



November 15

2013

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Annual Meeting and Dinner

**Lambton federation of agriculture Annual Banquet & Meeting  
Friday November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

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6:00pm	Social Time  Appetizers: Compliments of Uplands Pheasantry	
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 2013-2014 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	Ron MacDougall   Dave Ferguson
7:00	Grace Dinner Thanking of the Fair Board Presidents Report Lambton County Hall of Fame Inductees Presentation of LFA Scholarships Presentation of Scholarships by the Women's Institute Presentation of Pins to New Directors and Executive Door Prizes Announcements	Harry Buurma  Brooke Leystra Ron MacDougall Joanne Sanderson Doug Krall/Sarah Jackson Ann McGugan  Sarah Jackson/Dave Ferguson Brooke Leystra

## Lambton Federation of Agriculture Annual General Meeting

Friday November 16, 2012

6:30pm @ Wyoming Fair Buildings

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6:00pm       Appetizers served by Mornington Cheese and Ontario Dairy Goat Co-Operative

The meeting was called to order by Ron MacDougall at 6:40 p.m.

"O Canada" was sung by David Huzinga

### Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Doug Krall and seconded by Kevin Forbes to accept the Minutes of the 2011. Carried

### Agenda

It was moved by Kevin Forbes and seconded by Brooke Leystra to approve the Agenda. Carried.

### Financial Reports

It was moved by Peter Greydanus and seconded by Brooke Leystra to accept the financial reports as presented. Carried.

It was moved by Kevin Forbes and seconded by Don McCabe that World Data Centre be appointed as auditor for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. Carried.

Don Burgess, OFA MSR thanked the Board for their service in 2011-2012 and declared all positions open.

Jane Meugge and Carol Leeming were appointed as Scrutineers for any required Election.

The nominating committee advised of the following nominations:

St Clair – Steve Murphy

Sarnia –

Enniskillen- Doug Krall

Lambton Shores –Debbie Gilliard

Warwick-

Dawn Euphemia – Vacant

Brooke Alvinston – Jim McLachlin

Plympton – Martien Kusters

PAC – Brooke Leystra, Dave Ferguson, Harry Buurma

Melissa Forbes was nominated for Sarnia – accepted

Nominated for Directors at Large:

Sarah Jackson – Accepted

Al Williamson – Declined

Ron MacDougall – Accepted

Brenda Miner – Accepted

Peter Kerrigan – Declined

Bill Milliken – Accepted

Peter Greydanus – Accepted

Blair Williamson – Accepted (with letter of intent)

For the Position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Peter Greydanus was nominated and accepted

For the Position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice president

Martien Kusters will stand

For the Position of President

Peter Greydanus nominated Ron MacDougall, whom accepted.

It was moved by Doug Krall and seconded by Joe Dickenson that the elected board of directors be given authority to fill any of the vacant Director positions on the board. Carried

#### **New Business**

Ron MacDougall read the proposed constitution changes and explained the need for the changes. The reason behind Incorporation was also explain, and the correct wording was read. Motion to proceed with changes was made by George Dickenson, and seconded by Brooke Leystra. Carried.

Grace (Harry Buurma)

Introduction of Head Table & Honoured Guests (Kevin Forbes)

Pat Davidson

Bob Bailey

Monte McNaughton

Thanking of the Fair Board (Brooke Leystra )

Presidents Report (Ron MacDougall)

Lambton County Hall of Fame Inductee (Ron MacDougall)

Russell Hazzard, accepted by Mr Hazzards son Merle

Presentation of Scholarships (Debbie Gilliard, Dave Ferguson)

**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

Presentation of Scholarships by the Women's Institute(Ann McGugan)

OFA Pins were presented to Sarah Jackson, Brenda Miner and Melissa Forbes.

Outgoing board members were thanked by Ron MacDougall.

Door Prizes were handed out by Brooke Leystra and Jim McLachlin.

**Meeting was Adjourned by Ron MacDougall at 9:45.**

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## 2013 Scholarship Winners

**Joyce Anderson Memorial Scholarship**

Laura Langstaff, Oil Springs

**Bill & Dorothy Abraham Scholarship**

Connor Cook, Oil Springs

**Donna Stewardson Scholarship**

Carly VanDaele, Dresden

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

Jasmine Jennings, Wilkesport

**Bell Federation Scholarship (\$1000)**

Kristen Wight, Plympton-Wyoming

**Lois Wakefield Scholarship**

Luke Stephens, Brigden

**The Patrick & Timothy Kerrigan Scholarship**

Jenna Johnston, Port Lambton

**Women's Institute of Lambton County Scholarship**

Nicole Soetemans.

Congratulations to all of the winners!

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October 26, 2013

Directors and Members  
Lambton Federation of Agriculture.

Dear Members:

RE: 2013 Year End Review.

We have reviewed your accounting records and statements as at September 30, 2013 with your secretary, and have found them to be in balance for the year then ending.

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

We moved your Bell Federation Scholarship from Trust to (LFA). This has increased your Equity by \$15,500.00.

The statements attached here to reflect the position of your association at September 30, 2013.

Thank you for the opportunity to have been of service to you in this year of 2013.

Yours truly



World Data Service Ltd

LAMBTON FEDERATION OF AGR  
BALANCE SHEET  
Prepared Without Audit

For the Period Ending 09-30-13

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ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash in Bank Chequing	\$	5,901.05
Cash in Bank Savings		76,167.99
GIC Operating		36,887.57
GIC Scholarship		41,000.00

Total Current Assets			\$	159,956.61
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TOTAL ASSETS.....			\$	159,956.61
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LIABILITIES

Total Liabilities			\$	0.00
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EQUITY

Beginning Net Worth			\$	154,393.49
Fiscal Year Earnings	\$	5,563.12		

Total Adjustments				5,563.12
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Total Equity				159,956.61
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY.....			\$	159,956.61
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LAMBTON FEDERATION OF AGR  
 YEAR-TO-DATE INCOME STATEMENT  
 Prepared Without Audit

For the Period Ending 09-30-13

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Operating Revenue		
Annual Meeting	\$ 1,160.00	2.09%
Interest	666.09	1.20%
OFA Rebate	52,950.00	95.47%
Scholarship Interest	687.50	1.24%
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Total Cash Sales	\$ 55,463.59	100.00%
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Total Gross Operating Income		
	\$ 55,463.59	100.00%
Advertising & Newsletter	\$ 2,373.01	4.28%
Bank Charges	406.65	0.73%
Consumer Relations PR Tra	2,342.07	4.22%
Contract Labour	5,345.47	9.64%
Convention	6,120.66	11.04%
Donations	7,000.00	12.62%
Insurance	919.43	1.66%
Internet Maintenance	427.50	0.77%
Map Expense	3,795.00	6.84%
Meeting Expense	210.00	0.38%
Mileage	5,110.28	9.21%
Miscellaneous	721.93	1.30%
Office Expense	2,426.98	4.38%
Per Diems Paid to Directo	6,779.50	12.22%
Political Awareness	410.99	0.74%
Professional Fees	900.50	1.62%
Projects	110.50	0.20%
Scholarship Payments	4,500.00	8.11%
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Total General & Administrative Expenses	49,900.47	89.97%
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NET OPERATING INCOME		
	\$ 5,563.12	10.03%
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**Bell Federation Scholarship  
(In Trust)  
October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013**

Balance October 1, 2012		\$15,000
GIC Interest		\$330
From General Fund		\$170
Withdraw	\$500	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$15,500</b>

Laurentian Bank 2 years, 1.95%

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**Kerrigan Federation Scholarship  
(LFA)  
October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013**

Balance October 1, 2012		\$2,000
GIC Interest		\$40
From General Fund		\$460
Withdraw	\$500	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>

Home Trust, 2 year 2.06%

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**Bill & Dorothy Abraham Bursary  
(LFA)  
October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013**

Balance October 1, 2012		\$3,500
GIC Interest		\$70
From General Fund		\$430
Withdraw	\$500	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>

Home Trust, 2 year 2.06%

**Anderson Scholarship  
(LFA)  
October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013**

Balance October 1, 2012		\$6,500
Balance October 1, 2012		\$1,500
GIC Interest		\$97.50
GIC Interest		\$26.25
From General Fund		\$876.25
Withdraw	\$1000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1000</b>	<b>\$9,000</b>

Home Trust, 2 year 2.06%

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**Stewardson Scholarship  
(LFA)  
October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013**

Balance October 1, 2012		\$6,500
Balance October 1, 2012		\$1,500
GIC Interest		\$97.50
GIC Interest		\$26.25
From General Fund		\$876.25
Withdraw	\$1000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1000</b>	<b>\$9,000</b>

Home Trust, 2 year 2.06%

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**Wakefield Scholarship  
(LFA)  
October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013**

No Investment		
From General Fund		\$1000
Withdraw	\$1000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1000</b>	<b>\$1000</b>

# LFA President Report-2013

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2013 has been a fairly busy year for LFA, with a number of issues on our agenda.

This year LFA, in conjunction with other general farm organizations and commodity groups in Lambton County launched a new electronic newsletter, Lambton AgLink, to keep Lambton agricultural industry up to date with local issues and upcoming events. To date this has been successful, but we need continued support and input from local groups to keep it informative and useful to Lambton farmers and other interested partners. Thanks to all that are involved and we all hope for continued success.

The Lambton County woodlot bylaw is in the process of being updated. The LFA has been part of the process throughout the year. The Federation's position is to keep it simple, useable, not burdensome on our members and to focus on clear cutting of woodlots and not have it become a tree bylaw. The final draft has not gone to County Council at this time, and we look forward to changes that may be part of the bylaw.

Promotion of Lambton ag production is an important role for LFA. We do not just promote local foods, which is an important part of our industry, but we need to promote Lambton's total ag production. We need to go beyond our farm gate production and look at further processing of our products. We need to be part of economic development, looking at bringing industries to Lambton County that will add value to our products, and that make economic sense to be located in our county.

I want to say thank you to all of our Board members for their support and work they have done on behalf of LFA members. I would also like to say thank you to committees, the chair and members for all they have done in carrying out the policies of LFA. I also need to say thank you to our Secretary, Christina Hyatt, for keeping me on the straight and narrow, and reminding me what needed to be done.

I also want to thank all LFA members for allowing me to represent them over these past two years.

Ron MacDougall

# Annual Report for Lambton Federation of Agriculture

*2013 – An OFA Perspective*

Submitted by Don Burgess

Member Service Representative Lambton-Middlesex

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## Some Issues of 2013

### Memberships

The membership issue actually started in 2012 when the Tribunal that was considering OFA, CFFO and the NFU for their three year accreditation. One lawyer on the Tribunal felt that when a farmer is sent the annual FBR registration from Agricorp and the farmer makes out his cheque to OFA and checks off OFA, doesn't mean that he wants to be a member. He stated that the farm organization must send out a separate form (Step 2) for the member to sign to verify his/her membership.

This ruling has added much work and expense to the OFA. Many farmers did not realize that they were not considered members until they signed the Step 2. There are approx. 10,000 supporters in Ontario that failed to sign and OFA was forced to change its By-Laws for 2013 to allow these "Supporters" to receive some OFA Benefits.

It is hoped that, by the time the 2014 FBR Registrations are sent out, we will be back to a single application for membership.

### Tire Stewardship Fee

In March the Ontario Tire Stewardship (OTS) announced that it was raising the fees charged on new off road tires up to as high as \$350.00/ tire to cover the expense that it costs to recycle a tire in Ontario. In Ontario the OTS, has limited options to recycle a tire. The Government will not allow tires to be burnt in the cement kilns, nor will they allow them to be used in repaving roads. Both of these procedures are allowed in Quebec and Manitoba.

The OFA fought, and reluctantly accepts, fees lowered to \$47.04 for tires between 70-250 kgs. and \$182.28 for tires over 250 kgs.

### Horse Racing Industry

In March 2012 the Government announced that it was discontinuing with the slots for horse racing agreement, and that funding under the agreement would finish in March 2013. In this area the Hiawatha Horse Park is affected. It was announced by Premier Wynne that there would be a transition panel to study and report as to what it would take to keep the Horse Industry stable. When that report arrived this Fall the Government announced that it was supporting the Horse Racing Industry at the rate of 80 million dollars / yr. for 5 years. This could be "TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE," Under the slots program the industry shared \$340 million. Ontario stands to lose 60,000 jobs, 26,000 horses and the associated jobs and spin off revenue to business and rural communities.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns,

Don Burgess MSR Lambton-Middlesex

Over the past year the Environment Committee has been focusing on the proposed changes to the County of Lambton Woodlot Bylaw. Currently we have members sitting on the Woodlot bylaw advisory panel to help draft a bylaw that will hopefully satisfy all parties involved. Although the bylaw has not yet been passed, great progress has been made to make this bylaw more agriculture friendly than the original bylaw that was brought to council over a year ago.

The Environment Committee is also currently monitoring the current proposal by Clean Harbours for an expansion to their current site, mainly concerning what effects this project will have on Lambton County farmers and their families.

## **Political Awareness Committee**

**Dave Ferguson**

The Lambton Federation of Agriculture hosted a summer meeting that involved multiple commodity groups in Lambton County and the provincial MPP's and the federal MP's. Concerns of the various groups were presented and dialogue with the politicians was appreciated.

Also this summer several directors were invited to London to meet with provincial and federal politicians and voice our concerns. Some of the others at this meeting were local business people, such as market garden business and processors. The overall meeting was to discuss local food and the supply of it. At the end of the meeting a strong message was agreed upon that food preparation and healthy eating habits should be reintroduced into our education system. The young people of today do not know how to prepare healthy nutritious meals using fresh produce or meat. Another contentious issue this year was the Woodlot Bylaw revision for Lambton County. LFA directors were involved and given time to review and voice our concerns as landowners and woodlot owners. Some of the concerns regarded drainage, windbreaks and fencerows among others.

## **Lambton Farm Safety Association**

**Debbie Gilliard**

Lambton Farm Safety day was held July 4th, at the Legacy Recreation centre in Thedford. It a great success we had 145 kids attend. There were 8 stations this year, consisting of Tool Safety, ATV Safety, Machinery Safety, Safe Animal Handling, Waterwise, Union Gas, Westnile and Lime, 911 safety, and flowing grain safety. Our guest speaker was Lynn Brown, from Arkona and she told the children about the Kaeden Brown Story, an 8 yr old boy who was on an atv and it flipped over and landed on top of him, killing him instantly.

## **Lambton Children's Safety Village**

**Debbie Gilliard**

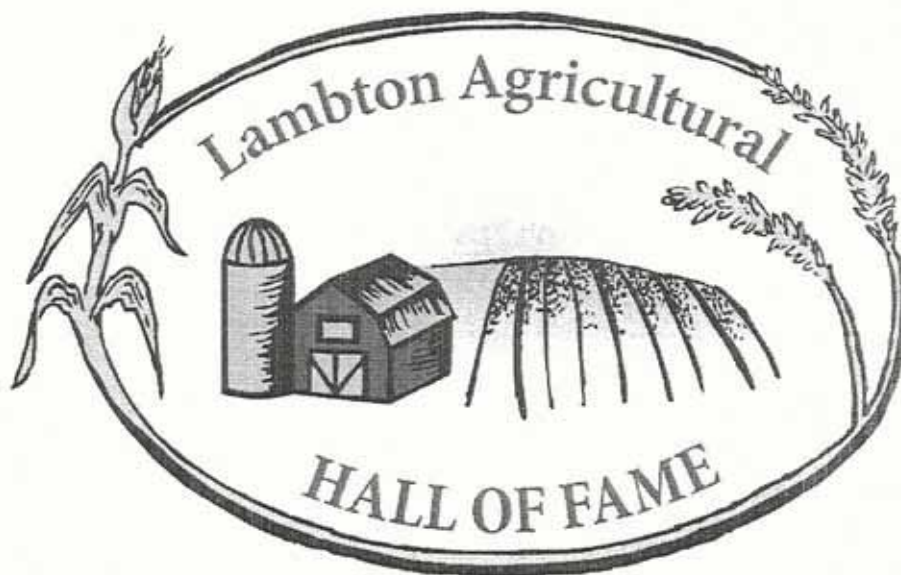
Lambton Children's Safety Village-- Next meeting is Nov 12/13 and topics of discussion will be:

- members voting yes or no on becoming an Optimist club member's
- Gov't forms to be completed for Incorporation
- Recruiting an individual who is an Financial Planner to come onto the board
- Working on our Internet Site
- Fundraising, drop pails at hockey games, cash calanders, and maybe participating in having bingos to raise funds

The Communications Committee is proud to present **Lambton AgLink!**

With the help of our wonderful secretary the first edition of our online newsletter, the Lambton Ag Link which focuses on news and events of Lambton County Commodity and Agricultural groups went out in August this year. This e-newsletter goes to subscribers monthly, and all commodity and agriculture related groups are invited to submit news and events that are relevant to Lambton County Farmers. For more information people can go to the [lfawebsite.org](http://lfawebsite.org) or e-mail [lambtonaglink@outlook.com](mailto:lambtonaglink@outlook.com).

Due to the creation of the Lambton AgLink online newsletter, the Communications Committee has also decided to no longer run regular newsletters in print publications. Instead, we will be creating various advertisements for paper publication and working to use our website and social media to communicate with our members on an as needed basis. For more information please contact Brooke Leystra – [Leystra@brktel.on.ca](mailto:Leystra@brktel.on.ca)



Joanne Sanderson will be presenting the Hall of Fame plaques to:

Honourable Ralph Ferguson  
And

The family of the Honourable Lorne Henderson

As the 2013 Lambton Agricultural Hall of Fame Inductees.