes were presented consultations with past District 13 Directors and District Directors from other districts were done.
- Gave an overview of the biggest suggested change – moving from 2 Directors (Ag & Homecraft) and 2 Associate Directors (Ag & Homecraft) to a 3 Director model
  - Brenda spoke for the changes and Michelle spoke against the changes

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

MOVED BY: Ron Buchanan

SECONDED BY: Ian Ferguson

Discussion Occurred

Due to time constraints discussion was suspended until after the Guest Speaker in the afternoon

MOTION: To table the discussion

MOVED BY: Carl DeSchutter

SECONDED BY: Judy Krall

*\*Agricultural Director's note – due to a mistake on procedure by the Agricultural Director this motion did not proceed as it should have and discussion and voting on the original motion did take place.*

## 10. Coffee break and Raffle tickets sales

## 11. Round table sessions occurred

## 12. Ambassador Introductions

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

## 13. Guest speaker - Andi McKillop

Gave a presentation on her family trip to Africa

## 14. Reports from District Competition

- Judges for today are Kelly Cook and Kathy Scott who are also teaching instructors
- Kim Carder judging youth posters

## RESULTS

Item	1st	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3rd
Junior Poster	Wyoming	Brigden	Alvinston
Intermediate Poster	Thorndale	Wallacetown	Alvinston
Senior Poster	Brigden	Alvinston	Forest
Butter Tarts	Wyoming	Dorchester	Parkhill
Hand Quilt	Thorndale	Wallacetown	Brigden
Machine Quilt	Forset	Brigden	Wyoming

## **Bylaw Revision Continued (Item 9)**

Additional discussion occurred.

MOTION: To appoint Kelly Anne Moar and Alyson Hawken of Rodney Fair as scrutineers for all voting taking place.

MOVED BY: Ian Ferguson

SECONDED BY: Linda Ford

Vote on motion to change by-laws

**VOTE:** 14 Yes, 12 No

Motion failed as a change of by-law requires 2/3 of votes to pass

## **15. Election of Officers**

With the By-laws remaining the same the following Elections took place.

Provincial Director – Melissa Johnson declared that she would not be seeking re-election to the position of Provincial Director

MOTION: To dissolve the present District 13 Executive

MOVED BY: Melissa Johnson

SECONDED BY: Gary Atkinson

CARRIED

MOTION: To have the elections completed by ballot.

MOVED BY: Carl DeSchutter

SECONDED BY: Brenda MacTavish

CARRIED

Brian Slaughter declared that all offices were vacation and asked for Nominations for Provincial Director

### **Provincial Director**

- Judy Krall nominated Brenda Tipping
- Judy Slaughter nominated Lauren Armstrong
- Lauren Armstrong declined the nomination
- Brenda Tipping accepted the nomination and was declared the District 13 Provincial Director for a 3 year term

### **Agricultural Director**

- Brenda Tipping nominated Lauren Armstrong
- No further nominations came forward
- Lauren accepted the nomination and was declared District 13 Agricultural Director

### **Associate Agricultural Director**

- Stephanie DeGurse nominated Mark Williams who accepted the nomination
- Anna Tokarz nominated Sherri Lackie (she was not in attendance though had indicated her interested through her fair)
- After ballots were counted, Mark Williams was declared the District 13 Associate Agricultural Director

### **Homecraft Director**

- Question from the floor – was Michelle Evanitski eligible for another term – as the by-law did not change she was not eligible to stand for election as Homecraft Director at this time
- Michelle Evanitski nominated Brenda MacTavish who declined the nomination.
- Beth Saylor nominated Judy Slaughter
- Judy Slaughter was declared District 13 Homecraft Director

### **Associate Homecraft Director**

- Anna Tokarz nominated Sherri Lackie (a member of her fair accepted on her behalf)
- Stephanie DeGurse nominated Judy Krall who accepted the nomination
- After ballots were counted Judy Krall was declared the District 13 Associate Homecraft Director

MOTION: That the election ballots be destroyed

MOVED BY: Fran Jones

SECONDED BY: Sandy Atkinson

## **16. Open Forum**

- Live auction item for Convention

MOTION: To send up to two hundred dollars (\$200) to purchase a live auction item for the OAAS convention.

MOVED BY: Carl DeSchutter

SECONDED BY: Kathy Scott

CARRIED

Brenda Tipping to purchase item.

- Thorndale fair is looking into the possibility of creating an Ag Awareness display and looking for other fairs that are willing to partner with them. Please contact Nancy at [nancyurquhart@bell.net](mailto:nancyurquhart@bell.net) if your fair is interested.
- Presentations - Attendance Award – Thorndale Fair & Ambassador Congeniality – Glencoe Fair

## **17. CNE Ambassador Program Update**

- The CNE program is are looking implement a change that participants not wear crowns or sashes and abide by a business casual dress code

## **18. Upcoming Meetings**

2017 spring meeting will be held at Wyoming Fair and the 2017 Annual meeting will be held at the Ilderton Fair.

**19. Adjournment**

MOTION: That the District 13 Annual meeting be adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

MOVED BY: Sandy Atkinson

CARRIED