

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting held on May 27, 2019 at 7 p.m. in the Cobble Hill Hall located at 3550 Watson Avenue.

Those present: George Robbins - President, Robin Brett - Treasurer, Carole Walker, Bill Wikkerink, Lynne Pohynayko, Joy Cameron, Joyce Behnsen, Brenda Lockhart, Mike Wilson, Nellie Poelman, Claudia McLeod, George Baird, Sarah Jackson, Heather Dickenson, Gordon Dickenson, Dorylee Robson, Linda Bilkoski, Dave Bilkoski, Allan Garside, Willie Cherry, David Cherry, Bill Dumont, Dave Thomson, John English, Irene Evans, Dawn Smiley, Shirley Cooke and Gerry Giles - Secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by the president who asked the Secretary to read the revised Code of Conduct, which had been distributed to the members. He then read his report highlighting the following information.

The directors had convened two business meetings: one on April 15th and one on May 20th. At those meetings they reviewed bank balances, security issues, building and grounds maintenance, rentals and adopted a replacement Code of Conduct and a use agreement with 4-H. The horse field had been planted with trees and the New Horizons grant has been received. More information will come under the director's reports.

Moved George Robbins

Second Bill Wikkerink

the President's report be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Robin Brett provided the treasurer's report and outlined the financial position of the Farmers Institute. She indicated finances have improved since March with the CVRD grant money and funds from the Fair also starting to come in. She went on to say it takes about 20 hours a month on average and do her work for the Farmers Institute and that while she loves what she does the endless criticism, baseless accusations and unsubstantiated complaints are so toxic and discouraging, that it takes the heart out of it. On a personal level, she said it makes her feel she will never be good enough to satisfy this membership. Since she can't give more than her very best, the end result is that she has the feeling she is done. And she worries she is not the only one who feels like that. What then? People need to remember that it isn't the critic who counts. It is easy to stumble and fail, and even easier to point out where someone could have done something better. But the real credit belongs to the people who work doing the actual work. At least if they fail, they will have tried, and she would rather do that than be the person who is sitting on their backside and complaining.

Moved Blair Herbert

Second Carole Walker

the treasurer's report be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Gerry Giles presented the rental report along with outlining some of the progress being made with the New Horizons grant that will see a movie program developed for seniors and others in the hall. She also indicated the Farmers Institute sponsored Seniors

luncheons were going very well and thanked the Farmers Institute for the use of their space.

Moved Blair Herbert
Second Lynne Pohynayko
the rental report be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

The following maintenance report was provided by Bill Dumont. Much of the May maintenance work focussed on dealing winter damage:

- Repaired/adjusted overhead door in Armour Hall
- Cleaned roofs on animal buildings.
- Inspected all fire extinguishers except the main hall gas stove. All were recertified. Requested proposal to add extinguishers to Baird, Poultry and Sheep Barns and inspect the main hall stove.
- Installed snow guards on Armour Hall roofs
- Repaired gutters on Armour hall damaged by snow and ice, cleaned all gutters
- Planted 4 golden and 8 red maples (10 to 15 feet high) on horse field corners using 12 yards of quality soil in elevated hummocks, installed drip irrigation to each tree plus wire cages to protect from animals/people and braced each tree with 2x3. Installed weatherproof ground control box for battery driven automatic watering and winter blow out plumbing on horse field water system.
- Replaced two water valves cracked in the cold weather on horse field.
- Received new high capacity microwave oven for Main hall kitchen
- Reviewed 22 draft new FI logos and prepared recommendation for Board
- Cleaned and prepped new litter barrels for painting and labelling.
- Painted 11 new litter barrels
- Installed bottom rubber anti-skid guards on main hall steps.
- Started construction on left stage AV secure storage room
- Repaired pipes burst in winter ice conditions -Poultry barn and cattle grid
- Requested estimate for new digital projector, screen and other AV changes in main hall for functions and new movie programs
- Removed/reinstalled all appliances from kitchen for floor replacement
- New floor in kitchen and refinished main hall floor.
- Requested estimate for taller toilets and grab bars in Main hall toilets
- Ordered majority of new road signs (80 units) for Cobble Hill fair
- Repaired sticky door on Youth Hall from new key pad access system
- Repaired bent push rod and installed new cutting blades on lawn tractor.
- Repaired loosened soffit on Armour building likely caused by attempt to break in to storage room.

Moved Bill Dumont
Second Allan Garside
the maintenance report be accepted as given.

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Fair Steering Committee Report was provided by Blair Herbert. He indicated there had been two planning sessions and that a further Steering Committee meeting will be held on June 3rd. Blair said there were some issues being worked though but the 110th Fair was going to be terrific. Questions were asked and answered. Some dissatisfaction was expressed including the new Steering Committee structure. Some were not happy that the membership did not get to chose who sat on the committee. Gerry indicated work was progressing on the Fair Catalogue and it should be out around the end of June.

Moved Blair Herbert

Second Gerry Giles

the Fair Steering Committee report be accepted as presented.

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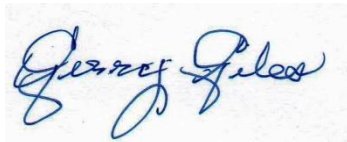
New Business:

Mike Wilson reported on the BioGas meeting held in the hall on May 21, 2019. He indicated there are pros and cons to the proposal and that it would be about an 18 month process. He said he had been to a BioGas plant on the mainland and while there was an odour it really wasn't noticeable until the unit was opened. Mike was thanked by the President.

There being no other items of business the meeting adjourn at 8:26 p.m.

The next general membership meeting will be held on July 22nd.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gerry Giles". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "G".

Gerry Giles, Secretary