

2012

Lambton Federation of  
Agriculture



# ANNUAL BANQUET AND MEETING

November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012



**Lambton federation of agriculture Annual Banquet & Meeting  
Friday November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

6:00pm	Social Time Appetizers: Compliments of Mornington Cheese & Ontario Dairy Goat Co-Operative	
6:30	Welcome O Canada Introduction of Honoured Guests & Greetings Approval of Minutes of the Last meeting as printed Motion to Approve Reports -Treasurer's Report -Appointment of Auditor for 2012-2013 year -Committee Reports Report of Nominating Committee & Election of Officers -Appoint Scrutineers -Declare all offices vacant – nominations from floor -Election of Directors -Election of President -Election of 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice -Election of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice -Motion to destroy the Ballots Resolutions New Business -Proposed Constitution Changes	Ron MacDougall David Huizinga Kevin Forbes
7:00	Grace Dinner Introduction of Head Table Thanking of the Fair Board Presidents Report Lambton County Hall of Fame Inductee Presentation of Scholarships Presentation of Scholarships by the Women's Institute Introduction of Guest Speaker -Darda Sales Thank the Guest Speaker  Presentation of Pins to New Directors and Executive Door Prizes Announcements	Harry Buurma  Brooke Leystra Ron MacDougall Ron MacDougall Debbie Gilliard Ann McGugan Barb Dickenson  Barb Dickenson  Jim McLachlin/Peter Greydanus

**LFA Annual Meeting  
November 18, 2011  
Wyoming Fair Building, Wyoming**

6:00 pm      Appetizers served "Taste of Lambton"  
6:40 pm      Welcome – Kevin Forbes  
                 Singing of "O Canada" – led by Matthew Krall

It was **moved** by Ken Dunlop, **seconded** by Bill Milliken to approve the agenda, **carried**.

It was **moved** by Ken Dunlop, **seconded** by Bill Milliken to accept the minutes of the 2010 annual meeting, **carried**.

It was **moved** by Brad Anderson, **seconded** by Peter Greydanus to accept the financial reports as presented, **carried**.

It was **moved** by Ron MacDougall and **seconded** by Peter Greydanus that World Data Centre be appointed as auditor for the 2011 – 2012 fiscal year, **carried**.

It was **moved** by Martien Kusters and **seconded** by Ron MacDougall to accept the Committee Reports, **carried**.

Don Burgess, MSR read the proposed constitution changes and explained the need for the changes.

It was **moved** by Ken Dunlop, **seconded** by Harry Buurma to accept the proposed changes to LFA constitution. **Carried**.

Don Burgess, MSR lead the elections. It was **moved** by Harry Buurma and **seconded** by Peter Greydanus that Gayle Bogart and Allan Bogart be appointed scrutineers for any required election, **carried**.

Ken Dunlop **moved** that any votes by completed by show of hands, **seconded** by Martien Kusters. **Carried**.

Don Burges declared all positions vacant.

The nominating committee advised of the following nominations:

Brooke-Alvinston – Bill Milliken  
Dawn-Euphemia – vacant  
Enniskillen – Peter Greydanus  
Lambton Shores – Debbie Gilliard  
Plympton-Wyoming – Martien Kusters  
St. Clair Township – vacant  
Sarnia – vacant  
Warwick – vacant

Directors at Large: Brad Anderson, Ken Dunlop, Harry Buurma (PAC), Brooke Leystra, Chris Williamson, Ron MacDougall, Dave Ferguson, Doug Krall, Jim MacLachlan

Nominations were closed. All listed above were acclaimed.

Peter Greydanus nominated Ron MacDougall for the position of President.  
Nominations were closed. Ron MacDougall was acclaimed.

For the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President;  
Ken Dunlop nominated Chris Williamson whom accepted  
Ron MacDougall nominated Peter Greydanus whom declined,  
Harry Buurma nominated Brooke Leystra, whom declined.  
Nominations were closed. Chris Williamson was acclaimed.

For the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President;  
Ken Dunlop nominated Peter Greydanus whom declined,  
Harry Buurma nominated Brooke Leystra whom declined,  
Don McGugan nominated Harry Buurma whom declined,  
Kevin Forbes nominated Martien Kusters whom accepted.  
Nominations were closed. Martien Kusters was acclaimed.

It was **moved** by Ken Dunlop and **seconded** by Dog Krall that the elected board of directors be given authority to fill any of the vacant Director positions on the board, **carried**.

There were no resolutions presented.

7:30 pm      Grace – Harry Buurma  
Introduction of Head Table – Debbie Gilliard  
Introduction of Special Guests – Debbie Gilliard  
Thank You to Fair board – Chris Williamson  
President’s Report – Kevin Forbes  
Introduction of Guest Speaker – Kevin Forbes  
Guest Speaker – Bryan Boyle, Bryan Boyle & Associates  
Topic - Wisdom from the past years in agriculture  
Thank You to Guest Speaker – Peter Greydanus

Greetings from:

Letter from Pat Davidson, MP, Sarnia Lambton  
Letter from Bev Shipley, MP for Lambton Kent Middlesex  
Letter from Monte McNaughton, MPP for Lambton Kent Middlesex  
Marilyn Armstrong on behalf of Bob Bailey, MPP, Sarnia Lambton

Presentation of Scholarships – Debbie Gilliard, Bill Milliken & Bryan Boyle

The 2010 scholarships were presented to:

Nicole Stewardson	\$500.00	Bell Scholarship
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Carissa White	\$250.00	William & Dorothy Abraham Scholarship
Dale Miner	\$250.00	Bell Scholarship
Laura Marie Lebert	\$500.00	Joyce Anderson Scholarship
Jaime Van Riel	\$200.00	Timothy and Patrick Kerrigan Scholarship
Lindsay King	\$500.00	Dona Stewardson Scholarship
Christina Lunn	\$500.00	Lois Wakefield Scholarship
Presentation of Women's Institute Scholarship by Ann McGugan		

OFA pins were presented to Jim MacLachlan and Dave Ferguson.

Door prizes were handed out by Brad Anderson and Martien Kusters, being the centre pieces and various gifts from the Egg Farmers of Ontario.

Outgoing President Kevin Forbes was acknowledged.

Ron MacDougall gave a short speech regarding the Agricultural Hall of Fame.

At 9:20 pm, the meeting was adjourned by Kevin Forbes.

## 2012 Scholarship Winners

### **Joyce Anderson Memorial Scholarship**

Michelle Slaughter

### **Bill & Dorothy Abraham Scholarship**

Eric Shrijver

### **Donna Stewardson Scholarship**

Jennifer Vanden Ovweland

### **Bell Federation Scholarship (\$500)**

Mike Cornelissen

### **Lois Wakefield Scholarship**

Krista Campbell

### **The Patrick & Timothy Kerrigan Scholarship**

Paul Kerrigan

Congratulations!

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November 9, 2012.

Directors and Members  
Lambton Federation of Agriculture.

Dear Members:

RE: 2012 Year End Review.

We have reviewed your accounting records and statements as at September 30, 2012 with your secretary, and have found them to be in balance for the year then ending.

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

The statements attached here to reflect the position of your association at September 30, 2012.

Thank you for the opportunity to have been of service to you in this year of 2012.

Yours truly



World Data Service Ltd.

**Lambton Federation of Agriculture  
Balance Sheet**

**Prepared for the Period Ending September 30, 2012**

**Assets**

Cash in Bank (Chequing)	\$14,997.34
Cash in Bank (Savings)	\$66,631.85
GIC - Operating	\$40,264.30
GIC - Scholarship	\$17,000.00

**Total Current Assets** **\$138,893.49**

**Liabilities**

**Total Liabilities** **\$0**

**Equity**

Beginning Net Worth	\$132,675.86
Fiscal Year Earnings	\$6,217.63

**Total Adjustments** **\$6217.63**

**Total Equity** **\$138,893.49**



LAMBTON FEDERATION OF AGR  
YEAR-TO-DATE INCOME STATEMENT  
Prepared Without Audit

For the Period Ending 09-30-12

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Operating Revenue		
Annual Meeting	\$ 1,270.00	1.87%
Interest	859.32	1.27%
Map Sales	10,435.00	15.37%
OFA Rebate	54,450.00	80.18%
Other Income	210.00	0.31%
Scholarship Interest	687.50	1.01%
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Total Cash Sales	\$ 67,911.82	100.00%
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Total Gross Operating Income		
	\$ 67,911.82	100.00%
Advertising & Newsletter	\$ 1,923.60	2.83%
Annual Meeting	2,988.04	4.40%
Bank Charges	114.46	0.17%
Consumer Relations PR Tra	1,961.62	2.89%
Contract Labour	6,976.98	10.27%
Convention	1,215.54	1.79%
Donations	9,215.15	13.57%
Insurance	1,038.96	1.53%
Internet Maintenance	291.45	0.43%
Map Expense	7,458.32	10.98%
Mileage	3,427.11	5.05%
Miscellaneous	593.85	0.87%
Office Expense	2,752.50	4.05%
Per Diems Paid to Directo	6,310.00	9.29%
Political Awareness	440.91	0.65%
Professional Fees	452.00	0.67%
Projects	10,474.79	15.42%
Regional Meeting	149.73	0.22%
Scholarship Payments	2,700.00	3.98%
OS Cheques Correction	1,209.18	1.78%
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Total General & Administrative Expenses	61,694.19	90.84%
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NET OPERATING INCOME		
	\$ 6,217.63	9.16%
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**Bell Federation Scholarship  
(In Trust)  
October 1, 2011 – September 30, 2012**

Balance October 1, 2010		\$15,000
GIC Interest		\$330
From General Fund		\$420
Withdraw	\$750	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$750</b>	<b>\$15,750</b>

Laurentian Bank 2 years, 2.2%

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**Kerrigan Federation Scholarship  
(In Trust)  
October 1, 2011 – September 30, 2012**

Balance October 1, 2010		\$2,000
GIC Interest		\$39
From General Fund		\$161
Withdraw	\$200	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$2,200</b>

Laurentian Bank, 2 year 2.2%

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**Bill & Dorothy Abraham Bursary  
(LFA)  
October 1, 2011 – September 30, 2012**

Balance October 1, 2010		\$3,500
GIC Interest		\$71
From General Fund		\$129
Withdraw	\$200	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$3,500</b>

Effort Trust 1 year, 1.75%

**Anderson Scholarship  
(LFA)  
October 1, 2011 – September 30, 2012**

Balance October 1, 2010		\$6,500
Balance October 1, 2010		\$1,500
GIC Interest		\$97.50
GIC Interest		\$26.25
From General Fund		\$376.25
Withdraw	\$500	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$8,500</b>

Effort Trust 1 year, 1.7%  
Effort Trust 2 year, 1.75%

**Stewardson Scholarship  
(LFA)  
October 1, 2011 – September 30, 2012**

Balance October 1, 2010		\$6,500
Balance October 1, 2010		\$1,500
GIC Interest		\$97.50
GIC Interest		\$26.25
From General Fund		\$376.25
Withdraw	\$500	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$8,500</b>

Effort Trust 1 year, 1.7%  
Effort Trust 2 year, 1.75%

**Wakefield Scholarship  
(LFA)  
October 1, 2011 – September 30, 2012**

No Investment		
From General Fund		\$500
Withdraw	\$500	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

## Lambton Federation of Agriculture

### 2012 President's report

First I would like mention that this past year, LFA hired a new secretary, Christina Hyatt. On behalf of the Board I would like to welcome and thank Christina for her work and support on issues addressed by LFA. I would also like to thank our retiring secretary Melissa Forbes for her time she served LFA Board and Members.

This past year we have been involved when a number of issues, but more important, opportunities. In April we were part of a delegation organized by Sarnia-Lambton Chamber of Commerce to Queen's Park in Toronto to promote Sarnia-Lambton. We meant with a number of Ministers, MPP from all parties, and staff. It was an excellent 2 days and I felt a benefit to the agri-food industry in Sarnia-Lambton.

As a result of this trip to Toronto, the Deputy Minister of OMAFRA visited Sarnia –Lambton in August and was hosted by the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber again asked LFA to be involved and we took the opportunity to show the Deputy a few farms in Lambton and also why we in Lambton County are so proud of our industry.

LFA this year hosted a tour of some local farms for our County Councilors and staff to give them an idea of the agri-food industry in the County. A large number of our County Councilors do not have an Ag background, although they do understand and know the value of our industry. Again LFA felt this was a very worthwhile day and plan to continue this type of event in the future.

Some other County issues we are dealing with are the County Tree bylaw which is currently under review, the Clean Harbours ongoing "discussion", and other numerous issues.

I would like to thank LFA Board members and our Secretaries for the work and support over the past year. I would like say thank you to retiring directors for their work on behalf of LFA members over the time on the Board; I would also like to say, welcome to new Board members.

Ron MacDougall

## Annual Report for Lambton Federation of Agriculture

*2012 – An OFA Perspective*

**Submitted by Don Burgess, Member Service Representative Lambton-Middlesex**

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### Issues of the Last Year

With each new year comes another year of challenges and 2012 is no exception. The winter was mild with little snow, but with the wet year of 2011 behind us few were worried that there would be a lack of moisture in the future.

The Ontario Government planted the first bomb when it announced in April that it was discontinuing the Race Track Slots Program on March 31, 2013. This program, started by Mike Harris in 1998, saw revenue from the slots shared by Governments, Race Tracks and Municipalities. The Government insisted that the money was a “subsidy” that it could not afford. In actual fact the money comes from the gamblers who play the slots. Without this revenue, three major Race Tracks, and several smaller venues, announced that they would be closing. At Hiawatha in Sarnia, Fort Erie, and Winsor Raceway the slots were removed immediately. The total effect would place 60,000 jobs in jeopardy as well as end many support industries such as hay supply. In April the Equine Industry and OFA planned a Rally to Queen’s Park. There were lots of promises by Politicians but in the end the Bill was passed.

Under the “Open for Business” initiative announced in 2011, the OFA have been lobbying to have drainage recognized as infrastructure. This would help when it came to maintenance for getting approvals. There were also changes to the Fisheries Act which under Subsection 35 (1) stated that it will only prohibit “any work undertaken or activity that results in serious harm to fish that are part of a commercial, recreational or Aboriginal fishery or to fish that support such a fishery.” Serious harm is listed as killing the fish. This should clear the problems in getting Ministry approvals to have ditches cleaned.

Well with the early spring the crops were planted and shortly after there were reports of Army Worm. The OFA lobbied AgriCorp to include forage losses under AgriRecovery.

On May 23<sup>rd</sup> yet another bomb happened. This time it was the Accreditation of the 3 General Farm Organizations, OFA included. The Tribunal, which oversees the farm organizations, decided that after 17 years of doing the same thing for accreditation the OFA, CFFO and NFU were not doing it right. This meant that any farm that applied for a FBR number after May 23<sup>rd</sup> would not be processed until we were accredited and as such could not receive any funds from government agencies. This will affect any new farmer or new land purchases when it comes to land tax classification by MPAC. There are approx. 2,000 members affected. As of Oct 24, 2012 with the writing of this letter, there is still no answer.

With harvest there were more challenges. First we were very lucky in both Lambton and Middlesex to have a crop to harvest. In Eastern Ontario and sections from Tillsonburg to Niagara the drought was devastating. The OFA worked with the Mennonite Community to form “Hay East” where loads of hay could be brought to Ontario to help replace some shortages. Second grain farmers who are installing new dryers will have to get TSSA to inspect their dryers before hookup to the fuel source, as they are no longer have CSA Certification. The OFA is working with TSSA to make sure that the inspections do not delay harvest.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at the above number or e-mail.

Don Burgess, MSR Lambton-Middlesex

## **Political Awareness Committee**

During the year the Political Awareness Committee held a couple really good meetings and organized a couple of farm tours. The first meeting was the MP/MPP meeting held in Petrolia. Three of our Local reps were able to make the meeting, (Pat Davidson, Bob Bailey and Monte McNaughton) it was an excellent meeting that allowed several grass roots farm organizations to have open, candid discussions regarding some of the positives and negatives of farm policy. These meetings are very informal and always appreciated by both our elected representatives and the farm organizations.

The Political Awareness committee also selects a board or group of influential people in Lambton County and take them on a short farm tour to help them better understand farming in Lambton. This year we selected County Council for the farm tour. Thankfully, Anthony and Marj Sjaarda, Dan Konzelmann and Ken and Lynne Smith were gracious enough to open their farms to us. The tour covered some very diverse farms in a small area and all are terrific spokesmen for our industry.

In August the Deputy Minister of Agriculture was in Sarnia to tour the UWO Research Facility. He also requested a breakfast meeting with reps from the farm organizations and a tour of farms in the county. The LFA hosted the tour, this time we toured Parkland Farms, Forbesvue Farms and the Kusters' Family goat farm. Once again the tour was well received and the Deputy Minister certainly seems knowledgeable about our industry and very open minded to ideas that farmers have to make it better.

The LFA has also been involved recently with the new proposed Woodlot By-law in the County of Lambton. This has been a very contentious issue amongst our members and is not one that we are taking lightly. Though the LFA is not a big proponent of speaking out at public meetings we are certainly not dropping the ball on this issue. We have developed some recommendations for County Staff that have also been circulated to all members of County Council. We are also continuing to have meetings with County Staff and intend to speak at the Council Meeting whenever they are set to vote on the proposed amendments. It is very important to the LFA that new by-laws not restrict farmer's regular day to day business and impede on best management practices.

Kevin Forbes  
Chairman, Political Awareness Committee

## **Lambton Farm Safety Association**

**Debbie Gilliard**

The donations received from LFA went to buy Bike Helmets for the kids, there was 130 kids in attendance for the Safety Day held for the kids on July 5/12 at Wyoming Fair Grounds, It consisted of a fun filled day of learning for children ages 6 to 12. There were 8 Stations set up for the kids. The stations were --Tractor Safety, Lawn Care Safety, Rail Safety, Bike Safety, Fire Safety, Grain Bin Safety, Brain Injury Prevention and Disability Awareness, The program started at 9:00 to 1:00 P.M. This safety day included a lunch, snacks, a T-shirt and a take home safety info bag and each child received and bike helmet when they completed the Bike Safety station. It was an overall success and it was a lot of fun.

David Lavander, the architect for the Village and revised a new set of blue prints of the village and it's looking good. It will cost approximately 3 million to build which will include a new library. The Safety Village web site is being revised ... The safety village has participated in a Survey for Community funding up to \$15000.00. We also applied for funding from the Trillium Foundation. We are receiving letters support from the Board of Education, Police Foundations, local Municipalities, City of Sarnia, and Farm Safety Association.