

Rodney Aldborough Agricultural Society

Director's Meeting | Tuesday, April 9th, 2024

7:00pm | Rodney Recreation Centre | 135 Queen Street, Rodney

Roll Call: Trina J, Kate I, Michelle K, Sarah F, Rick W, Liz S, Mary P, Ann S, Lynda F, Laura K, Laura S, Alan C, Anne N, Kelly-Anne M,

Call to Order: Trina @ 7:30pm

1. Additions to the Agenda
2. Adoption of Agenda

Recommendation: That the Rodney Aldborough Agricultural Society adopts the agenda as presented.

Motion: Rick Second: Lynda Carried

3. Adoption of the Minutes

Recommendation: That the Minutes of the Rodney Aldborough Agricultural Society meeting held on Tuesday March 26th, 2024 be adopted as circulated and printed.

Motion: Laura S Second: Michelle Carried

4. Business arising from the previous minutes:

- a. Need to make a decision on Demo Derby
 - i. **Option 1:** Ontario Demolition (\$6500)
 1. Has a good following and allows for local drivers to enter as well
 2. This company goes to Ancaster Fair as well, Pete inquired
 - a. Recommended that we increase the prize money by at least \$1000
 - b. Includes a good figure-8 show, typically 12-15 cars entered
 - c. From a liability standpoint, it's a good idea to have a sanctioned event vs. running our own derby
 3. Certain drivers will only follow certain circuits (due to different rules/regs for each sanctioned event)
 - ii. **Option 2:** run our own derby and offer similar/same prize money
 1. Use the money we would be spending on a sanctioned event to put towards our own event
 2. Change the rules to conform to current standards
 3. Committee would need to be formed to make decisions

Alan motions we hire Ontario Demolition for the above listed price, for Friday Sept. 13th. Second:
Laura S. Carried

- b. Ordering save the date cards (Kate)
 - i. Via Canva, we can get 200 cards for \$138
- c. Security guards for beer tent (Kate)
 - i. Same security company we hired last year (via Chris Muscutt)
 - ii. 2 guards per shift, \$29/hr/guard, + \$40 travel fee per day
 - 1. Will need guards for both Friday and Saturday
 - iii. Payment due after fair weekend

Michelle motions that we hire the same security company as last year, at the above listed cost.
Second: Laura S Carried

- d. Drive through chicken dinner (Ann S)
 - i. Burne's Chicken (Dresden) - **Thursday June 20th**
 - ii. Michelle has rubber gloves, there are paper bags in the closet
 - iii. 2 volunteers (set-up, stuffing bags, runners, etc.)
 - 1. Sarah and Kate both have safe food handling
- e. Fundraising 50/50 tickets (Ann S)
 - i. Confirmed with Judd that we are good to sell tickets at the cruise in
 - 1. Margie Toth can sell tickets according to Ann
 - 2. Kate to inquire with Municipality about lottery license
 - ii. Cindy Horvat confirmed we will get a jersey for the raffle
- f. Decision on music entertainment - Friday/Saturday (Trina) - **decisions will be postponed to next meeting**
 - i. We will need something playing inside while the judges are making decisions and opening ceremonies are going on
 - 1. Kate to ask Joseph Ryan (from Rodney) to play on Friday during opening ceremonies
 - ii. Back Pages
 - 1. Available Friday night (before, during, after demo derby)
 - 2. 3-4hrs, \$600, they supply sound and lights
 - iii. Awaiting responses from Conner Wilson, Stacey Zegers
 - iv. Kevin Alderton, Easy Mark
 - 1. \$600, available both Friday and Saturday night
 - 2. 70s/80s classic rock
 - 3. Saturday afternoon/evening before the tractor pull
- g. Tim Burr (comedic lumberjack variety act)
 - i. Now available for our weekend - Saturday would be best
 - ii. \$1695 (incl. HST) for 3 performances (30-45 min)

5. Financials:

- a. March financial report (Liz)

- i. Honorariums set up as an account payable to keep track of monthly expenditures
- ii. Sandra and Liz “bought” a GIC with the \$25,000 from the cemetery board, should earn roughly \$1000 if left alone for the full term
- iii. Trust account has roughly \$4000
 - 1. Lottery money, gun draw, educational/agricultural material, ambassador monies, etc.
- iv. \$200 in prizes listed on the financial report are gift certificates received from donation collection
 - 1. Any gift certificates given to specific classes (i.e. Flower Show) to be recorded and info sent to Liz to keep track
- v. We are reaching the budget limit for entertainment; we can increase the budget by adjusting other amounts, or increase fundraising efforts for entertainment specifically

6. New business:

- a. Food trucks & vendor application form (Kate)
 - i. New application form for 2024, less confusing than in previous years
 - ii. Limited interest from vendors at the moment
 - iii. 2 food trucks are interested, Twisted Sistas and Beaus Treat Traile
- b. Revitalization park placement (Trina)
 - i. Meeting regarding the finalization of placement of the park: April 18th
 - 1. Trina and Dan to represent the Board at the meeting
 - 2. We are not interested in moving the tractor pull track to a different area on the
 - 3. Approximate 80'x80' space needed for the playground/pavilion, different configurations are possible based on the area provided
 - ii. We should confirm whether or not the soccer field is to be reinvigorated in the future, if so we will need to discuss with the municipality in regard to the midway on the infield
- c. Overview of entertainment schedule (Kate)
 - i. Kate to send tentative schedule by the weekend
- d. Face painter (Laura S)
 - i. Contacted Dreamweaver facepainting and mascots (Petrolia)
 - 1. \$600 for 2 artists for 2 hours + \$50 travel fee
 - 2. Mascot costumes : \$100/each for 24hrs; actors are +\$150/hr
 - a. Rent 3, get 1 free
 - ii. Proposed we rent the costumes and have characters run the attractions
 - iii. Kate inquired with Glencoe Fair for the face painters they had in 2023
 - 1. Ann to inquire with Shelley at the daycare for a different quote

Laura motions to hire the above mentioned 4 costumes for Saturday for \$300. Second: Kelly-Anne Carried

- e. District 13 spring meeting (Kate)
 - i. Wednesday, April 27th at 7pm
 - ii. Shedden
- f. Signage for fair weekend (Kate) - **postponed to next meeting**
 - i. Still need a decision made on what to put on the signage around town
 - ii. Hay bale signage with spray paint / strategically placed
- g. Closet cleanout/old shirts and posters (Kate/Trina)

7. Next meeting: April 23rd, 2024

8. Adjournment: Trina @ 9:40pm