

November 17

2017

Annual Meeting & Dinner

# **Lambton Federation of Agriculture Annual Meeting**

#### Friday November 17, 2017

6:00pm Social Time

6:15 Welcome Al Langford

O Canada

Introduction of Honoured Guests & Greetings Al Langford

Approval of Minutes of the Last meeting as printed

Motion to Approve Reports

-Treasurer's Report

-Appointment of Auditor for 2018 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 1st Vice

-Election of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice

-Motion to destroy the Ballots

Resolutions

**New Business** 

7:00 Grace Herman Kremer

Dinner

**Lambton Youth Choir** 

Presidents Report Al Langford

Lambton County Hall of Fame Inductees Kyle Maw

Presentation of LFA Scholarships Doug Krall/Sarah Jackson

Presentation of Scholarships by the Women's Institute Ann McGugan

Canadian Mental Health Association-Lambton Kent

Megan Walker

**Guest Speaker** 

**Matthew Pott** 

**Door Prizes** 

Sarah Jackson/Mike Belan

Wrap Up

Al Langford

# 2016 LFA AGM MINUTES

# **Lambton Federation of Agriculture Annual General Meeting**

Friday November 18, 2016

6:30pm @ Camlachie Community Centre

6:00pm

Social Time

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 by Dave Ferguson

"O Canada" was played.

#### Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Doug Krall and seconded by Al Langford to accept the Minutes of the 2015 AGM. Carried Agenda

It was moved by Cole Dortmans and seconded by Blair Williamson to approve the Agenda. Carried.

#### **Financial Reports**

It was moved by Cole Dortmans and seconded by Blair Williamson to accept the financial reports as presented by the notice to reader, Ken Williams of MPW. Carried.

It was moved Herman Kremer and seconded by Al Langford that MPW be appointed as notice to reader for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Carried.

#### **New Business**

Presentation and Discussion of the Proposed Constitution by Ron MacDougall Motion made by Ron MacDougall that the Lambton Federation of Agriculture accept the 2016 Draft Constitution moving forward, seconded by Gary Martin. **Carried.** 

#### **Board of Directors and Elections**

Joanne Fuller, OFA MSR thanked the Board for their service in 2016 and declared all positions open.

**Gary Martin** 

George Dickenson

Doug Krall
Debbie Gilliard
Sarah Jackson
Blair Williamson
Cole Dortmans
Ron MacDougall
Rick O'Hara

Nominated Directors: Al Langford – Accepted Jessica Smeekens- Accepted Karen Sanders- Accepted Mike Belan-Accepted

For the Position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
Sarah Jackson was nominated and accepted (acclaimed)
For the Position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice president
Rick O'Hara was nominated and accepted (acclaimed)
Blair Williamson was nominated and respectfully declined.
For the Position of President
Al Langford was nominated and accepted (acclaimed)

#### Joanne Fuller declared elections closed.

It was moved by Dave Ferguson and seconded by Al Langford that the elected board of directors be given authority to fill any of the vacant Director positions on the board. **Carried** 

Grace (Herman Kremer)
Presidents Report (Dave Ferguson)
Lambton Youth Choir entertained with five songs.
2015 Lambton Agricultural County Hall of Fame Inductees
Kyle Maw presented to inductees:

Mr. WP MacDonald
J. Arthur Griffith

Presentation of the 2016 Scholarships (Doug Krall/ Sarah Jackson)

Joyce Anderson Memorial Scholarship (presented y Jane Anema) Matthew Gerrits

Bill & Dorothy Abraham Scholarship Patrick Wright

Donna Stewardson Scholarship Mallory Straatman

Bell Federation Scholarship (\$1000) Joshua Noorloos

Bell Federation Scholarship (\$500) Kyle Cornelisen

Lois Wakefield Scholarship Clancy Annett

The Patrick & Timothy Kerrigan Scholarship Sarah Korvemaker

Presentation of Scholarships by the Women's Institute (Ann McGugan) Charlie Elliott won the 4H 50/50 draw for \$379.

Door Prizes were handed out by Sarah Jackson and Dave Ferguson. Thanks to Southwest Credit union, Egg Farmers of Ontario, Jessica Smeekens of Auxsauble Forestry, OFA for supplying wonderful prizes.

Speaker Lyndsay Smith: It's a "Just google it" world — how do we get accurate and fair depictions of farming and food in the top 10 search results of Google? One way is to ensure dependable resources and sources are available to mainstream media. How do we make that happen? Lyndsey Smith will share what makes media tick and how the farm and food sector can use this to their advantage, plus she'll offer tips on becoming a goto resource, and have the audience tune up their best good-news-story pitches.

A special Thank You to Lambton 4H for serving and cleaning up the dinner. Meeting was adjourned by Dave Ferguson at 10:40.

# Scholarship Awards

#### Joyce Anderson Memorial Scholarship

#### **Administered by Sarnia Community Foundation**

Kevin Soetemans

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

No Entries

#### **Dona Stewardson Scholarship**

Lauren Anderson

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

Patrick Wright

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

No Entries

#### Lois Wakefield Scholarship

#### Presented by Lois Wakefield

Rachel Westendorp

#### The Patrick & Timothy Kerrigan Scholarship

Julia Soetemans

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

Presented by Anne McGugan

Congratulations to all of the winners!



#### A Year in Review

By Joanne Fuller, Member Services

Representative, Ontario Federation of Agriculture

#### November 2017

#### Lobbying and Issues in 2017: Ontario

#### **Federation of Agriculture**

- Corporate Federal Tax
- Farm Tax Rate Reduction Initiatives
- Rural Ontario Needs Natural Gas
- Reducing Phosphorus to Minimize Algae Blooms in Lake Erie
- Farm Inputs Directory
- Hydro Cost Reduction
- Rural Economic Development
- Changing Workplace Review
- Business Risk Management Review
- Food Policy for Canada Consultation
- Employment Standards Act review
- Rural Broadband
- Rural School Closures

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) would like to thank all OFA members who voiced their concerns and took action on the federal tax issue. OFA applauds the advocacy work of its members throughout this campaign, which resulted in more than 600 letters sent to local MPs through OFA's Act Now website. Thank you for your tireless effort and support on this issue.

#### Lambton Federation of Agriculture:

- Transit Tax Levy City of Sarnia
- Corporate Federal Tax presentation
- Lambton County Official Plan
- Plympton-Wyoming Official Plan Amendment
- Tax Ratio Reduction Delegation to Lambton County Council

#### 2018 Events - Save the Dates:

- Southwest Agricultural Conference, January 3-4, 2018, Ridgetown College
- Farm Smart, January 20, 2018, Guelph
- Louisville Farm Show Bus Trip, February 14-16, 2018, hosted by Middlesex Federation
- Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Convention, February 20-21, 2018, Niagara Falls
- London Farm Show, March 6-8, 2018 Western Fair District, London
- Middlesex Federation Night at Western Fair Raceway, March 23, 2018, London
- Dairy Expo, April 4-5, 2018, Stratford
- London Poultry Show, April 4-5, 2018, Western Fair District, London
- Can Am Equine Expo, April 6-8, 2018, Markham
- Ontario Pork Congress, June 20-21, Stratford
- Outdoor Farm Show, September 11-13, 2018, Woodstock
- International Plowing Match, September 18-22, 2018, Pain Court, Chatham-Kent
- Canadian Greenhouse Conference, October 3-4, 2018, Niagara Falls

# **PAC REPORT**

November 17, 2017

# What does a PAC (Policy Advisory Council) member do?



OFA relies on feedback and guidance from the PAC.

Working in collaboration with respective county federations or commodity organizations, PAC members solicit views, and identify issues of concern at the municipal, provincial, or federal level of government and bring those issues to the PAC meetings, for the attention of colleagues and the OFA.

PAC members are elected to represent their county or commodity, bringing policy concerns and issues to OFA's board of directors. Also, to ensure accountability, the OFA board of directors must report back to PAC on issues.

PAC members communicate those developments and progress back to county federations, commodities, and OFA members for information or further action.

PAC members frequently engage with task teams to provide responses to recommendations that help shape government policy, and its assistance continues to evolve.

PAC members are elected at our Regional meetings and three regions are allocated to Lambton County based on the number of members. The last Regional meeting was held August 23 2017.

PAC members meet four times per year either regionally or centrally.

# Upcoming meeting at the OFA AGM

OFA has scheduled an orientation meeting for the PAC, on Sunday November 15 at 330pm.

The expectations for a PAC member and PAC meetings will be reviewed and updated, and we will be discussing the new Steering Committee for the PAC.

The new Steering Committee will be in charge of organizing upcoming PAC meetings and one Steering Committee member will be co-chair for the meetings, along with the OFA President.

The PAC will also be discussing upcoming training and development opportunities, as well as future topics of Interest.





Kyle Maw will be presenting the Hall of Fame plaques to:

Robert and John McCormick

And

The Brandon Brothers

As the 2017 Lambton Agricultural Hall of Fame Inductees.

Please consider joining the Hall of Fame as a lifetime member, or making a donation to keep the Hall of Fame thriving!

Please put your membership forms/donations/nominations in the green box at the reception table.

## Lambton Agricultural Hall of Fame

# **Business: Non-Voting Lifetime Membership Application**

The Hall of Fame's purpose is to recognize a person, persons or organizations by induction into the Lambton Hall of Fame, for achievement within the realm of agriculture and service of benefit to the rural community of Lambton and beyond.

Membership fees help offset the costs of the presentation which include a picture and plaque being displayed at the Lambton County building each year; a plaque to the winner/family. The winners also receive two complimentary tickets to the banquet.

Name of Business or Organization:		
Street Address:		
City/Town:	Postal Code:	
Phone Number:		
Main Contact Name:		
E-mail:		
Fee \$100 □ (Please make cheque paya	able to the Lambton Agricultural Hall of Fame)	

Please use this form if you are already a member but would like to make a donation.

### Lambton Agricultural Hall of Fame

# Personal/Family: Voting Lifetime Membership Application

The Hall of Fame's purpose is to recognize a person, persons or organizations by induction into the Lambton Hall of Fame, for achievement within the realm of agriculture and service of benefit to the rural community of Lambton and beyond.

A voting lifetime membership gives the individual the right to attend our annual meeting, the opportunity to vote at the meeting and could be elected to the board of directors.

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Name (first & last):	
Street Address:	
City/Town:	
Phone Number:	
E-mail:	
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## Lambton Agricultural Hall of Fame

## **Potential Nominees**

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If you know of an individual(s) whom deserves recognition for their outstanding contributions to Lambton County agriculture please list them below along with a brief description of why they should be nominated. Contributions (max. 100 words): Contributions (max. 100 words): \_\_\_\_\_ Your information: Name (first & last): Street Address: City/Town: Postal Code: Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Please submit completed application to: Christina Hyatt 3244 Mandaumin Road Brigden, On, NoN 1Bo Email: info@lambtonfederation.ca Phone: 519-864-4224 Full nomination forms can be found on the LFA website: www.lambtonfederation.ca

Thank you for supporting the Agricultural Hall of Fame!