

Valley Agricultural Society Annual General Meeting
December 2, 2021 @ Morris Curling Club 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Norm Gauthier called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

Approval of Agenda: Reba Krahn made the motion to approve the agenda.
Seconded by Anna Buhler. Carried.

Approval of Minutes: Andy Krahn made the motion to approve the minutes from February 18, 2021. Seconded by Chris Edel. Carried.

Reports:

President: The VAS was able to repair both roofs of the orange buildings. Along with the completion of the Barley Bin (Charlie's Place) as well as the Gathering of Nations dressing room. Next major project to tackle is the main Grandstand. Growth as an organization is important
Norm Gauthier announced that he will be stepping down as President and will let his name stand for re-election and if elected will step into the role of Past President.

Personnel: Cristine Edel has once again kept our office running to the best of her ability. This summer the VAS hired Logan Wiebe as Grounds Keeper. A special shout out to Troy & Liz Hoffman for finishing the painting in the Dairy Barn. You two did a Great Job!

Also VAS will be hiring a part time office assistant come February 2022. If you know of anyone who might be interested please contact the office.

We had 60 members in 2021. All members for 2022 will receive 10% off of VAS merchandise, 20% off at Miracle Dent Repair and 10% off your dine in meal or at Santa Lucia, Morris location (does not include beverages).

Jeff Edel was given the Volunteer of the Year Award.

Finance:

\$40,000 loan to be repaid by December 2022

All accounts are in good shape to end the year

Marketing:

Grandstand Inspection was done by Pier Solutions

Working together with Pier Solutions the Grandstand should be completed by spring in time for Rumble in the Valley.

Membership: Included in the Personnel report

Operations:

Farmers Market: There were approximately 2-6 vendors each Thursday and averaged 100 customers for each event.

Heartland Rodeo: Had 2 food trucks for the weekend as well as live bands and beer gardens.

Haunted Barn: it was decided to hold the event for 2 evenings. All Covid protocols were in place. The event was very well received both evenings. A huge thank you to

all volunteers. Special thank you to Mr. Barry Norris, Alicia Hoffman and Kaylyn Edel for all their creativity and hard work.

Rumble in the Valley:

Rumble in the Valley will return June 2022. Date to be announced.
Excited to secure a 3 year partnership with Wiebe Steel Structures.

Fair: no report

Rodeo: Heartland Rodeo and Grit and Grace Barrel Racing were a pleasure to deal with. These two organizations were both very respectful of our grounds.
Some restructuring needs to be completed for 2022 events.

Ratification of the Decisions of the Board: Anna Buhler made the motion to Ratification of the Decisions of the Board. Seconded by Dennis Rempel. Carried

Old Business: none

New Business: Amendments to the Constitution and By-laws of the Valley
Agricultural Society

Brian Wiebe made the motion to the following amendment:

The Board of Directors shall consist of no less than nine (9) and no more than fourteen (14) officers. The officers of the society shall be the past president, president, vice president, secretary, finance committee chair, and not fewer than four (4) or more than nine (9) members at large. The directors at large shall be from all facets of the society and shall include one (1) director appointed by the Town of Morris and one (1) appointed by the Rural Municipality of Morris. These two (2) appointees shall, upon receipt of membership fees, be full voting members of the Board of Directors. The past president, president, and vice president shall be ex-officio directors.

Seconded by Andy Krahn. Carried

Brian Wiebe made the motion the persons qualified to vote for officers or to be elected as such are those members who have paid their membership fee as required by this Constitution. To be elected to the Board of Directors the individual must have been a member in good standing for a minimum of one (1) year prior to being nominated to the board. Seconded by Lou Ericson. Carried.

It was reported that as the number of directors have increased, the number of directors present at board meetings must be increased from six (6) to eight (8) to meet quorum.

Election of Officers:

Board Members willing to let their names stand for another term are as follows:

Norm Gauthier, Donna Edel, Matt Hoffman, Chris Edel, Mike Bellisle

Andy Krahn nominated Yvette Habes. She accepted

Mike Bellisle nominated Tim Lewis. He accepted

Ryan Holness nominated Kaylyn Edel. She accepted

Crystal Legary nominated Heather Ross. She accepted

Andy Krahn nominated Marcel Sarrasin. He declined
Dennis Rempel nominated Denis Robert. He declined

Andy Krahn made the motion to cease nominations. Seconded by Amanda Gauthier. Carried

Board 2022:

Elected Officials: (in no particular order)

1. Brian Wiebe
2. Mike Bellisle
3. Norm Gauthier
4. Donna Edel
5. Matt Hoffman
6. Chris Edel
7. Tim Lewis
8. Heather Ross
9. Crystal Legary
10. Ryan Holness
11. Andy Krahn
12. Seat to be filled by the Board appointing a member

Appointed Officials:

1. Stan Siemens – R.M of Morris
2. Christine Hamblin – Town of Morris

The new Board stepped out for a brief meeting after the votes were counted and results presented to the membership. The following was reported to the membership:

Brian Wiebe was nominated for President by Norm Gauthier, he accepted. Seconded by Andy Krahn. Carried.

Mike Bellisle was nominated for Vice-President by Brian Wiebe, he accepted. Seconded by Norm Gauthier. Carried

Norm Gauthier would stay on as Past President.

All other positions will be decided at the next board meeting in January 2022, date to be determined.

Appointment of Auditors: Chris Hamblin made the motion to Appoint Scarrow & Donald as auditors. Seconded by Norm Gauthier. Carried

Approval of the Reports: Marcel Sarrasin made the motion to approve the reports. Seconded by Yvette Habes. Carried.

Adjournment: Marcel Sarrasin made the motion to adjourn at 8:36 PM. Seconded by Heather Ross. Carried

Submitted by Donna Edel