



Spruce View & District Agricultural Society Meeting Minutes

Date: April 10th 2025 @ 7:03 pm

Attendees: Logan Ebbesen, Jessica Severtson, Ote Poirier, Brent Ramsay, Trent Severtson, Tom Vanderlinde, Whitney Quartly and Jaret Haupt

1. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Trent motions to approve the agenda as amended.
 - b. Ote seconds the motion. Carried.
2. March Minutes
 - a. Tom motion to approve the March minutes by Whitney.
 - b. Jaret seconds the motion. Carried.
3. President Report
 - a. 4H donated 8 tables. Thank you so much!!
 - b. Thank you to Tom and Ote for removing the ice and cleaning the concrete!
 - c. Live barn will be installed next week.
 - d. County engineers conducting an engineering study regarding potential asbestos and other hazardous materials. Potential asbestos in cinder blocks, drywall compound, popcorn ceiling, and old bathroom tiles was discussed.
4. Financial Report
 - a. Graham sent a bill for \$16,212 (November to present) for caretaking.
 - b. General account balance: \$34,159.34.
 - c. Casino account balance: \$29,790.82.
 - d. Board sign payments are pending from TNT Signs, McKnights, and Brandt.
 - e. Outstanding ice rentals are due from Filipchuk, Minor Hockey, and the Flames March Tournament.
 - f. Dickson Kitchen subcontractor still has food in the fridges and freezers. She owes \$900 for three months of rent. The concession lady's bill was sent to her via Tom.
 - g. Lindsay is considering stepping down as treasurer at the AGM due to scheduling conflicts, but will continue as a director. She will not leave without a replacement treasurer.
 - h. Whitney Quartly also mentioned she is in a similar situation regarding the secretary position.
 - i. Motion to approve the financial report made by Jaret.
 - ii. Motion second by Ote. Carried.
5. Director Reports
 - a. Booking Coordinator (Jessica)
 - i. Confusion regarding billing for tournaments was discussed. Tournaments are charged \$150 per hour plus flood time, but the last booking of a tournament should not have a flood charge. This year, all floods were

charged. It was decided to keep the current billing method for other rentals, but to clarify and streamline the process. Last floods will be charged on tournaments for all users.

- ii. Discussion about whether the Flames should be considered a user group and receive discounted rates, but it was decided to maintain the current rate for all groups.
- iii. A new invoice for the Flames will be created and sent.
- iv. The rental agreement was reviewed and discussed.
- v. The cancellation fine was discussed. It was decided to implement a deposit instead of an additional fine. Cancellations need to be communicated 7 days prior to booking.
- vi. The deposit for tournament bookings will be \$750, which will be half the cost. The previous \$500 fine for cancellations will be removed.
- vii. A clause regarding communication with the Ice Coordinator about cancellations was added. If a group does not communicate cancellations to the booking coordinator, they will be charged.
- viii. Each group is allowed one bad weather day.
- ix. A clause was added regarding outside food. Snacks are generally allowed, but meals need prior approval. Examples of acceptable snacks were given (fruit slices, energy bars). Meals cooked in the kitchen or large orders (e.g., boxes of pizza) require approval.
- x. The rental agreement is considered good to go.
- xi. Rental agreements will be sent to groups for signing before bookings are confirmed.

b. Communications (Whitney)

- i. Waiting for photos from the Alberta Ag Societies convention, particularly those featuring Lindsay.

6. User Groups

a. Minor Hockey

- i. AGM is on May 1st. Attendance from the Ag Society is encouraged.
- ii. The Chief's banquet is next Thursday (April 17th) in Caroline.
- iii. Sundre Minor Hockey is pushing to join the Chief's amalgamation. Concern about losing members and increased travel.
- iv. A collaboration meeting between Spruce View and Caroline Minor Hockey was held.
- v. Caroline's AGM had discussions about bonds and volunteer hours.
- vi. Sundre Minor Hockey wants an open house with all associations and a vote by the end of May. Spruce View wants to slow down the process and gather more information.
- vii. Discussion about practice scheduling and team organization if Sundre joins.
- viii. Discussion about player movement and potential capacity issues.

- b. Skating
 - i. No report.
 - c. 4H
 - i. **Tables:** Donations of 8 tables were noted.
 - ii. **Mock Show and Clipping Clinic:** This Saturday in Benalto.
 - iii. **Next Meeting:** First Monday in May (May 4th) in the arena meeting room.
 - d. Pickleball (Off Season)
 - i. Jarrett spoke with the group downstairs. They need tape but have no budget. Tape costs approximately \$50. The Ag Society will pay for the tape. Discussion about cleaning the floor for pickleball. Discussion about the type of tape to use and removing it after use.
 - 1. Trent made a motion to buy the tape.
 - 2. Tom seconds the motion. Carried.
7. Caretaker Report
- a. Need to get the vac truck to clean out pit. Discussion about fixing a bathroom door. Unfinished business from the last meeting will be handled over the summer.
8. Unfinished Business
- a. Dressing Room Doors/Community In Colour Grant
 - i. Dressing room doors are still in Philip Johansson's hands.
 - b. Floor Scrubber/Battery Return
 - i. Floor Scrubber battery return will be dealt with later.
 - c. **County Grant (Zamboni Hot Water) April 25 Deadline**
 - i. **Applying for the Zamboni hot water room quote for \$10,633.88.**
 - 1. **Jaret motioned to apply for the Country Grant with the hot water quote.**
 - 2. **Tom seconded the motion. Carried.**
 - d. Caretaker Committee
 - i. Todd's wage and duties will be reviewed. A committee will be formed consisting of Ote, Trent, Logan, Jaret, and Mitch.
 - e. Grade 5 Farm Safety Field Trip
 - i. Needed for June 3rd and 4th. Subway lunch will be provided. Whitney will post for volunteers. The Ag Society will pay for busing.
9. New Business
- a. Ice Plant Shutdown Quotes
 - i. Tom needs to follow up on quotes. Brine filter needs to be done. Discussion about refrigerant (R22) and brine. Discussion about various costs for repairs and maintenance.
 - b. Scholarship
 - i. Discussion on the three applicants. A vote was presented. Majority vote in favor of Skye Roth. Skye Roth (veterinarian student) will receive the scholarship. Trent will present it on June 26th at 10:00 AM at the Spruce



View Cap & Gown Ceremony. Trent will get cheque from Lindsay for the presentation.

- c. Dickson Kitchen
 - i. Sent an invoice. She will send a cheque tomorrow. She wants to run the concession next year.
- d. Sand Removal
 - i. Sand out back needs to be removed. Discussion about tearing out the steel panels. Tommy offered to do it for free. Discussion about potential uses for the area and graveling. Discussion about ODR boards needing replacement.

10. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

11. Next meeting is May 8th 2025 @ 7 pm.

Action Items:

- Re-invoice the Flames Tournament for ice rental.
- Send the updated rental agreement to groups for signing.
- Watch for pictures of Lindsay for communications.
- Attend Minor Hockey AGM on May 1st.
- Buy tape for pickleball.
- Follow up on ice plant shutdown quotes.
- Create a volunteer post for farm safety.
- Send a scholarship check for Skye Roth.
- Address sand removal and steel panels.
- Address ODR board repairs.

Logan Ebbesen - President