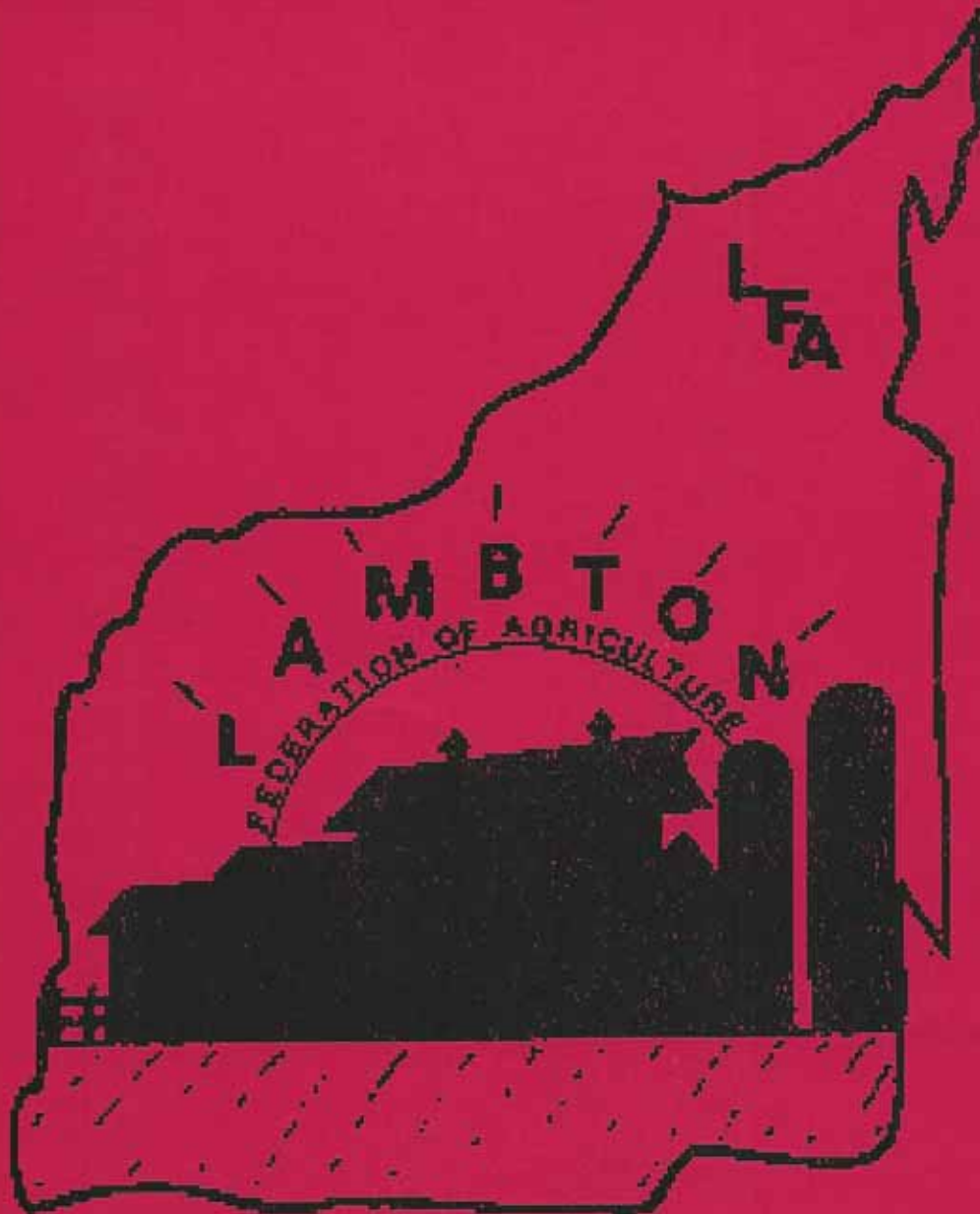


LAMBTON FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE
ANNUAL BANQUET AND MEETING

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2004
FAIR BUILDING, WYOMING



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through Networking, Education and Communications with Community
and Governments.*

LAMBTON FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE BANQUET/ANNUAL MEETING
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH, 2004

CHAIRPERSON FOR THE EVENING: DENNIS BRYSON, PRESIDENT

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| 6:45 p.m. | WELCOME (and singing of O Canada)
GRACE
DINNER | DENNIS BRYSON
DON MCGUGAN |
| 7:45 p.m. | INTRODUCTION OF HEAD TABLE
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS
THANK THE FAIR BOARD FOR THE DINNER | DEBBIE COKE
DEBBIE COKE
JOAN KING |
| 7:55 P.M. | PRESIDENTS REPORT | DENNIS BRYSON |
| 8:05 P.M. | INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER
GUEST SPEAKER
THANK THE GUEST SPEAKER | DON MCGUGAN
FRAN NYCHUK
DAVE SMITH |
| 8:50 P.M. | OFA EXECUTIVE MEMBER
GREETINGS FROM MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT | PAUL MISTELE |
| | PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS

DOOR PRIZES | JOYCE FORBES |
| 9:10 P.M. | ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING | |
| | 1. CALL TO ORDER (<i>PRESIDENT DENNIS BRYSON</i>) | |
| | 2. APPROVAL OF THE BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA | |
| | 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 21, 2003 ANNUAL MEETING | |
| | 4. APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORTS | |
| | 5. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR 2003-2004 FISCAL YEAR | |
| | 6. NEW BUSINESS <i>2004 2005</i> | |
| | ✓ PROPOSED CONSTITUTION CHANGES | |
| | ✓ | |
| | 7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS (<i>OFA MEMBER SERVICE REP. BECKY LUNN</i>) | |
| | ✓ APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEER | |
| | ✓ PRESENTATION OF NOMINATION REPORT FOR DIRECTORS | |
| | ✓ FINAL NOMINATIONS FOR DIRECTORS | |
| | ✓ ELECTION OF DIRECTORS | |
| | ✓ NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT | |
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| | ✓ ELECTION OF 2 ND VICE PRESIDENT | |
| | ✓ MOTION TO DESTROY THE BALLOTS | |
| | 8. PRESENTATION OF PINS TO THE NEW DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE | |
| 9:55 P.M. | ADJOURNMENT | |

President's Report

Your Lambton Federation of Agriculture has again had a very busy year. Many of the activities of the year have been highlighted in the committee reports on the following pages. Some of the additional activities that we were involved with are listed below.

OFA President, Ron Bonnett, made a South Western Ontario tour in February. In Lambton, we had President Bonnett meet directly with a group of county producers and some of the LFA directors. The format of the day allowed each commodity group an opportunity to directly address the OFA with the issue that was of greatest concern to them. The day also included a stop at a maple syrup farm. Tax hikes had just been announced for this industry and this issue was addressed. A second stop was made at a Lambton beef farm situated on the banks of a waterway. The issues of BSE and fencing of livestock from waterways were both discussed at this stop.

Jim Duffy and I celebrated Food Freedom Day as guests on the Sue Storr radio show.

LFA make donations to the Ag in the Classroom program which is operating in Lambton Kent school board system.

I attended several meetings with Groundwater Protection Steering Committee in Wyoming at the County Buildings. I also attended Well Awareness meetings held in the county. Here you could learn more about well siting, construction, maintenance, testing and source water protection.

In June we were approached by one of our members inquiring about the availability of alternative energy sources. Price increases and concerns about the reliability of hydro have created interest in considering alternative sources of energy, especially for members who are large consumers of electricity. The LFA, in conjunction with Middlesex County, organized an Alternative Energy meeting and arranged to have two guest speakers to discuss wind energy and methane digesters.

This past year, the Provincial Government was seeking grass roots feedback on planning act reform. In August, LFA hosted a meeting that included Lambton, Essex, Kent, and Middlesex Federations of Agriculture. A staff member from OFA chaired the meeting and the group reviewed the question and answer format documents. By the end of the evening, the group had completed the response and forwarded the document with the hope that our opinion would be considered in the process.

Several LFA members were in attendance when Premier Dalton McGuinty planned a visit to a Lambton County farm this summer. Some of us had hoped this would be a meaningful opportunity to have discussion about issues that concern all of us in agriculture. While there was some discussion that took place, some wondered whether this had been more of a picture session for the Premier.

At one point this past summer Lambton Cattlemen spear headed getting the commodity chairmen, Debbie Coke and myself to show Roger Gallaway through the various farm operations in his now more agricultural riding. Roger head from beef farmers, poultry, cash crop, dairy, and pork farmers. Roger was very appreciative of our efforts and thanked the farmers that took time out to talk to him.

Your LFA held a very successful regional meeting in Petrolia August 30. Over 85 people were in attendance and heard our guest speaker Murray Bast from Wellesley.

The LFA became a member of the Sarnia Lambton Chamber of Commerce. On November 2, 2004 Don McCabe and mark Lumley went to Queens Park with other Chamber of Commerce people from Sarnia Lambton with the goal of talking about what agriculture here has to offer and our importance. It was called "2004 Road Trip" from Sarnia Lambton Chamber of Commerce. LFA was pleased to help them with an understanding of our agricultural issues and endeavours. LFA displayed at the Sarnia Lambton Chamber of Commerce Show Case. Tm Fugard spearheaded this event with Don McGugan, Ken Dunlop, Debbie Gilliard and myself. Our presence was well received and everyone was interested in what we are all about. They are our consumers. It seemed like a good event to be at to promote Lambton agriculture.

Another popular Tax seminar meeting is getting put together by BDO Dunwoody, LFA and Bryan Boyle, OMAF for December 6, 2004.

I could go on but I think I have covered a lot of the things that your LFA have been involved in. We are glad to work with county commodity groups if we can help out. It has been enjoyable to work with your LFA board. They all have something to offer on your behalf. It is this diversity that makes our LFA board a pretty good one. Once again, I would urge you to take time and read the following committee reports that have been prepared and submitted by the committees. There has been lots of positive activity this past year.

Thank you to Marilyn, our Secretary/Treasurer and to Becky, our field support staff person. Everyone makes each other job easier. Together we work towards "Success". Remember, farmers Safety, "Live with it"

Yours in Farming
Dennis Bryson
LFA President

Public Relations / Promotion / Training / Consumer Relations Committee Report

The Lambton federation has had an excellent year, with opportunities to provide leadership and community service to our rural members of the county.

This committee with the support of the board organized a training session on effective meetings. This process gave the board members tools to improve their skills in this area, creating a more effective team. Gayle Bogart, MSR for Kent Essex, worked with the group to encourage improvement of our monthly meetings.

Promotion has been a highlight of our group throughout the year, with our monthly radio show broadcast on Chatham radio CFCO. This communication tool has a focus on issues of our Federation here in Lambton, along with promoting and showcasing events for our members. In order to improve our coverage of the activities of LFA we purchased a digital camera and a new portable table top display. The camera has enabled us to put pictures of county events on our website for people to see and increased our presence in many areas. We use the photos for the website, our scrapbook and display board. The new display, which is user friendly, has been well received at a variety of events giving us a higher profile in the community. We appreciate Marilyn Jones' effort to make good use of the camera to record all our special events.

Reaching out to the community has been our biggest achievement for the year. LFA partnered with the Lambton Cattlemen's Association on two worthwhile projects this summer. They donated 600 pounds of hamburger to the Inn of the Good Shepard food bank. This meat which was also distributed to the food banks in Petrolia and Forest was donated by the cattlemen while the LFA covered the cost of processing. The food bank officials were ecstatic about the generous donation since it seldom receives donations of meat. Another joint venture of the two groups involved the support of the Canada Day Celebration held at Alvinston. The noon meal featured hamburgers donated by the cattlemen while the processing was again covered by LFA. Directors from both groups provided display booths and manpower to assist this successful project.

The food banks were also a recipient of another large donation from the federation in the form of canned goods. This donation with a value of \$1000.00 was delivered during the summer with a large trailer load of food purchased to help the less fortunate in our community.

We are proud to showcase the Lambton Federation of Agriculture by reaching out to help others and participate in events in Lambton County.

Sincerely

Debbie Coke

Annual MSR Report for Lambton Federation of Agriculture

The farmers in both Lambton County and across Ontario have had a number of critical issues presented to them throughout the 2004 year. Issues from tile drainage to land taxes and BSE have made this year one to remember.

Earlier this year the Municipal Outlet Drainage (MOD) program was not on the list, but when the Ministry of Agriculture and Food announced the termination of the program, it quickly became a hot topic. Farmers, municipal politicians, tile drainage inspectors, commodity organizations, the OFA and its county federations united and stepped up to the plate, all anxious to defend the value and importance of the program, and do whatever it takes to reverse the OMFA direction. The MOD program has been a useful tool for agriculture and other rural constituencies to ensure efficient drainage of farm and rural lands in Ontario.

Nutrient Management for large livestock operators whose existing operations generate 300 nutrient units or more are required to comply by submitting a nutrient management strategy by July 1, 2005. However, in order to access the Nutrient Management Financial Assistance Program farmers are being asked to submit the strategy no later than March 31, 2005. A nutrient management plan (NMP) must then be completed by December 31, 2005, at which time large livestock producers must be compliant with the Act.

The issue of maintaining Section 20 of the Line Fences Act is back on the table following an article in a magazine suggesting the section should be changed. Section 20 of the Line Fences Act states 'where land that was formerly used as part of a line railway is conveyed in its entire width by the railway company, to the owner of abutting land. Such owners are responsible for constructing, keeping up and repairing the fence that marks the boundary.' This can become an issue for farmers when municipalities, conservation authorities or other groups assume ownership of abandoned railway lines. OFA helped in such a court case two years ago, working with local federation representatives, to ensure that Section 20 was maintained and upheld. They were successful then, and they will continue their efforts to keep Section 20 of the Act unchanged.

Throughout the year the OFA, the Ontario's syrup producers and MPP's have met with the Ontario Finance Minister to discuss the industrial tax issue that hit maple syrup producers earlier this year. The Ontario government announced it is not raising property taxes for maple syrup producers through its recent decision to cancel the industrial tax classification proposed for the producers. The OFA is now hoping the change can be extended to other farm operations such as hatcheries, fruit and vegetable production facilities and apple storage. The OFA and other organizations

have been working to develop an acceptable definition of farming for assessment purposes so that the industrial tax classification, as experienced by some maple syrup producers, doesn't happen to other farm operations.

BSE is still a hot issue in Ontario and Canada as a year and a half has gone by and the USA border for live animals still has not opened. The OFA and producer organizations are working closely together, and with government, to find solutions to the crisis.

It must be remembered that any vision that is to have staying power and support, must be based on a foundation of confidence and trust. Farmers will be more inclined to support a new direction if they have confidence that the existing issues are being dealt with fairly.

" . . . agriculture, overall, has been and now is many times more sophisticated a venture than space travel could ever become . . . partly perhaps because it comes out of living nature and is therefore complex, and partly because more human minds have worked on ways to generate an assured food supply than on any other task. " *Wes Jackson, Altars of Unhewn Stoned*

Report submitted by Becky Lunn-de Wit,
OFA Member Service Representative for Lambton & Middlesex Counties

Scholarship Committee Report

The Lambton Federation of Agriculture remains committed to offering scholarship money to young people from farm families to help with Post Secondary School education. For the past two years, funds from internet advertising sales have been allocated to our scholarship program. We were able to increase the payout of the Joyce Anderson and Dona Stewardson Scholarships to \$500.00 dollars. We also created a new \$500.00 scholarship, the Lois Wakefield Scholarship, in recognition of her many years of service to the Lambton Federation of Agriculture. We are also pleased to continue to oversee the awarding of scholarships by individuals who have entrusted this task to us.

I would like to thank all those who applied this year. We had a record number of applications. The caliber of applicants make us very proud of the young adults from our Federation Families. We wish you all well in your future endeavors.

Thank you to the selection committee of Bryan Boyle and Dave Smith for helping with this pleasant but difficult job.

Joyce Forbes
Chairperson Scholarship Committee

Lambton County Junior Farmer Report

Once again the Junior Farmers of Lambton County have had an outstanding year. With new members coming in from the city, and our current draw from the rural area, we have all had new opportunities to share life experiences arising from different lifestyles. This has brought about a year of learning and great experiences had by the entire group!

Over the past year the Lambton Junior Farmers have been active in several different forms. Local donations have been continuously given, as it has been part of our efforts to support many of the organizations within the boundaries of Lambton County. Twin Creeks, the Plowing Match, or Brigden Fair were also some events taken in. Tours with the Delegates from overseas, or the Wyoming Fair Olympics also had us busy!

Our club had an excellent fund raising year. A battery drive, that you the local farmer gave us overwhelming support (our thanks to all those who donated to the cause). The Junior Farmer Food Booth at Twin Creeks and the Lambton Plowing Match also had us busy at the till. Some of our favorite times this year were aiding in the Wyoming Fair and Brigden Fair Farmer Olympics.

The Lambton Junior Farmers wish to extend their grateful gratitude to the farmers of Lambton County and the LFA for their continued encouragement and support over the past year. If anyone knows of individuals who may be interested in Junior Farmers, please direct them to our President, Brent Stephens (519-542-0862) as we are always looking for interested faces. Again, thanks for your continued support through 2004!

Lambton Junior Farmers
LFA Rep - Kirk Van Will (519-521-6701)

Lambton County Women's Institutes

The Women's Institutes of Lambton County continue to support the program entitled- "**ROSE - Rural Ontario Sharing Education**". Currently seminars on health issues are being planned through out the county. Watch for further information.

The Women's Institutes have successfully combined North, Centre and South Women's Institutes into the Districts of Lambton North and Lambton South. We encourage all rural and urban women to search out their local W.I. Branch to see what we are all about. The Women's Institute provide programs and services to encourage the empowerment of women and their families, develop leadership skills, and meet the needs of current and future members.

Agriculture, Health, Education, Business, Industry, Citizenship, Culture and our Communities are all high on the list of topics that Women's Institutes have taken a special interest in for the last 107 years. We as a group at the Branch, District and Provincial level continue to lobby governments, support our communities, and encourage our members and neighbours to be active, be aware and be the best they can be.

Joan King, Women's Institute Representative Lambton Federation of Agriculture

LAMB TON FARM SAFETY ASSOCIATION REPORT

Ken Campbell, as chairman, and Earle Woolaver, as secretary-treasurer, are part of the team to help keep Lambton farmers safe.

On Jan. 29/04 Lambton Farm Safety held a successful annual meeting in Wyoming. Approximately 100 people were in attendance. Marion Clouse and Ron Jones were the speakers.

The Provincial Annual Meeting was held in Niagara Falls on March 15 & 16/04. Thirteen people from Lambton attended the meeting. Janet Richards became the area director.

Farm Safety Day Camp for Kids was held on June 30/04 at Taxandria Community Centre. About 125 kids participated in the program plus about 30 volunteers. There were eight different workshops for the kids to participate in. After lunch there were some guest speakers and a P. T. O. demonstration.

Lambton Farm Safety and North Lambton Community Health Centre delivered well over 2000 packages of resource material and information aimed at reducing accidents on the farm. This project was funded by Ontario Trillium Foundation.

Numerous rural schools in the county were involved in the video and poster campaign.

The "Safety Trailer" was our display at several fairs and events in the county and neighboring counties.

Farm Safety received donations from various organizations.

The work of the Farm Safety organization is accomplished by mostly volunteer people. The group would really appreciate more volunteers.

Remember: SAFE - T - 4 - ALL

Ray Latta, LFA Farm Safety Representative

Internet Committee Report

The LFA continues to actively maintain the website that was established in 2002. This year we worked diligently at updating LFA news stories and even added some Lambton photos to our website.

From the website there is a direct email link to the LFA secretary. It's great to be able to say that we have had some contact with members and non members using this tool.

We continue to review new ideas for the website. If you have any comments or suggestions for our site we would welcome your input.

❖ www.lfawebsite.org

Political Awareness Report

This past year has created many interesting challenges dealing with agriculture and politics in Lambton County.

On Feb. 20, 2004, a meeting organized by Rose-Marie Ur, vice chair of the House of Commons Agriculture Committee, was held concerning fencing of water banks in Eastern Lambton and Western Middlesex Counties. Paul Steckle, MP for Huron-Bruce, and chair of the House of Commons Agriculture Committee was also present. MPP Maria Van Bommel participated in the meeting. Approximately 150 very interested men and women who were/are directly affected by this situation were present. There were representatives from Fisheries and Oceans, Environment Canada and staff members from Rose-Marie's office. Discussion followed concerning the issue and throughout the year some progress has been made. It is not yet completely resolved. Special thanks to Rose-Marie Ur and her staff for the time and effort spent working with Environment Canada and Fisheries and Oceans in Ottawa.

We were unsuccessful in having an MP and MPP day with Middlesex County due to scheduling conflicts.

A federal election was held on June 28. Lambton Federation along with Kent and Middlesex held an All Candidates meeting in Alvinston on June 2nd with a good attendance of interested voters. For the first time Lambton Federation hosted an agricultural All Candidates meeting in the Sarnia-Lambton riding on June 17 in the Lion's Hall in Petrolia with an standing room only attendance.

In late July the Ontario government announced that they were discontinuing the 1/3 grant for the Municipal Outlet Drainage program. This cut created much concern in Lambton and Southwestern Ontario. A presentation was made twice on behalf of Lambton farmers concerning this announcement. In late summer several alternatives to this grant cut were presented to the Hon. Steve Peters. As of now, no decision has come forward.

The Ontario government has numerous discussion papers relating to many topics. A presentation was made on your behalf relating to the Ontario Municipal Board and also long-term planning for land use in order to preserve Class 1, 2, and 3 agricultural land. I participated in round table discussions on strategies to make communities in rural Ontario stronger, maintain a strong economy and a healthy environment, and therefore become more viable and prosperous.

I attended a think-tank session in Clinton chaired by the Hon. Steve Peters concerning bio-products and their potential opportunity to enhance the rural economy.

As we look down the road we see many topics that are going to have a massive impact on rural Ontario such as energy costs, the Source Water Protection Act, Nutrient Management regulations, and long-term planning to preserve good agricultural land from being used for residential and commercial purposes. It will be a challenge for Lambton farmers to have a strong voice when we are approximately one percent of the voting power and when decimal 41 of one percent of the provincial budget goes to enhance provincial agricultural programs. Agriculture in the province produces about \$30 billion worth of goods and services, the second largest driver of our economy after auto. We know that our MP's and MPP's do not have any easy job but we say Thank You for carrying our message and your openness to hear and discuss our concerns.

Don McGugan, chairman (committee members Ray Latta & Tony Beernick)

LFA Annual Meeting
November 21, 2003
Wyoming Fair Building, Wyoming

6:45 pm Welcome by Jim Duffy
Grace by Don McGugan

8:10 pm Introduction of Head Table by Dennis Bryson
8:15 pm President's Report by Jim Duffy
Thank You to Caterer by Joan King
Introduction of Guest Speaker by Debbie Coke

8:25 pm Guest Speaker – Dr. David Biesenthal
Topic – Walkerton Well Water Crisis

9:15 pm Thank You to Guest Speaker by Dave Smith
Greetings from:

Todd Case, Warden, County of Lambton
Bill Mailloux, Vice President, OFA
Maria Van Bommel, MPP
Rose Marie Ur, MP
Roger Gallaway, MP
Bryan Boyle, OMAF

9:30 pm Presentation of Scholarships by Joyce Forbes

The 2003 Scholarships were presented to:

Dan Bryson	\$250.00	Bell Scholarship
Tim Brown	\$200.00	Timothy and Patrick Kerrigan Scholarship
Sarah VanEngelen	\$250.00	William & Dorothy Abraham Scholarship
Cheryl DeGroot	\$400.00	Dona Stewardson Scholarship
Christine McKinlay	\$400.00	Joyce Anderson Scholarship

9:40 pm break

9:55 pm resume meeting

It was **moved** by Dona Stewardson, **seconded** by Ken Campbell **to accept the minutes of the 2002 Annual Meeting.** The motion was **carried.**

It was **moved** by Ron Forbes, **seconded** by Tony Beermink **to accept the financial reports as presented.** The motion was **carried.**

It was **moved** by Laverne Wray and **seconded** by Tom Lassaline **that World Data Centre be appointed as auditor for the 2003 – 2004 fiscal year.** The motion was **carried.**

It was **moved** by Joyce Forbes and **seconded** by Joan King **that Bryan Boyle and Gordon Oke be appointed scrutineers, for any required election.** The motion was **carried.**

The nominating committee advised that the following people had agreed to let their names stand for the position of Director at Large:

Jim Wilson
Dave Smith
Ray Latta

Nominations from the floor - Ed Molzan – declined.
Nominations were closed. Jim Wilson, Dave Smith, and Ray Latta acclaimed.

The nominating committee had no names for the position of Director for Warwick.
No nominations from the floor.
Nominations were closed with the position vacant.

The nominating committee advised that Jim Duffy had agreed to let his name stand for the position of Director for Sombra.
No nominations from the floor.
Nominations were closed. Jim Duffy acclaimed.

The nominating committee advised that Joyce Forbes had agreed to let her name stand for the position of Director for City of Sarnia.
No nominations from the floor.
Nominations were closed. Joyce Forbes acclaimed.

The nominating committee had no names for the position of Director for Plympton.
No nominations from the floor.
Nominations were closed with the position vacant.

The nominating committee had no names for the position of Director for Moore.
No nominations from the floor.
Nominations were closed with the position vacant.

The nominating committee advised that Bob Mater had agreed to let his name stand for the position of Director for Euphemia.
No nominations from the floor.
Nominations were closed. Bob Mater acclaimed.

The nominating committee had no names for the position of Director for Enniskillen.
No nominations from the floor.
Nominations were closed with the position vacant.

The nominating committee had no names for the position of Director for Dawn.
Nominations from the floor – Debbie Coke – accepted.
Nominations were closed. Debbie Coke acclaimed.

The nominating committee advised that Don McCabe had agreed to let his name stand for the position of Director for Brooke.
No nominations from the floor.
Nominations were closed. Don McCabe acclaimed.

The nominating committee had no names for the position of Director for Bosanquet.

No nominations from the floor.
Nominations were closed with the position vacant.

It was **moved** by Dave Smith, **seconded** by Tom Lassaline **that the elected board of directors be given authority to fill any of the vacant Director positions on the board.** The motion was **carried.**

The nominating committee had no names for the position of 2nd Vice President.
No nominations from the floor.
Nominations were closed with the position vacant.

The nominating committee advised that Debbie Coke had agreed to let her name stand for the position of 1st Vice President.
No nominations from the floor.
Nominations were closed. Debbie Coke acclaimed.

The nominating committee advised that Dennis Bryson had agreed to let his name stand for the position of President.
No nominations from the floor.
Nominations were closed. Dennis Bryson acclaimed.

It was **moved** by Don McGugan, **seconded** by Darrell Randall **that the elected board of directors be given authority to fill any of the vacant Executive positions on the board.** The motion was **carried.**

Jim Duffy welcomed Dennis to the position of President.
Acceptance speech by Dennis Bryson

There were no resolutions.

New Business:

Upcoming Event – BDO Seminar – We had originally advertised that Minister Peters may be attending. We now have confirmation he will not be attending.

At 10:21 pm, it was **moved** by Ken Campbell, **seconded** by Jim Wilson **that the meeting be adjourned.**

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November 9, 2004

Directors and Members
Lambton Federation of Agriculture

Dear Members:

RE: 2004 year end

We have reviewed your accounting records as at September 30, 2004 with your secretary and have found them to be in balance for the year then ending.

The statements and records were verified and found to be in balance and properly kept in accordance with good accounting principles.

The balance of the Scholarship accounts have been moved into the balance sheet they show as an asset under Reserve Account (Scholarship). As these are restricted funds they also show as a liability. This will give you a better view of the funds under your control.

In the year 2004 a new bank account was opened with the Bank of Montreal. This new account does not return your cancelled cheques. I have reviewed this with your secretary and she has taken steps to correct this.

Thank you for the opportunity to have been of service to you in 2004.

Yours truly



World Data Service Ltd.

LAMBTON FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE

BALANCE SHEET

SEPTEMBER 30, 2004

ASSETS

Cash in Bank Savings	\$27,399.66
Cash in Bank Chequing	8,133.56
Accounts Receivable	529.95
GIC	10,203.81
Reserve Account	27,200.40
Reserve Account (Scholarship)	36,500.00
Share Account	50.00
Class A Profit Shares	244.00

Total Assets

\$110,261.38

Liabilities

Scholarship Reserve	20,500.00
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Total Liabilities

20,500.00

Member Equity

Balance From 2003	80,508.39
Current Year surplus	9,252.99

89,761.38

Total Liabilitie And Equity

89,761.38
\$110,261.38

LAMBTON FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

OCTOBER 1, 2003 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2004

RECEIPTS

Annual Banquet	\$ 2,050.50
OFA Rebate	50,350.00
Interest Banking	287.52
Interest GIC'S	1,106.81
Miscellaneous	600.00
Interest Schlarship	1,523.25
Internet Sales	300.00

Total	56,218.08

EXPENSES

Contract Labour	\$ 6,457.56
Office expenses	3,705.17
Consumer Rel/PR. Prom/Training	4,345.53
Advertising/Newsletter	1,473.13
Political Awareness	1,184.08
Regional Meeting	704.24
Annual Meeting	3,021.18
Donations	5,040.00
Mileage	5,158.80
Per Diem	9,167.47
Regional Dir Per Diem	215.33
Convention	4,025.28
Miscellaneous	662.37
Scholarship paid out	1,500.00
Internet Maintenance	304.95

Total	46,965.09

Surplus 2004

\$ 9,252.99

Proposed Changes to Constitution (for consideration by the membership)

Existing constitution:

Article 6 – Voting Privileges and Office

1. (a) At the Lambton Federation of Agriculture Annual Meeting, there shall be **two votes** per Ontario Federation farm membership or an Individual Farm Membership.
2. (b) **Two individuals** per Ontario Federation of Agriculture farm membership or Individual Farm Member shall be eligible to hold the position of director or to hold office within the Lambton Federation of Agriculture.
5. Any Board member may request a specific vote **by** done by secret ballot.

Article 7 – Township Representatives

1. **Township** representatives shall reside in their **respective townships**.
2. **Township** representatives shall be elected from **the existing municipalities as of 1985 including Bosanquet, Warwick, Brooke, Euphemia, Dawn, Enniskillen, Plympton, Sarnia, Moore and Sombra**.
3. At the regularly held Annual County Meeting of the Lambton Federation of Agriculture the resident OFA members from each **township** shall be prepared to designate the person they wish to have represent them on the Lambton Federation of Agriculture Board of Directors.

Proposed amendment:

Article 6 – Voting Privileges and Office

1. (a) At the Lambton Federation of Agriculture Annual Meeting, there shall be **one vote** per Ontario Federation farm membership or an Individual Farm Membership.
2. (b) **One individual** per Ontario Federation of Agriculture farm membership or Individual Farm Member shall be eligible to hold the position of director or to hold office within the Lambton Federation of Agriculture.
5. Any Board member may request a specific vote **be** done by secret ballot.

Article 7 – Lambton County Representatives

1. **Lambton Federation of Agriculture** representatives shall reside in **Lambton County**.
2. **Municipal** representatives shall be elected from **City of Lambton Shores, Town of Plympton-Wyoming, Township of Brooke-Alvinston, Township of Dawn-Euphemia, Township of Enniskillen, Township of St. Clair, Township of Warwick, and City of Sarnia**.
3. At the regularly held Annual County Meeting of the Lambton Federation of Agriculture the resident OFA members from each **municipality** shall be prepared to designate the person they wish to have representing them on the Lambton Federation of Agriculture Board of Directors.

Additionally, it is the recommendation of the board that the following paragraph be removed from the constitution as OFA no longer offers this option.

Article # 6 – Voting Privileges and Office

- 1 (c) Individuals having Additional Voting Memberships within the Ontario Federation of Agriculture shall get 1 vote at the Lambton Federation of Agriculture Annual Meeting and shall be eligible to hold office.

LAMBTON FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE

2003-2004

NAME	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	JUNE	JULY	SEPT	MTGS		TOTAL
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DENNIS BRYSON	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	40	50
DON MCCABE	1	1		1		1	1	1	1	1	8	6	14
ROBERT MATER			1	1	1	1	1				4	1	5
KEN DUNLOP			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	4	11
JOYCE FORBES	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	3	12
DEBBIE COKE											9	10	19
TONY BEERNINK											10	6	16
LATTA, RAY											9	5	14
TOM LASSALINE											7	5	12
JIM WILSON											9	2	11
TIM FUGARD											1		1
JOAN KING											10	2	12
ROBERT JOHNSTON											5	2	7
DAVE SMITH											8	2	10
DON MCGUGAN											10	26	36
JIM DUFFY											8	6	14
VANWILL, KIRK											6		6
PAUL BACKX											0		0
BILL MCGUIRE											1		1
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* NEW DIRECTORS STARTED DEC. 03

** OFF THE BOARD AS OF NOVEMBER 21st/03

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NOTE: DEBBIE GILLIARD JOINED OUR BOARD IN OCTOBER 2004

26th Farm Financial Management and Tax Seminar

Co-Sponsored by: **BDO Dunwoody LLP**
Lambton Federation of Agriculture
Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food

When: **Monday, December 6, 2004**

Where: **Wyoming Fair Building**
Wyoming, Ontario

Time: **Starts at 9:30 a.m. (sharp) and finishes at 2:30 p.m.**

Agenda

Chairman - Donald W. Dafoe, BDO Dunwoody LLP

- 9:10** - Coffee and doughnuts, provided through the courtesy of Farm Credit Canada
- 9:30** - Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food - 2004 update
- 10:00** - Second year of the CAIS program, what to expect
Agricorp / Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food
- 10:30** - **Break**
- 10:45** - Tax implications of woodlot management, NISA program wind up - BDO Dunwoody LLP
- 11:15** - G.M.O. production, seed sector review
Monty Doyle, Grain Growers of Canada
- 11:45** - Lambton Federation of Agriculture - 2004 update
- 11:55** - Greetings from Christmas for Everyone – Pat Hodgetts
- Noon** - **Lunch**
Provided free of charge through the courtesy of Advantage Farm Equipment Ltd.,
Kucera Farm Supply Ltd., Podolinsky Equipment Ltd. and BDO Dunwoody LLP
- 1:00** - AgExpert computer software
Chuck Baresich, Regional Product Specialist
- 1:30** - Is there a future for ethanol production in Lambton?
Jason Vaillant, Suncor Energy, St Clair Township

Registration: You must pre-register by phone, fax or by mail

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