



November 20th

2015

Annual Meeting and Dinner

Lambton federation of agriculture Annual Banquet & Meeting

Friday November 20, 2015

Shava - Blue shirt

6:00pm	Social Time		black jacket white shirt - Mallory Matthew - Plaid
6:30	Welcome & O Canada	6:30	Dave Ferguson Deric - dark grey
	Introduction of Honoured Guests & Greetings		Dave Ferguson
	Approval of Minutes of the Last meeting as printed		↳ honoured
	Motion to Approve Reports		↳ Past presidents Address Bob.
	-Treasurer's Report		
	-Appointment of Auditor for 2015-2016 year	Accountants Dave Ferber → in AGM Booklet	All Jim → carried
	-Committee Reports		Accept financials
	Report of Nominating Committee & Election of Officers		
	-Appoint Scrutineers	Karl - elect chair - Doug Swah - Sarah	↳ Doug ↳ Sarah
	-Declare all offices vacant - nominations from floor	Bryan Bate, Ken Wilkins - Doug	- carried
	-Election of Directors		
	-Election of President		
	-Election of 1 st Vice		
	-Election of 2 nd Vice		
	-Motion to destroy the Ballots		
	Resolutions		
	New Business	1 st Vice - acclaimed - Sarah 2 nd Vice - acclaimed - AI President -- Dave - acclaimed	Proposed to bill motion Jacques not e ↳ Doug Hern
7:00	Grace Don.		
	Dinner		
	Thanking of the Fair Board	816	Herman Kremer Dave Ferguson Kyle Maw Doug Krall/Sarah Jackson Ann McGugan Lee Brien Blair Williamson Sarah Jackson
	Presidents Report		Ralph Eyre - president of cattlemen. Raymond Moore-Low ↳ spoke Karl.
	Lambton County Hall of Fame Inductees		Joyce Anderson ↳ Jane & Nancy
	Presentation of LFA Scholarships	Lambton County	Erin Lyons - red skirt Jury Fullerton grey black skirt
	Presentation of Scholarships by the Women's Institute		
	Presentation of Pins to New Directors and Executive		
	Pie Auction		
	50/50 draw benefiting Lambton 4H		
	Door Prizes		

MINUTES

Lambton Federation of Agriculture Annual General Meeting

Friday November 21, 2014

6:30pm Wyoming Fair Building

6:00pm Social time

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Brooke Leystra

"O Canada" was sung by Nicholas Veroude

Dave Ferguson welcomed honored guests

Pat Davidson

John Fraser on behalf of Monte McNaughton

Agenda

It was moved by Doug Krall and seconded by Jim McLachlan to approve the agenda. **Carried**

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Harry Buurma and seconded by Joe Dickenson to accept the minutes from 2013. **Carried**

Financial Report

Brooke Leystra gave report on the LFA's financial report it was then moved by Julie Maw and seconded by Sarah Jackson that the LFA board of directors be given the authority to seek out a qualified independent business or individual to conduct the 2014/2015 financial review. **Carried**

Brooke Leystra updated everyone in attendance on a couple of initiatives the LFA spend money on in 2014 that were one time only expenses. Which were a onetime mail out to all our members to create an updated list of member's information and a donation to the Lambton Children Safety Village.

Board of Directors and Elections

Carl Soetemans, OFA MSR thanked the Board for their service in 2013-2014 and declared all positions open.

St. Clair- Steve Murphy (acclaimed)

Sarnia- Vacant

Enniskillen- Doug Krall (acclaimed)

Lambton Shores- Debbie Gilliard (acclaimed)

Warwick- Herman Kremer (acclaimed)

Dawn Euphemia- Jamie Armstrong (acclaimed)

Brooke Alvinston- Jim McLachlin (acclaimed)

Youth Farmer Director- Blair Williamson (acclaimed)

PAC- Brooke Leystra, Sarah Jackson, Dave Ferguson

Nominated for Directors at Large:

Pat Powers (with letter of intent)

Harry Buurma- Accepted

Ron MacDougall- Accepted

Dave Ferguson- Accepted

Don McCabe- Accepted

Sarah Jackson - Acclaimed Pympton Wyoming

For the Position of 1st Vice President

Sarah Jackson was nominated and accepted (acclaimed)

For the Position of 2nd Vice President

Herman Kremer was nominated and accepted (acclaimed)

For the Position of President

Dave Ferguson was nominated and accepted (acclaimed)

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

New Business

There was no new business

Grace (Harry Buurma)

Thanking of the Fair Board (Ron MacDougall)

Presidents Report (Brooke Leystra)

Presentation to the Lambton County Children's Village (Debbie Gilliard)

Lambton Agricultural Hall of Fame Inductee (Kyle Maw)

Charles Lawes and the Family of Jerry Ferguson

Presentations of Scholarships (Doug Krall/ Sarah Jackson)

Joyce Anderson Memorial Scholarship- Ashley Cornelissen

Dona Stewardson Scholarship- Rachel Loerts

Bell Federation Scholarship (\$500)- Connor Cook

Bell Federation Scholarship (\$1000)- Bryan Soetemans

Lois Wakefield Scholarship- Jenna Elliott

The Patrick & Timothy Kerrigan Scholarship- Duncan Annett

Presentation of Woman's Institute Scholarship (Ann McGugan)

Emily Optof

Door Prizes were handed out by Jim McLachlin and Carl Soetemans. Thanks to the 2014 board members, Scotia Bank Southwest Credit Union and OFA for supplying wonderful prizes.

Meeting was adjourned by Brooke Leystra at 9:30pm.

LFA President Report-2015

The LFA always has a number of issues, whether they are local in concern or engulf Ontario as a whole.

One of the most controversial this year on a provincial basis is the neonics that we use on our seed. The OFA has kept a constant dialogue with the government and has negotiated some concessions concerning the use of neonics. We are concerned in the manner in which these regulations were imposed with the lack of science; it appears that urban Ontario will now have much more influence than in the past in how we farm.

What farm practices are targeted next should be of a concern to everyone in this room. The farm population should be taking note of the needs and wants of the urban consumer, engagement of the urban consumer is going to be critical in the next few years.

The Lambton Federation is making it a priority to contact and develop our contacts with the young farmers in Lambton County. In August we held a regional meeting at Twin Pines Cider House and had a good number of young farmers in attendance. Jennifer Christie was our guest speaker that night. The following week I attended Middlesex County regional, Andrew Campbell was the speaker that evening, he has a strong social media presence, and his twitter profile is @freshairfarmer. He is well worth looking up. At this time the Lambton Federation has started to organize social events to draw in the young farmers and their friends, 2 meetings have been held so far and the next one is set for Nov. 25 at my place with Dale Cowan as the guest speaker.

One thing we found in talking to the young group is that they are searching for a time and place to meet for social functions, there is no Junior Farmers as we knew it 20 years ago. I do hope that we can facilitate this and provide a forum to socialize and draw in some educational dialogue at the same time.

In March the OFA sent representatives to Ottawa, meetings were held with various MPs and cabinet ministers. Two local MPs that were met with were Bev Shipley and Pat Davidson. Also in the spring the Sarnia Lambton Chamber Of Commerce had a two day event at Queens Park. The federation accompanied the chamber to this event; lessons were learned by me on how to present ourselves as a business person. We are farmers, but sometimes we lose sight that we are first and foremost business and not just a farmer.

The Sarnia Chamber has recognized the importance of agriculture to the local economy and we are appreciative of that. Mark Lumley has been on the chamber for a number of years, and has brought recognition to agriculture.

My last year on the chamber has been a big learning curve and experience. In March of 2015 we also coordinate booking a suite at a London Knights game, shared with 5 counties. Potential directors for each county were invited to mix and mingle, out of this one event we gained 2 new directors and the other counties also picked up new board members. At that game in the suite beside us was Patrick Brown who is now leading the Provincial Conservatives. Patrick came over to our suite and met with our guests: networking is effective and unexpected networking such as this helps to engage politicians.

Dave Ferguson, President 2014-2015

Annual Report for Lambton Federation of Agriculture

November 2015

Submitted by Karl Soetemans

Member Service Representative (Lambton-Middlesex)

(519) 868-5368 or karl.soetemans@ofa.on.ca

The 2015 year has been a busy one. Our membership renewal process was amended, through lobbying efforts, to allow for the second step statement to only be required "one time". For members this means a bit less paper work as they will only need to sign and submit this document once and it will carry-over each year as they renew their OFA membership. For members that have not submitted their second step yet, they can complete it on the OFA website or they can complete it in the new year as they renew their membership again.

OFA has been particularly busy at Queen's Park and bringing issues to the table with our majority government. We have reviewed and/or submitted responses to over 10 EBR (Environmental Bill of Rights) Registries this fall alone. Both the "Wetlands Conservation Policy" and the "Conservation Authority Act Review" were of these registries commented on. Through personal work experience with members I see the importance of being involved with these two particular registries and have also submitted proposals based on what I deal with here at the grassroots level. OFA have also attended various meeting regarding these registries as well.

OFA has also participated in a series of comments and submissions regarding the new neonicotinoid seed treatment regulations. OFA believes the regulations to be unworkable and will continue to bring the issue to the attention of the government and work towards a better solution, with better science, which will benefit all parties involved. OFA also did not approve of the sale of Hydro One. Now that the sale has happened OFA is pushing the government to put the profits

from the sale back into rural Ontario. The majority of the assets sold from this deal have been paid by rural residents and needs to go back into Rural Ontario Infrastructure.

OFA continues to work with the natural gas sector and the Province to implement a program for natural gas expansion. This will help reduce energy costs making Ontario farmers more competitive. Other infrastructure initiatives include rural internet expansion, an issue that exist in Lambton County, and one that LFA has also worked on at the local level. We are pushing for better internet services and expanding wireless availability in rural Ontario so rural businesses do not fall behind. OFA was consulted this summer regarding infrastructure initiatives for the "Rural Ontario Budget"; natural gas, internet expansion, roads, and bridges (through better municipal funding/programs) remained high on the list. As you can imagine from the wet spring we endured, drainage prevailed as one of the number one member issue in my area this year. OFA will be looking into this, as intense weather events are becoming more common as we deal with climate change.

As we move into 2016 with all the current issues ongoing and potential issues ahead of us, we need to keep agriculture at the top of the agenda moving forward with our governments.

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

- Karl Soetemans

Lambton Farm Safety Association

Debbie Gilliard

Lambton Farm Safety Day Camp was held on July 2/2015 at the Dawn-Euphemia Public School. There was around 165 kids in attendance.. There were 8 work stations this year consisting of Emergency Preparedness---911--Fire Safety---Home Alone---Tractor and Equipment Safety---Lawnmower Safety---Sun Safety---. Our guest speakers was William Gray--Fire Safety Prevention Officer and Chris Young-Administration Officer--Union Gas--Topic was Carbon Monoxide Prevention... Each child was given a bag full of goodies and an Carbon Monoxide Alarms were given to each family. The feedback from the kids is that they thought it was an awesome day and that they learned a lot.

Lambton Children's Safety Village

Debbie Gilliard

The Village has everything in place to start building. Donations are still being sought to assist us with the building. Presentations just completed to Nova Chemical, Suncor, Shell and OPG.. OPG is making a pledge for funds however, no firm commitment yet as to the amount. CN has completed donation their final donation. Our next step is to get all the Unions on board. We have just started asking ST. Clair Township for assistance in building the library portion of the Village. Community participation is still being done buy by being part of the Farm Safety Day, Capt. Kidds Day, Bluewater Anglers, Kid Fest, and Labour Day Parade. And at the present we have 50/50 fundraiser event going on. The 50/50 draw tickets are \$2.00 each.



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

Mr. Raymond Moorehouse
And
The family of Mr. Tony Noorloos

As the 2015 Lambton Agricultural Hall of Fame Inductees.

The Lambton Agricultural Hall of Fame needs business and personal memberships to continue. Please consider filling out the form at the back of the booklet to help keep the Hall of Fame present and vibrant in Lambton County, to celebrate our rich agricultural history, and engage our future.

Please fill out the form on the next page, and leave it and payment with Christina.

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 payable to the Lambton Agricultural Hall of Fame)

Potential Nominees

Personal - 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.

Membership fees help offset the costs of the presentation which includes 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 (first & last): _____
Street Address: _____
City/Town: _____ Postal Code: _____
Phone Number: _____
E-mail: _____

Fee \$25 (Please make cheque payable to the Lambton Agricultural Hall of Fame)

Please leave your form and payment with a Hall of Fame Director or with Secretary, Christina Hyatt.

Thank you for your support!