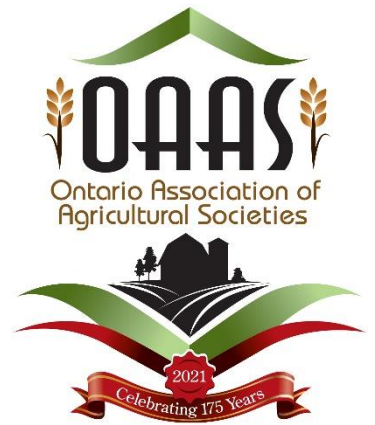


**Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies**  
**Zoom Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 15, 2020**



**Present:** Valerie Allen, Carol Cann, Beth Howell-Vervaecke, Rodger Lyster, Grace Mullen, Linda Murray, Liz O’Gorman-Smit, Heather Owens, Wayne Pfeffer, Zach Prescott, Leonard Riopel, Bart Scherpenzeel, Brian Slaughter, Glen Syme, Brenda Tipping and Doug Yeo

**Staff:** Vince Brennan, Kathryn Lambert

**Regrets:** Heather Dillon

**Absent:** Randy Creighton

**Guests:** Mike Dupuis

**Minutes**

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome/Introductory Comments – Brian Slaughter
3. Roll Call – How many times has the zoom account been used for District and Ag Societies  
When and how is your District holding their AGM?
4. Appointment of Action Sheet Recorder – Liz O’Gorman-Smit
5. Approval of Agenda  
**Motion** by Wayne Pfeffer to approve agenda as presented  
**Seconded** by Valerie Allen  
**Carried** Yes - 14 No - 0 Abstain - 0
6. Declaration of Conflict of Interest
7. Reminder of Code of Conduct signed
8. Approval of August 18, 2020 Minutes  
**Motion** by Doug Yeo to approve minutes as distributed  
**Seconded** by Heather Owens  
**Carried** Yes - 13, No – 0, Abstain - 0
9. Any Business from the minutes - None
10. Review Action Sheet - Brian Slaughter
11. Correspondence Received  
**Motion** by Liz O’Gorman-Smit to pay CAFE Provincial Association dues  
**Seconded** by Linda Murray  
**Carried** Yes - 12, No - 1, Abstain - 0
12. Committee Reports  
**Motion** by Grace Mullen to receive Committee Reports as reported

**Seconded** by Heather Owens  
**Carried** Yes - 13; No - 0; Abstain - 0

## **Program Committees**

First Impressions/Strategic Implementation Program – none

- Have some fairs interested in starting the program.
- Will be sending out an invitation to all fairs again

Youth - none

## **Standing Committees**

Executive – none

Finance – none

Sponsorship – report sent to Kathryn

Governance – report

**Motion** by Brenda Tipping that the Board approve “The Terms of Reference” presented by the Governance Committee as amended.

**Seconded by Heather Owens**  
**Carried** Yes 13; No 0; Abstain 0

Nomination Committee - report

Sent a note that Roger and Doug will be calling everyone in next two weeks to determine everyone’s interest and/or recommendations for nominations

## **Convention Committees**

Ambassador - none

Auction - none

Speaker/Sessions – sent to Kathryn

Registration - none

Competition - report?

Hospitality – no meeting

## **Ad-hoc Committees**

175 Anniversary – report

Judging Panel - no meeting

### 13. Financial report – Vince Brennan

- Not much activity since last meeting – concentrating on budget prior to fall meeting

### 14. Board Goals and Strategic plan for 2020 - update by Beth Howell-Vervaecke

- No changes since last time

For information only - Provincial Directors up for elections District 1, 4, 7, 10, & 13 - 12 is open

### 15. Manager's Report

- Things have quieted down a bit
- Talked to Rick Berthiaume
  - New contact for OMAFRA rep. Talking re funding for OAAS – no news yet
  - Resend letters to the Ministers that we sent previously to remind them.
- Working with Tim from Alberta re a project AG Societies are not just a fair – we are much more than that – he is collecting stats on events, etc. to present to CAFE
- Working on budgets
- Liz spent time on creating application for Resilient Communities fund
- Facilitators for Strategic Plan
- Conversations with Shawn LaPalm and Cathy Redden – on workshops for Ag Societies – asked for funding from Resilient Communities Fund
- Meeting with OFA re Bill 156

### 16. Convention Administrator Report

- Kathryn will be contacting Service Members - thoughts on engaging with service members
- Same price for membership as last year
- No tradeshow this year at hotel so offering a complimentary virtual tradeshow booth to all service members
- Offering up to 2 complementary virtual showcase submissions to all entertainers.
- Can upload info from Convention i.e. speakers etc. to this site.
- Seminar committee – hard to get motivated to fill 40 spots when not sure what is going on.
- Is early Dec enough time to set up a virtual convention? Speakers are confirmed and will be available virtually.
- CAFE registration open now

HR has sent out survey regarding staff – please complete and submit

Annual Meetings are coming up – speak with people ahead regarding becoming directors – info on website regarding roles and responsibilities for District and Provincial Directors

**Motion** by Rodger Lyster to adjourn meeting

Adjourned

Next meeting - October 16 & 17

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