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**DRAFT MINUTES – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
THURSDAY JANUARY 24th, 2019
7:00 p.m.
BINBROOK AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

Call to order

Attendance

Paul and Arlene Anderson, Doris and Michele Bain, Rebecca Bennett, Andrew Bienhaus, Jill and Cliff Billingham, Clint Burrows, Laurel Charbonneau, Chris and Paul Devereux, Chris Donaldson, Sherie Eastbury, Jane Elliott, Ruth and Gerry Fuchs, Scott Goheen, Albert Gris, Rebecca Hollett, Vivian Kinnear, Brian Lamb, Dan Loro, Bev Morrison, Maren Nimec, Aleasha Nimec, Nikolas Oreskovic, Alicia Powell, Pat Powell, Bryan Ramsay, Melinda Ramsay, Chad Roberts, Joanne Robitaille, Kristal Sommer, Drew Spoelstra, Zeda Stickland, Cliff Stickland, Wilma and Melvin Switzer, Bill Switzer, Diane Switzer, Jenn Watson, Shannon Wellnitz, Gary and Linda Whitwell, Colleen Zimmermann, Fiore Zenone, Shirley Allen, Joshua Burrows, Nicole and Brooke Young, Larry Martin, Tracy Jolly, Heather Dillon, Karyn Roberts, Michelle Young, Shirley Randle, Lois Whitwell, Jill Lamb
Office Admin – Tracie Murphy, Karen Small

Agenda

Gerry suggests we move revised constitution to ahead of election, 2nd Laurel Charbonneau, motion carried.

Drew feels we shouldn't be changing and should have discussed the adjustment of the agenda. Others advise motion was carried so can't go back.

Introductions & Welcome to Guests

Nik Oreskovic - Presidents Report – The Year in Review (as sent out) – emailed, some upset they didn't get one, apologize for non-mailing that happened due to inaccurate recording of memberships paid in 2018, report read for those that did not receive in the mail. Any questions?

2018 @ The Binbrook Agricultural Society – A Year in Review

As we reflect on the year that has passed, 2018 was largely a year of transitions and changes, filled with many success stories as our community grows, and we grow with it.

Change isn't always easy, but it's a reality that must be faced, and sometimes the longer you wait, the harder it is.

We give sincere thanks for the many volunteer hours contributed by the young and the old. While we have had some retirements from some longterm members of our Society, we have also been able to welcome in some new faces who have stepped up to join our ranks and help carry us forward for the years to come. Additional and unending gratitude should also go to the retiring members, for helping to guide the fair and our society for so many years, into the success that we are today.

After many years of prudent saving and hard work, we have been able to address some physical maintenance aspects of our property in 2018, some of which have not changed since their original construction in the 1970's.

One of the more noticeable changes would be our office and support centre for the Volunteers. Most of you have by now been through and experienced the long overdue renovations that are now nearly complete, allowing office staff to get work done, while giving customers and volunteers an area to approach from in a friendly and professional manner.

Planned (pending weather and scheduling), are new roof materials for buildings 3 & 4, with an aim

towards a 40-year life expectancy.

We are also in negotiations to have our facilities permanently connected to the city sewer systems, another unique “once in a lifetime” for the BAS, sort of challenge that is occupying our time.

We are still investigating and seeking input, on the future of our kitchen facilities, and the exterior of our main hall, as they continue to become more dated, year after year, and maintenance costs rise.

But even as we speak of the projects and the work challenges that the volunteers are doing together for our Ag Society, we should also celebrate the successes of the year.

From our New Year’s Eve for the Community, to the Home & Garden show, to the Turkey Roll, and our support of the many community organizations we partner with.

We had another banner year with the Fair, and our levels of sincere youth engagement are higher than the y have been for a long time. The future looks bright.

As we look forward to 2019, the projects, the events, and the fair, we want to encourage anyone in our community to reach out and stay in touch. When you have questions or ideas, please share them, and we’ll do the same in return. So many times, we get lost in the hustle and bustle of daily life and just getting things done, but that’s when good twoway communication becomes even more important.

In 2019, we hope to spend some more time keeping the members in the loop as to what’s going on, and where we can work together in meaningful ways.

We have one member working on a newsletter in the more traditional sense, in addition to the social media tools that have become so common in the younger generations.

But, in the end, it’s your Ag Society, let’s move forward together.

Sincerely, The BAS Executive and the Board of Directors

Special Thanks and Recognition

Take a moment to recognize individuals who have done things for us in the present and past

-Scott Cook from Rock with Us, for Granite counter top

-Brad Milmine for use of tools and equipment

-Retiring directors (Joe and Louisa Connors, Margie McDougall, Bill and Marjorie Baker, Lynne Corlis, Linda Whitwell, Vivian Kinnear, Gerry Fuchs, Ruth Fuchs)

-Thanks to our corporate sponsors for the fair this year. TD Canada Trust, Queenston Motors, JBR and Empire Homes.

Revised Constitution

Gerry Fuchs – Option 1 – taken on throughout the year, him and Vivian Kinnear, as per request at last AGM. (see attached for details)

Andy – Option 2 – thanks to Gerry and Vivian for working on option 1. A lot of great ideas, and option 2 has incorporated many of the selections in option 1. Nik, Colleen and Andy felt they should do their own due diligence. Prepared option 2. (see attached for details)

Why wasn’t entire board consulted on option 2 (Gerry/Laurel). Nik advised that it was simply a review and was being checked by Helen Scutt of OMAFRA and it turned into a larger process which is when they decided they should make a 2nd option. The deadline was fast approaching so they decided to submit it.

Gary - Executive is railroading it all. Drew says it isn’t true, they did consult OMAFRA and a number of directors.

Vivian – OMAFRA has developed a workshop that will be at the Convention that is about constitution etc...We should send 3 people to that workshop and move forward from there. Should vote on option 3.

Nik – Option 2 has been run past Helen Scutt.

Lois Whitwell – Obviously there are people who aren’t on board, so asking us to make decisions blind, not fair. Can’t ask people to make the decision tonight. Motion to vote for option 3 with understanding that new constitution is written throughout the year, that people go to the workshop, and be sent out in advance prior to next meeting, Vivian 2nd, opposed 4, motion carried.

Sherry – Can we just not vote rather than making it an option to vote for option 3.

Gerry – it hasn’t been received in time by everyone. He supports option 3. Suggests he doesn’t make it all or nothing, should be able to accept some.

Melinda – there is enough people with voices on both sides, that people on the outside don’t feel confident in either. Don’t feel comfortable to vote when don’t know enough.



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Election of Directors for 3year term – report by Chad Roberts

Have some directors up for reelection for 3-year term. Will be electing 6 positions for the upcoming year. Clint, Alicia, Drew, Fiore, Gerry, Chad. 5 of 6 are standing for reelection.

Heather Dillon – OAAS director from district 6 – to run election. Open the floor to nominations for 3-year term not including 5 names. Melvin Switzer nominates Maren Nimec, Gerry nominates Vivian Kinnear. Nominations closed. Vivian will you let your name stand, will decline at this time. Maren will you let your name stand, yes. Fiore, yes. Chad, yes. Drew, yes. Alicia, yes. Clint, yes. Those are your 6 directors for 3-year term.

Minutes of previous meeting – January 25th, 2018 (errors or omissions) – Diane BrooksLangs ran elections not Diane Switzer. Poultry – send geese and ducks home but were not sent home. Kristal needs to be added to elected to board. No new business added. Drew motion to approve with changes made, Josh 2nd, motion carried.

Business arising from minutes

Steering Committee - report from Vivian

When I saw on the agenda business arising from minutes, I saw steering committee. There was an attempt to get this started last year. People were asked in a survey format who they thought would be good for the committee. Only 20 percent of those surveyed responded. Several people who were suggested were not interested in being on the committee. Eventually a small group of 5 was formed. A couple of meetings were had with only 3 people at each meeting. Ideas were shared. There were several emails sent for more meetings but due to other commitments the committee never got off the ground. The BAS future lies in all its members as mentioned in the president's address. The lines of communication have to be opened and all members need to feel that their voice is heard around the table not a select few because everyone's ideas and opinions are valuable and in coming from different walks of life, we all have different skills and knowledge. Moving forward there does need to be a concentrated effort by the board and interested members to make future plans for the BAS an organized effort in what we need to do now, what we need to do next year, and what the future in 5 years holds and the controlled management of finances to get us there.

Kitchen Renovation - Andy – rough costs have been investigated, looking for input. New catering volunteer – Shannon Wellnitz. Applied for grant to cover costs. What are people looking to see with the renovations.

-(comment from ?) Feels like we don't have a future plan and where will we be in the future. Feels like we won't exist in 5 years.

Nik, we have put feelers out there.

Financial Report

Need the date corrected on the examiner's report.

Sherie – requesting percentage change column for future.

Laurel – why did we cash out the GIC – it matured, we didn't cash it out.

Billingshurst – is 108K for city sewer. Why not free? Nik explained that we were misled by an individual at Coco Paving. We are working with city and Coco and have not cut the cost below half. Down to 45 and 50K.

Laurel – did we get rent from Coco, Nik – yes. That money in GIC was to cover if we had bad fairs. We still have it, it's in the acct, not as a GIC. If we maintain a balance at TD, we pay no service charges at the bank.

?? – does the city use same criteria for connecting sewer for non-profit as corporation. It's Coco paving not the city that is hooking it up. Nik – City is involved because they are servicing their washroom.

Laurel – doing bldg. 3 with sewers – yes.

Vivian – why gates lower. Thoughts? Nik – heat? If we are stale bring up changes.

Brian Ramsay – What days are we down? Sunday – so hot.

Josh to approve financials, 2nd Drew, motion carried. Opposed Laurel and Billingshurst. Haven't had time to read it.

Committee reports

-2019 report hand out suggestion from Paul Anderson.

-Require Chairperson for parking and miniature horses

1 Publicity – Delaney

Do not feel like I am fulfilling my role well. With my own business getting busier and busier I do not have time to do my own social media and such let alone another. I think it's best if someone else took over the role as I do not feel like I am doing it justice.

2 Parade – no parade in 2018

3 Heavy Horses – Brian Ramsay

The 2018 Heavy Horse show was the most successful in years. The entry numbers were up, we had new exhibitors and our judge Robert Fullerton commented on the quality of the horses being shown. 2018 was also the first year of our two-year-old driving futurity class, sponsored by “Worldwide Security”. Thank you to our committee Heather, Bill & Cody and to Drew & Nik for helping prepare the show ring.

4 Road Horses – Cally

The Stick Horse class was again successful with 25 kids participating. It was a welcome surprise that midway tickets & stuffed animals were donated on Sunday morning by Campbell Amusements for the “best groomed” horses.

-Just a reminder for next year to have the time for the Stick Horse class to be consistent in the Fair book, schedule and on the map **12:00pm to allow for cleanup prior to heavy horse & road horse hitch classes starting at 1pm.

-Parents are asked to pre-register their kids to ensure enough prize packs are made up as all participants get a toonie and a goodie bag.

-For 2019 the Stick Horse Class will once again be sponsored by the Merritt Family.

The Road Horse show had classes sponsored by Earl & Mrs HA Stirling (wagon stake), Dundas Animal Hospital (over bike), Village Animal Centre (under bike), Hare's Harness & Tack (bike stake) and Town Centre Pharmacy (green).

-We had 2 stables show in the Road horse classes after a couple years of only a single exhibitor. They have requested we keep the classes on for 1 more year as they aren't quite ready to retire after all.

-Thanks for the rosette ribbons! Much easier to pin on a horse than handing out the “bookmark” style ribbons.

-No concerns or suggestions for the 2019 show.

-Unfortunately, we are losing the sponsorship money from Dundas AH, Village Centre AH and Town Centre Pharmacy. However, the Merritt Family will be sponsoring the Green Roadster to Bike class and Hare's Harness & Tack will again sponsor the Roadster to Bike Stake for the 2019 fair. Thanks everyone and see you at the fair!

5 Miniature Horses – no report

6 Horse Pulls – Chad

7 Guernsey Cattle - Karyn

8 Beef Cattle/4-H - Karyn

9 Sheep – Alicia

The 2018 Sheep Show was held on another sunny Sunday. The show went very well, with five participating farms, and full classes. Due to the heat that afternoon, visitor attendance at the show was lower than in previous years. The show tent was greatly appreciated by participants and judge. Show judge will return for a second time in 2020. The Future Famer show was another great success, with 5 children participating. A major thank you to committee members Josh and Melissa Groves for assisting in



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confirming the judge, to Jill Billingham for her assistance and organization at the show, and to junior members Felicity and Austin Groves for handing out ribbons. We are looking forward to another great year in 2020.

10 Goats – no report

11 Poultry - Sherie

12 Root & Vegetables – no report

13 Grain Seeds & Hay - Josh

14 Plants & Flowers – Joanne

Great year. We are so fortunate to have so many Gardeners in our area share their Horticultural beauties. Our entries were up in Plants & Flowers Department. We are also thrilled to welcome new Exhibitors.

Excellent show for our 2018 Official Judge (Royal Botanical Gardens certified) Catherine McGill (Caledonia).

Rosettes were awarded, and gift certificates were handed out to the winners in the “special” section at the end of the fair.

Thanks to all who donated gift certificates/monies for our special section.

Thanks to our committee for all their help. Greatly appreciated!

With so many changes that happened last year, it is great to have BAS members step up before and throughout fair time. Special thanks to Viv Kinnear who went above and beyond helping the new office staff. Also, exhibitors really appreciated received the “prize monies” when picking up their exhibits.

15 Arts & Crafts – Rhonda

Once again, the Arts and Craft section showed a great display of our local talent. We had a little problem with the air conditioner dripping on one of the displays, which happened to be an oil painting, Friday evening but was quickly attended to and resolved, thanks to Paul Anderson.

The committee was very receptive to the new computerized methods of getting our winning entries entered and printed on cards for display. This eliminates all the time and effort over the many years Diane Switzer and anyone else who may have helped in hand writing all those cards, so a big thank you goes out to them. Thanks to the office staff for all their support and hard work and providing us with anything we needed.

Thank you to the Board for providing a free lunch put on by the Women’s Institute on Friday of the Fair. The committee was thoroughly happy about that and hope it continues. These girls have put in many years of volunteering to make our section a success.

I’d like to thank my committee for the many years of dedication they have provided. Some have been new mothers, some work shifts, some have had to be home in time for kids after school and some have had other commitments, but they have always been there to help.

16 Knitting/Crocheting – no report

17 Organized Group Display – no report

18 Home Sewing - Diane

I begin this report with many thanks to the exhibitors and the volunteers for their long hours of work to make this year’s fair, a successful one. We are all committed to doing our best to have the best fair we can have. Yes, there are challenges, but you can say that with anything that is worthwhile doing and being successful. It takes a lot of patience, listening and compromising: it takes team work.

I’m thankful for the volunteers in Home Sewing and their efforts to display and organize our exhibits. As chairperson, I’m thankful to the Home Craft Committee as they organize and provide their help as well. 2018 brought its own challenges, however our exhibitors were true and brought items well worth the competition.

We did have some new exhibitors this year and I congratulate them along with our long-time exhibitors. Thank you to our sponsors, who provide that 'little' extra: those being, the Binbrook Women's Institute, Blackheath-Binbrook Lions Club and individuals, Ruth Martin, Gail Bartlett and Margie MacDougall. I would like to thank Ruth Martin and Gail Bartlett for their many, many years of support and help in Home Sewing. Both ladies are 'retiring' from Department 11. We are truly grateful for all your years of volunteering and exhibiting at Binbrook Fair.

Finally, I would invite anyone to 'join' the Home Sewing department or any other team of BAS. If you know of any one that has an interest in volunteering, invite them to be part of the 'community' of BAS and the Home of Binbrook Fair.

I would like to thank the office staff of BAS for their patience and long hours of work, especially on the three days of the fair. Thank you for the 'due diligence' compiling the winners in the many, many departments and helping chairs & committees through those changes and new applications. Thanks for the 'surprise' of our exhibitors' cheques on Sunday: I know the exhibitors were almost overwhelmed to get their winnings so quickly (I know I was). Thank you to all.

19 Senior Citizens – Diane

The number of exhibitors and exhibits for Department 12 has grown slightly. We had just over 50 entries in the 20 sections of this department. We congratulate all the participants and look forward to seeing their new entries at the 2019 fair. This year's Most Points winner was Margie McDougall. The department thanks Margie for all her work and her beautiful craftsmanship. The Judge's Award went to Inta Aldridge. The Judge's decision was made for Inta's work on a prayer scarf, entered in Section 18.

Thanks once more to Margie McDougall for co-chairing with me over these many years: as she retires from the co-chair of Dept. 12. I hope she will continue to exhibit her sewing and other hand work. (Thank you for your support and leadership, Margie). Department 12 is thankful for all the time and efforts of BAS volunteers, the Home Craft team support, and other volunteers, especially on the days of the fair. Thank you to Gail Bartlett for her sponsorship of the Judge's Award.

Thank you to the office staff for their patience, as we worked through new ways of logging the prize-winning exhibitors with the new recording system and for being able to give our exhibitors 'immediate' payment of their prize money when exhibits were returned.

BAS continues to change and evolve along with a changing and growing community, and as these changes come to fruition, we need to continue to invite and encourage the community to be involved in the future of BAS and Binbrook Fair, as exhibitors, volunteers and leaders.

20 Quilts -Vivian

In May the Quilt committee chairperson Lynne Corlis gave her resignation to the board. The board was unable to get a new chairperson for quilting so as President of Homecraft I took on this role and I am very fortunate that my family took over my presidential duties. The groundwork had been done as Lynne had looked after sponsorships and special. Due to an experienced committee we were able to muddle through. Special thanks the other chairpersons in building 1 who were very supportive. The show was small with 12 exhibitors participating with Grace Mitchell memorial champion quilt won by Marylou White and champion machine quilt to Ivy Smart. The Board is still seeking a chairperson for this committee so if you are interested or know someone with the knowledge of quilting to take on this role please contact the office thanks.

21 Christmas Corner – Arlene

We had a good quality of exhibits which the committee displayed in an eye-pleasing manner, with all entries easy to view. Thank you to the Christmas Corner committee for their work. Thank you to Paul Anderson and family for setting up the main hall.

22 Photography – Gerry

The Photography Department had a total of 328 entries this year, a further decrease for entries from last year. There were 157 in Colour Photography, 42 in Black and White Photography, 118 in Specials and 11 in the Digital Photography section, the only section that saw an increase. Section categories had been completely revised for 2018 so 2019 will be the second year of the two-year cycle.

The most popular categories this year were very close; "A Splash of Colour", had 17 entries and close behind was "Birds are Beautiful" with 16 entries, "The Eyes have it" and "Reflections" with 15 each. A new Exhibitor, Melanie Steeves was the winner for the most points in the Colour Photography and Black and White categories in 2018, with Judy Gurman and Jody Holland right behind her.

The set-up of the display area went smoothly due to the work of Kevin Morrison, Al Vasseur, Lucy Gris, and Toni Hardy the week before the Fair. Pictures were received on Thursday evening with the help of volunteers Hilde Martin, Lucy Gris, Toni Hardy, Patty Atkinson, John Vandermuelen, Alexis, Hayleigh and Tiffany Wickardt and Al Vasseur.

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The judging was done after the Photos were received on Thursday evening since our Judge was unavailable on Friday morning. Therefore, there was lots of time for setting up the display on Friday morning. Volunteers Hilde Martin, Lucy Gris, Toni Hardy, Patty Atkinson, John Vandermuelen and Al Vasseur made short work of setting up the photos. The judging of the “People’s Choice Photograph” went very smoothly due to the efforts of student volunteers, Alexis, Hayleigh and Tiffany Wickardt, who handed out and collected ballots from visitors. The winners were Krystal Fortman, Meaghan Carrocci, Michelle Chiasson, and Michelle Court.

The take down for the displays went very quickly and smoothly due to the help of all the committee members and the many extra people that helped in the building at the end of the day on Sunday. Thank you to all the members of the various committees who work in buildings 3 and 4 for making the work at the Fair so enjoyable!

Finally, thanks to our judge, Terry Babji from the Hamilton Camera Club. Terry worked very hard to complete the judging of the Senior photography section as well adjusting his schedule to judge on Thursday Evening.

A last comment, I plan to step down as Photography Chairperson of Photography in 1 years’ time at the end of this cycle and I am in discussion with someone to take over.

23 Culinary Arts – Wilma

BAS culinary arts is pleased to report a good quantity of foods of especially excellent quality. The judges earned their pay! It is gratifying to know that Baking and Canning is not a dying art among older, seasoned exhibitors and new ones recently moved to the Greater Binbrook Area. Each year we try to offer a variety of sections to reflect our changing tastes without eliminating the usual and still popular banana bread and chocolate chip cookies. A very special thank you is extended to the generous sponsors of special categories and to the BAS for prize money in the more traditional sections. Thank you to our energetic, creative Culinary Arts team and the guys and gals who set-up and take down our very heavy but secure bake cases.

24 Antiques – Gwen

The 2018 Antiques Display was a highlight as usual. It seems there are new exhibitors each year and a core of those who come with their baskets and hampers full year after year.

This will be a year of transition and rebuilding. I do not have a committee at this time, but plan invite people to join in and with luck an interest will be sparked, and we will proceed from there.

I have two areas of concern the first is the actual setting up and taking down of the back drop and the cases. The second is always the difficulty in having someone in the hall at all times during the fair. Guard duty as we call it is important and finding people to cover the hours is difficult and always has been.

Lastly, I wish to say thank to the Baker family for all they have done to make this department such a success.

25 Wood Carving – no report

26 Wine Making – Albert

The 2018 Fall Fair Amateur Wine Competition was a success though the numbers of entries were a tad down, but the quality of the product increased. Most wines reached the Ribbon level and we had a new wine maker from Hamilton who took 1st place ribbon in the Country Wine Category. Many thanks go out to the office staff, especially Gerry Fuchs, thank you to our sponsors Fletcher’s Apple Farms of Binbrook and Brew Time on Upper James for prizes in Country Wine and Best of Show categories. Please support our sponsors.

27 Junior Department – Nicole

The Junior department is running low on volunteers and entries!

We had a very low number of exhibits again this year. While at the drop off and pick up and during time

spent on duty during the fair, we were promoting our Group Challenge!

This is our second year and still no entries.

The Group Challenge is for a minimum of 4 exhibitors entering as individuals but under a group name.

We will tally the group points and whichever group has the most points will win an additional \$100 to split between all members along with their individual prize money.

We were encouraging siblings and pushing them to ask a friend. We will continue to promote this. I am looking at getting something out to the schools before the end of the school year as well. Junior is 10-21, we are hoping all the wonderful exhibitors in Elementary will start coming of age to enter in Junior as well.

We will be continuing the craft table at the market every other weekend until the fair, if anyone from Elementary would be able to help support this as well please contact Nicole Colterman

(Nicole.colterman23@gmail.com) Most children engaging in the craft table are of elementary age but we are trying to encourage them young so they will continue entering for years to come. This seems to be a hit and we are starting to see more entries coming into the fair. The Nesting Nook Child Care will sponsor the table again this year.

Mya Nichols will stay as a committee member, but she will be stepping down from her co-chair position. Nicole Colterman will step up and be the sole Chair of the Junior Department. Mya has done an amazing job and she will be missed but we are glad she is staying involved.

We do need some more volunteers for our committee during the fair set up and take down, if you know anyone please let Nicole know.

28 Elementary Dept – no report

29 Gate – no report

30 North Gate – Brian L

Last year was an excellent year for us. We had a great team with a minimum of 4 volunteers for Friday and Saturday. Traffic flow was excellent. We had 3 people taking money from drive in traffic, 1-person handling walk in and supervising the sidewalk to make sure there were no accidents.

The addition of the portable lights, vests and flashlights improved the overall safety of the entrance. This year was the second time we had to stop traffic from entering as the lot was full. It would be nice if we could get a barricade or sandwich board to set up at the gate as some people did not understand why I was standing in the lane and telling them to keep moving as the lot was full.

During our peek time between 530 and 700 pm on Friday and Saturday it was not uncommon for us to require deposits every 45 minutes. In those times we were collecting \$1500 to \$2000. During this time, we constantly were running out of change and it became chaotic. If there is any way that someone from the office could schedule a pickup and bring change to the gate it would be greatly appreciated.

The 2 concerns that arose at the gate were the power wheels sign up and accessible parking for handicapped patrons. It would be nice if we could designate some spots near the entrance by the Lions Tent as some people were annoyed by the lack of parking.

After the demolition derby traffic flow from the fairgrounds was well organized as we stopped the pedestrians from trying to cross while the police handled the exiting traffic.

Sunday was a fantastic day with moderate walk-in traffic once the vendors and horse shows arrived.

31 Pet Show – no report

32 Baby Show - Maren

33 Concessions – Melvin

The concessions were full last year with a waiting list. 2 left early which will be dealt with. Have concessions coming in 2 or 3 a week for 2019 Fair. I'd like to thank all those that helped set them up last year.

34 Buildings/Grounds – Melvin

This past year we put up new fence on the backstretch and the new steel fence along the east side. Also, the upgrades in the president's report with the office. Plan on finishing entrance to office, roofs on bldg. 3 and 4, another section of steel fence along the south side of the track, replacing the cable. Thank all the people who helped with the fences and also the Monday night crew for all the work they did. Spent 112 hours cutting grass last year.

35 Entertainment - Chad

36 Old MacDonald's Farm – Amber

The Old McDonald's Farm Tent had another successful year. We had 11 volunteers who supervised people, cleaned up, fed and watered the animals. Sheep Shearing and Milk Demonstrations continued to be the highlight for our attendees.



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We were lucky to also have our Pig Farmers there more often this year which helped with not only the management of the piglets but also provided additional learning.

We were unable to have chicks this year due to a malfunction with the incubator. We hope that this feature will return next year as it is a highlight for everyone.

Thank you once again to all the farmers who lend their animals, those who volunteer and all those who set up and tear down the tent.

If anyone would like to volunteer next year please let either Amber Mitchell (amberdmitchell@gmail.com) or Delaney DellaFortuna (binbrookvet@gmail.com) know.

37 Agri. Ed. Program – Linda

We continue to have a problem getting schools to apply to the program. We were short 2 classes this year. Otherwise the program went well. I would like to thank my committee of approximately 25 faithful volunteers. We are grateful for the support of the TD Bank, not only their financial contribution, but two bank staff helped us this year. Thanks to the Dairy Farmers for donating the milk, Lincoln Line Orchards for the apples. Once again Nino Cedrone provided a superb lunch. Thanks Nino.

As many of you know this was my last year as chair of the committee. I am very happy to announce that Michelle Bain will replace me. Michelle has been a part of the program for many years and I have no doubt the program will continue stronger than ever.

I am very grateful to have had such a great group of people working with me over the past years.

38 Parking – no report

39 Demolition Derby - Drew

40 Home and Garden Show – Lynne Corlis

The 28th annual Home and Garden Show is over for another year. I have to thank my dedicated committee of Fred & Kevin Morrison, Mill & Marjorie Baker, Cliff Stickland, Cliff Billingham, Maren Nimec (Kitchen Manager), Pat Powell, & Mel Switzer. Aaron and Ron Hume looked after the car show on Sunday—130 cars arrived. Vivian Kinnear managed the 50/50 draw.

Revenue for the weekend is as follows: Swap Meet – 150; 50/50 Draw – 420; Kitchen – 641.40; Vendors – 8590.50; Total \$9,831.90. All in all, a successful weekend for the BAS, although at times we were a little short on volunteers.

In the 19 years that I have been chair of this event it has generated over \$170,000. Regretfully, I find it necessary to resign from my volunteerism at the BAS.

41 Car Show and Swap Meet – no report

42 Catering – Ruth

In 2018, we had a shortened year due to the plan to renovate the kitchen. We did manage to convene or assist in 6 events: 3 banquets for local organizations, a celebration of life and assisted at the Turkey Roll and Breakfast with Santa.

We started the year with \$12,099.60 in the bank and donated \$9000.00 to the BAS and ended the year with 7861.48 of which \$2251.05 is tip money. We managed to take a tip trip to a play (A Screwball Comedy at Lighthouse Theatre in Port Dover). 33 people attended. We will be donating a cheque to the BAS by the end of then month probably for \$5000.00.

I have been catering since about 1990 and Chairperson since January 1995 with a wonderful team to work with - Margie Bev and Zeda and would just like to take a few minutes to thank all the caterers for a wonderful time. Yes, there is a lot of slugging in the job – hauling dishes, equipment and food into the kitchen from next door; prepping the food; picking up the pies and buns; finishing the cooking, serving, clearing washing dishes and tidying the kitchen BUT the things I will remember most are the wonderful people I got to share all the work with. These people gave up mostly half their weekend to come out to do all that and the thing I heard most often was “What can I do next?” And often when we were washing up, I would have guests come to the door and ask me “Who are all these people?” And when told them they

were the volunteers who prepared their meal they commented “Well, they seem to be having more fun than we are!” And that is why I stayed on as long as I did – It was fun to work with all the people be it setting up ahead or getting the meal on the tables and then cleaning up. Thanks for all your help and all the great memories. And a special help to Margie Bev and Zeda who made sure I didn’t forget anything and propped me up when I was beginning to tire.

I would now like to pass the books to Shannon Knight who will assuming the responsibilities of Catering planning.

43 New Year’s Eve –

Numbers were down for the most recent NYE, but feedback remains positive. Suggestions and ideas were gathered during the evening, with an eye on both updates/changes, and better marketing next year to bring in new faces. Some of the recurring folks, have simply retired from attending any sort of NYE events.

Many thanks to the BAS volunteers, and the Scouting families and youth who assisted with the event.

44 Storage – no report

45 Farmer’s Market – Alicia

The 2018 Farmers’ Market was a success thanks to the help of a wonderful committee and team, including Vivian Kinnear, Rebecca Bennett, Michelle Lovegrove, and Kayla Popper. Special thanks to Chad Roberts and Andy Bienhaus for assisting with ATM set-up throughout the summer. The committee would also like to thank Paul Anderson, Fred Morrison and Pat Powell for their help with logistics and repairs over the course of the season. This year we had two junior volunteers, Rain and Jackson, who were an awesome presence and support for take down and set up and the craft each week. The committee also thanks Amber Mitchell and Zahir Badsha for their assistance with the Loyalty Card program. Thank you to our dedicated and passionate vendors, with a special thank you to Leo Hackl, and Mel Ramsay for their assistance throughout the season. The Market could not have been successful without the help of all of these folks, and of course our loyal customers. 2018 was a year focussed on sustaining the market, while additional help was sought. We are very pleased that we were able to run the market with this support.

New in 2018 was a later opening time of 9:00 am. While this was a big change for our few early bird visitors, this was a welcome change among vendors, especially those travelling greater distances. The committee also saw a new partnership with John Bruce Robinson Homes with reusable green grocery bags advertising the Market. This was a major hit with customers. Our Loyalty Card program is a consistent program that is very well received with our customers. Thank you to the BAS for their support of the program with donations of pop and hotdogs at the Food Booth during the Fair, as well as to Terra Greenhouses for the donation of \$25 gift cards to our winning loyal customers. The Nesting Nook Day Care again sponsored a biweekly children’s craft, which was very well received by young visitors. This coming season, the first market will be held on Saturday, June 2nd, running from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. Vendor fees will remain the same as the last two years. The market will run rain or shine each Saturday, until the weekend of the Fair (15 weeks) and will reopen for the three weeks afterwards, through the Thanksgiving weekend. We are one of the only Greenbelt True Farmers’ Markets that has the luxury of indoor space in the case of inclement weather.

Looking ahead to 2019, we are seeking additional, consistent and dedicated volunteers to assist with administration, soliciting new vendors and running the market as market manager on Saturdays. If this is a cause you love and support, please see me or email binbrookfarmersmarket@gmail.com to volunteer or for more information.

We are also seeking new vendors in a variety of areas, including, cheese, baked goods and breads, specialty produce and items, herbs, hot foods, wine, coffees and teas, and hot breakfast. If you have any recommendations, please connect with me, or share the opportunity to vend at Binbrook Farmers’ Market with your contacts.

I would also like take the opportunity to remind the Membership that the Farmers’ Market is a True Farmers’ Market. Unlike others in the area, such as the Hamilton, Binbrook Farmers’ Market is considered by provincial and municipal governments to be a true farmers’ market in that it supports primarily farmer vendors who produce, raise, cultivate and prepare their products on this land. The Market is the longest-running event held by the BAS. It is an 18-week event that directly meets the mandate and intention of the Agricultural Society by providing agricultural education, supporting local farmers and producers, and connecting our growing community with Binbrook’s agricultural heritage and



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bounty. I encourage our membership to continue to support the Market, as customers, volunteers and neighbours. Please continue to recommend our little market to your neighbours and friends, share our social media posts and visit us on Saturday mornings this summer.

46 BAS Food Booth

Continued growth and excitement from those involved, another good year from the Food Booth. Profits just under \$7k, going directly to the bottom line. Hot weather increased drink sales, but tended to reduce food sales. Sunday was quiet, by comparison to past years.

Thanks to all helpers, and in particular to the Scouting youth that staff the booth for us!

47 Hall Rentals – Wilma

Beavers and Cubs on Monday nights, Blood donor clinics throughout the year. As our community becomes more populated, our main hall is ever more needed and used. Most of our events are Jack and Jill's – most of which leave the space in respected condition. Very rarely do we withhold some of the security bond. Many of the new couples are calling Binbrook "home". Thank you to our cleaners and various maintenance persons. Something to fix? It seems that it just gets done. We can be proud of a hall that is appropriate for various types of events and much appreciated by all who use it. And yes, we are so much in demand that we have had several booking/requests for 2020 already. New to BAS modern payments options have been well received.

48 Community Church Service – no report

49 Livestock Committee – Linda

I have also resigned from this committee. Most of the responsibilities of the livestock committee have been taken over by other livestock committees or the office. I do not know if this committee will continue.

50 Technology

Biggest advancement this year was the implementation of AssistExpo, to not only manage the fair, but also our members, contacts, and other events. New things to learn, but great results. Culminating in the very popular ability to hand out prize Cheques on Sunday evening, as people picked up their exhibits. Many thanks to the folks that supported it in the office. Tracie, Karen, Kristal, Chris, and MAREN.

51 Homecraft Committee - Vivian

As Homecraft president the last year I attended the annual OAAS convention and attended seminars on cannabis legalization, better home craft displays, volunteer recognition, and fundraising. The entertainment showcase was great with many talented artists. If you have the opportunity the convention it is very educational and

Entertaining. In March we had Ladies night with demonstrations based on our theme with flower arranging and seeds planting. The Craft and garden show saw Homecraft volunteers in the food booth and selling 50/50 tickets. Homecraft was at the Farmers market encouraging volunteers to help with fair and selling tickets. with 13 committees looking after over 2500 exhibits Homecraft is a vital and vibrant group at fair time. This year we have had a few people retire and the board is currently looking for chairpersons for a few committees. Thanks to Lynne Corlis, Louisa Connors, Gerry Fuchs. As I am finished my term as president of Homecraft I wish much luck to Eleanor Spenser as she takes on that role. Thank you for the opportunity.

52 ATM

We don't need to understand why people want to use such a thing, in order to continue supporting it's presence. More than \$75,000 went into BAS events through it this year, and our "free money" for having it available, amounted to some nearly \$2,300 in service fees income.

1st Binbrook Scouts

Continued partnership, benefitting both the youth of Binbrook and the BAS. Continues to be one of the largest groups in the country, with 145 youth plus volunteers. Plans for the following year, include continued local adventures, planned trip to New York city, and a potential agricultural exchange trip to Kenya.

Comments from Guests

Larry – who is treasurer, are they bonded? Past President Chad Roberts is Secretary / Treasurer. He is bonded through insurance (Melvin).

Laurel – so Chad enters data, no office administration staff enters it.

Larry – why didn't he sign the financials? Because Raymond requested in writing that Andy sign it on his behalf. Only completed his work, later this same afternoon so not much time to do it differently, short of driving to Binbrook for one signature.

New Business

-Nik – motion to appoint Ruth Fuchs as honorary director for hard work and commitment she has put in. Andy 2nd, motion carried. Opposed – Ruth Fuchs.

-Albert – possibility of adding new category, selling cannabis cookies?

Adjournment – Drew moves to adjourn.

President

Recording Secretary