

**Annapolis Valley Exhibition Society 2019 AGM  
November 12, 2019**

40 in attendance

**Opening:**

AGM call to order, by Dave Logie at 7pm, November 12,2019

Minutes from November 2018 AGM approved as distributed. Motion made by Dave Logie, seconded by Steph Warr. Carried.

**President's Report:**

- \$77,000 increase thanks to good weather and good entertainment
- The introduction of Motor-sports was successful. They will be back next year with expanded participation.
- The Beef Show was improved with entries and five steers at the auction
- Oxen numbers were steady
- Draft horse entries in both the show horse and pulling horse categories were down for various reasons
- We continue to be at the mercy of the weather. Dorian recently went through Pictou and they were fortunate enough to have the community pull together to get the exhibition through

**Financial Report:**

Dave LeBlanc from Bayside Accounting present to go over the Financials and answer questions.

- \$77,000 gain
- We need to separate the entries for sponsorship and prize money

**Manager's Report:**

- Thank you to volunteers and for all our community support
- This was a year of change and growth, and we had much more involvement from our various committees...thank you!
- We were successful getting grants from the Municipality of Annapolis County and the Municipality of Kings County, The Government of Nova Scotia, and The Skills Summer Student Program
- Were able to complete various maintenance projects on the grounds, such as landscaping, cleanup of storage rooms and office, fence repairs
- Campground had electrical work done
- Repairs done to Draft Horse barn, Cattle Barn, washroom. Lots of painting done to the announcers booth and the front and back of most barns
- The addition of the Truck and Tractor pulls created some controversy-how the noise would affect the livestock. There were no issues in this regard. The new track was built by volunteers, with the clay and trucking donated. We have amazing support and volunteers.
- Equestrian Canada Competition was canceled due to low entries
- Redneck Rodeo had a fantastic program, but a disappointing turnout. It created revenue, but did not meet expectations
- Fundraising Committee did a fantastic job with Club 125 and Club 130

Manager Gidget Oxner and VP Byron Lamb presented Dave Logie a beautiful picture to thank him for his many years of service and volunteerism.

Phil and Liz Milo were also presented with a gift in appreciation for their years of support and hard work.

## **Committee Reports**

### Planning Committee

- The Board underwent governance training which was very beneficial
- Working on priorities
- Met several times to make a plan for improvements

### Dairy

- We had lots of young cattle
- Lots of breeds represented
- We need to attract youth to keep the barns full
- The Board is planning to meet with each individual committee to deal with any other concerns

### Grounds

- all issues and improvements were covered in the Manager's report

### Redneck Rodeo

- Lower attendance
- Bad Chad was not a hit
- Smaller events worked
- Need more volunteers for next year
- Looking for new ideas for next year
- Event will be the same weekend next year

### Farm Museum

- No Representative

### Art

- No representative

### Beef

- Was a successful year
- 80 head of cattle with multiple breeds
- Steer entries were up
- Were happy to be back in the Main Ring
- Appreciated the Sale Barn improvements
- Concerned about the fencing around the grounds

### Cooking

- Overall entries were about the same
- Held a successful pie sale to raise funds-thanks to Phil Milo for promoting via announcements
- Lost some prize sponsors due to poor communication with the office

### Home Craft

- Concerned that the prize book didn't go out
- Want sheets/entry forms
- Will discuss concerns at the individual committee meetings

#### Draft Horse

- Would like to have 2-way radios
- Concern over not having trophies
- Need better communication with the office before and during exhibition

#### Flowers

- Entries were down
- Judge made several suggestions for improvements
- Picked up some new sponsors

#### Fruit and Vegetable

- Thanks to all exhibitors and their committees who made the building full
- Displays were down due to a wet and cold spring
- Sold tickets on a gift basket and made \$300
- 50/50 made \$125
- Changes were made to their prize book
- Want to increase youth entries
- Suggest getting the prize book out earlier and not relying on online entries

#### Haflinger

- Numbers were down
- Committee was able to cover their own prize money
- Would like to move some classes to a different day for next year

#### Horse Pulls

- No representative

#### Light Horse

- Entries were down
- Canceled EC show during the latter part of the week. Sponsors and competitors were supportive of schedule changes
- Thank you to office staff and ring crew who work hard to make the show a success
- Thank you to Liz and Phil Milo who are retiring from the committee

#### Mini Horse

- Good amount of entries
- New committee members
- Have ideas for next year

#### Oxen

- Lower numbers this year
- Concern with how the trailer court spots are allocated
- Concern with having to pay in full before arrival and not having their usual parking behind the barns
- Need to co-ordinate with the draft horses to address ring crew concerns
- Spectators were up and 50/50 sales were up as well
- Were some issues with the hired Security team

## Parade

- 74 entries, with 8 bands
- Committee is looking for another member

## Photography

- Successful year despite entries being down
- Hung 90 photos
- Had an increase in sponsorship
- Were self-sufficient and able to have a small surplus to carry over
- Thanks to office, Fruit and Vegetable and Art Committees

## Pleasure Driving

- Have ideas for next year-Scotia Series
- Cross over entries

## Rug Hooking

- No Representative

## 4-H

- Livestock entries up
- Was a great show
- Monday was a great day
- Want to officially add 4H to committee reports for next year

## **Nominating Committee**

Phil Milo chaired this part of the meeting

2019 Nominating committee consists of: Byron Lamb, Rachel Taylor, Elaine Marshall, Jack Pearle.

Have three one-year terms to fill, as Elaine, Jack and Rachel are all leaving with one year remaining on their three year terms.

The committee nominated Will Neily, Katrina Barrett, and Thane Bent. Shelley Rector and Hal Baker were nominated from the floor.

Jack Pearle motioned to cease nominations, Mary Lou Parker seconded.

Dave LeBlanc and Bob Gesner acted as scrutineers for secret ballot voting.

New directors were voted in: Will Neily, Thane Bent and Katrina Barrett

Kerwin DeLong motioned for the ballots to be destroyed, seconded by Janice Bennett. Unanimous vote to destroy.

## **New Business**

- The Board will take time to discuss all positives and negatives at the individual committee meetings

-Beef committee has concern over moving of heavy gates and manure removal after the steer show

-Still room in winter storage

-Back road safety concerns regarding traffic, oxen, steers, minis

-Need improvement with our program books. Maybe shiny paper would look better. Also need better distribution

Meeting adjourned by Elaine Marshall