

## Spruce View & District Agricultural Society Meeting Minutes

**Date:** January 12, 2023 @ 7 pm

**Attendees:** Brent Ramsay, Kinsey Brown, Janine Seymour, Logan Ebbesen, Whitney Quartley, Dustin Christiansen, Mitch Hetu, Lindsay Stoyberg

1. Approval of Agenda
  - Motion to move agenda by Lindsay, 2nd Janine
2. Motion to approve minutes by Janine, 2nd Whitney
3. President's Report
  - ODR - lots of people using the rink, still trying to figure out a way to have it scraped and flooded.
  - Meeting with the Caroline Ag Society - Meeting set up for Monday, January 16 to discuss alignment of policies (including weather cancellation policies). If anyone has anything they would like to discuss with the Caroline Ag Society, let Dustin know.
  - New Years Cabaret - lots of positive feedback from attendees. The event was a success!
4. Financial Report
  - General Account           \$114,533.08
  - Casino Account           \$12,570.57
  - New years cabaret: \$9,028.01 profit
  - Motion to accept financials as presented by Mitch, 2nd Janine.
5. Director Reports
  - Facility Rentals
    - Beth absent, Dustin reported a couple of cancellations due to the extreme cold weather in December as well as some successful tournament weekends
  - Communications - Whitney
    - Posting often
    - Took old figure skating frames to the museum for their event
6. User Group Reports
  - Minor Hockey
  - Figure Skating - Running a 50/50, Carnival booked for March 5
  - 4-H - Public speaking January 21, next meeting February 6
  - Gymkhana - N/A
7. Caretaker Report
  - Heat exchanger broke, Carmen was quoted \$500 for parts and free labour. Dustin authorized to have it fixed. Dustin to follow up with Carmen to check the status of the repairs.
8. Unfinished Business

- County Operating Grant -NA
- Wheelchair Access - Logan found a contractor to do the project. Dustin to get a picture of the wheelchair ramp in Caroline and forward to Logan. Logan to obtain a quote for February meeting.
- Heating in stands - Heaters still work, although not efficiently. Board to look at replacing or repairing in the summer season as finances allow.
- Audio Quote for Capital Grant - Board was awarded \$35k to upgrade the audio equipment at the arena. To upgrade the audio equipment to a digital system and get projector equipment for the board room, it would be slightly above budget, a few other scenarios were quoted. Brent to forward quotes to the board and the board will determine which quote to go with.
- Internet - Brent discussing the arena potentially getting internet with the county.

#### 9. New Business

- Raffle Fundraiser
  - Dustin spoke with the Eckville Ag Society about their Bullarama event, they advised to take a year to plan. Our Ag Society could look at doing an event in Summer 2024
  - Raffle this year - Board looking into partnering with a business to raffle off a lawnmower and/or some other lawn care equipment. Tickets would be sold for a few months (or as long as it would take to sell enough tickets) winner would be drawn at our summer cabaret event.
  - Summer 2023 Cabaret - Looking at planning our cabaret event for Canada Day weekend with a DJ.
- AAAS Convention - No board members to attend this year
- Activity Tracking for Annual Grant - Kinsey
- Green and Inclusive Grant - Kinsey
  - Kinsey to attend webinar. Application deadline is Feb 28 2023.
  - Areas of interest are Solar power, Internal Renos, Furnace/ Heating upgrades, Ice plant upgrades for efficiency.
  - Dustin will look into getting quotes once we have a better idea of what can be applied for under the grant.

10. Next Meeting Thursday, February 9 @7pm

11. Meeting Adjourned at 8:57