

## **Mayne Agricultural Society & Fall Fair – Board of Directors Meeting**

**Thursday August 31, 2023 at 9:30 am**

### **Minutes**

Attendance: David Rea (Chair), Marie-Claude Collins, John Drope, Jeff Hansen, Karen Ramlo, Joanna Weeks, Linda Beer, Selena Flood (Minutes)

Regrets: Tina Hudson, Rebecca Skiffington

Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement- 9:37am

Adoption of Agenda: Jeff moved, John second. Carried.

Motion Approval of July 27th, 2023 meeting minutes: Karen second Joanna, carried.

### Executive Reports

Treasurer's Report- John (attachment)

- Canada Helps Donations - John has received donations and wants to send out thank yous and receipts to Adrian and Jack. John needs email address for Stella for museum donation. Marie-Claude will send it to him.

VP - Dave- Facilities Updates on all active projects

- Furnace ducts were cleaned in August, possibly for the first time.
- Holes for artwork panels have not been completed and the crew will need to return.
- Water tank has not been cleaned of silt buildup. Karen recommended Wesley has done this in the past. David will touch base with Wesley. Also confirm if the tank supplies toilets only.
- Water potability - Jen hasn't expressed any concern but David will follow up on whether Jen is conducting water testing on a regular basis and about taking on water systems at the SND.
- David talked to Ray Hagkull about doors. It will need to be custom. Ray will put it on his list to do when he has time.

### Director's Reports

Linda Beer

- Thrift Store/SND
  - Linda would like to continue keeping the Thrift Store open during the Fall Fair. Will need to plan for ensuring the store can close during the parade next year.
  - Linda would like a file created on property details that can be kept at the store. Example: Where is the well, where is the septic, insurance, property lines
  - Square terminal - has had some glitches

- \$7824.29 in sales during August
- David Maude has continued to take a weekly truckload to sort, recycle and dispose of garbage.
- Ethnobotany Garden - moving along as expected

#### Marie-Claude - Museum Report

- Mel's contract has concluded for summer but will return for Thanksgiving
- Volunteers needed Sept 16 and 23 to open the museum as Marie-Claude will be away. Selena will email the membership list for museum volunteers.
- Occasional requests are being filled for special visits.
- Discussion around having Mel return next year. Mel had expressed that aside from the busy Saturday's the role was very isolating to work independently and would need to think about it.
- David requested that Marie-Claude provide a breakdown of how much it cost the Society to hire the student in excess of the grant funds allocated.

#### New Business

- Fall Fair Debriefing
  - John recommends for next year having a better planned approach for managing and handling cash the day of the Fair to ensure better accountability.
  - Jeff concerned about theft. 30 cones were purchased for the parade of which only 10 could be found on Fall Fair day. Confusion around storage and access to cones for the Farmer's Market.
  - Karen suggested a more comprehensive Fall Fair debriefing at another time. Scheduled for Monday, September 11th at 4pm.
- Mayne Island Collective - John and Karen
  - MIALS has applied for and received two grants totalling approximately \$80,000 in grant funding for establishing a collective of Mayne Island organizations working towards a common goal.
  - Karen volunteered to continue working with the collective as a representative for the Ag Society and will send Selena information to distribute to the board.
- Caeona Murdoch - email attached
  - Linda Beer will connect directly with Caeona for a direct apology and discussion about appropriate compensation.
- Kristine Webber - email attached
  - Discussion had around compensating hall rental for purposes related to agriculture and how to document it in the system that acknowledges the hall use (\$) but does not charge the person/group.
  - Permission granted for hall use. John will consult with Mitch on how to document and recognize this in the accounting system.

#### Adjournment - 11:25pm