



## Spruce View & District Agricultural Society Meeting Minutes

**Date:** March 10, 2022 @ 7 pm

**Attendees:** Brent Ramsay, Lindsay Stoyburg, Beth Huising, Kinsey Brown, Janine Seymour, Mitch Hetu, Carmen Aragon, Logan Ebbeson, Whitney Quartly

1. Amendment to Agenda by Brent to accommodate presentation by Cheryl Vickers and Kari Holmberg
  - Cheryl and Kari presented a plan to hold an event at the arena over Canada Day weekend 2022. The event would support their non profit organization for service dogs.
  - The event would include: a petting zoo, market, agility course, presentations, camping, and the concession would be open. The event would run Friday - Sunday.
2. Motion to approve February 2022 Meeting Minutes by Mitch, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lindsay.
3. President's Report
  - Sent out via Email prior to meeting, additional items discussed:
  - Farmer's Market - probably not moving forward at this time.
  - Gymkhana - Brent proposed new rates for the 2022 season. Brent to follow up with Don to solidify Gymkhana's plans for the summer so that Ag Society can plan accordingly.
  - Spruce View Grad Class - uncertainty as to whether they still plan to use the arena for their grad ceremony/dinner. Ag Society has invoiced but not received payment. Mitch to follow up and get solidified plans from the Grad Class so that the Ag Society can plan accordingly. Having the grad class hold their ceremony/ dinner at the arena delays the Ag Society putting the dirt in.
  - Ag Society has received confirmation from the Government that the new Bylaws have been approved.
4. Financial Report - Lindsay
  - General Account \$80,477.08
  - Casino Account \$21,225.87
  - Received funds from Casino: \$16,448.77
  - Funds from the 50/50 were moved to casino account.
  - Funds from the Beef Raffle will also be moved to the casino account once the reporting has been completed.
  - Figure Skating and Minor Hockey have paid up to end of February, cheques have not been deposited yet.
  - Motion to adopt financials by Mitch, 2nd by Logan.
5. Director Reports
  - Facility Rentals - Beth
    - February
      - Figure Skating 15 hours
      - Minor hockey 87.25 hours

- Private Rentals 17.5 hours

- Beth will send out invoices for ice up to the end of the season next week.
- Communications - Whitney
  - FB page is getting traction. Shared our Incorporation document from the '70s, received lots of interaction.
- Rates Committee - Brent, Mitch, Lindsay, Beth, and Logan
  - Detailed update provided via email.
  - Discussions around whether bringing the dirt in annually would generate more revenue for the Ag Society as opposed to an outdoor arena.
  - The committee aims to establish rental rates for when the ice is in and out, as well as reviewing the Ag Membership Fees.
  - Once the committee has drafted a full recommendation it will be presented to the board.
  - Board will then look at further strategic planning.
  - Committee will continue to meet in between monthly Ag Society Meetings.
- 6. User Group Reports
  - Minor Hockey
    - Brent attended their meeting last week.
    - They are starting to wrap up their season.
    - Ag Society is waiting to find out when we can take out the ice. The end of April is looking likely if minor hockey goes to provincials as they will need somewhere to practice.
    - 4-H is planning to use public skate time on the 18th for their group activity.
    - Caroline is looking to take out their ice the weekend 21st, but are flexible.
    - Ag Society willing to keep ice in for practice if Caroline needs to break their ice.
    - Janine - proposed last hurrah event before the ice comes out, hockey game and beer gardens/concession maybe. TBD.
  - Figure Skating
    - Carnival March 9
    - Figure skating has coach(es) lined up for next year
  - Gymkhana
    - Brent to follow up to establish plans for the 2022 season.
- 7. Caretaker Report - Carmen
  - Carmen has done walk through of arena and created a list of projects.
  - Carmen to provide list to Brent and Kinsey.
  - Carmen to collect quotes for the projects and present at April Ag Meeting so the board and Carmen can prioritize maintenance/ projects to be done and in what order.
  - Zamboni to be serviced this year, must be transported to facility for routine maintenance.
  - Dressing rooms - hot water only in dressing rooms since new hot water tank was installed (taps, toilets, showers). Carmen to call the plumber who did the hot water tank installation ASAP to have this looked at as it increases our utilities cost.

- 4-H will paint the upstairs mezzanine and meeting room as their volunteer project.
8. Unfinished Business
- Sign at firehall - has been ordered. Brent to follow up with Ledcor for installation.
  - Green and Inclusive Community Building Grant - Kinsey unable to start application the second intake has not been announced. Brent was under the impression we were able to start the application before the second intake, will follow up and cc Kinsey.
  - ODR - Co-Op community grant has been submitted, recipients will be notified mid-June.
  - Ag and Forestry Grant
    - Application submitted with Annual Return on February 13, 2022. Last year we received funding June 10.
  - Farmer's market - Potential organizers were concerned about the success and regulations surrounding the farmer's market. A farmer's market is not out of the question entirely, but will not be moving forward at this time.
  - Heifer Raffle - Tom unable to attend meeting, he was working on confirming financing. Brent has been discussing the heifer raffle plans and we may need to amend our proposed timelines. Brent to follow up with Tom.
  - Wifi - Logan discussed with Tether, the arena would not be able to be connected to their network due to location / trees
9. New Business
- FCC Capital Grants - Tom not present to provide update
  - FCSS info night May 5 - Info night in SV to bring awareness to local groups. Janine, Beth, and Kinsey are interested in running a table. Kinsey to draft a flier to hand out, newsletter sign up sheet for booth.
  - Proposed Canada Day Event - board agrees that we can go ahead and allow them to rent the facility for the weekend to run their event, however, with no camping. Brent to follow up with Cheryl and Keri. Rental rate to be established.
  - Bullarama - Brent has discussed the possibility of bringing a Bullarama to the arena. potentially August long weekend (July 30th). It would be a one day event with a cabaret. Logan/ Mitch looking into entertainment. Brent to follow up with his contacts to get more information on planning the event.
10. Meeting Adjourned 9:30 pm
11. Next Meeting April 7th @ 7 pm