



January 12, 2022

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**PRESENT:** As signed in sheet there were 21 present including directors: Joanne Brodersen, Dave Watt, Blaine Stone, Louis Sledz, Greg Rudolph, Amy Belec, Mike Wollin, Michael Wollin, Janet Stone, Neil May, Kevin Klein, Austin Cummings and Karen Patterson as well as staff member, Kim Hughes.

Guests were directed to Hall B. Due to Covid Restrictions we held an in-person meeting but did not offer a meal this year. Blaine Stone chaired the meeting

**1. CALL TO ORDER 7:00pm**

**2. PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Blaine Stone took the podium and introduced himself. Blaine thanked everyone for attending. He continued with a run down of happenings throughout 2020-2021. He thanked the members for the many hours of volunteered service and an extended a thank you to the sponsors.

Blaine Stone made a motion to his presidents report as presented. Mike Wollin seconded. All in favor. Carried

**3. GOOD NEIGHBOUR AWARD PRESENTATION**

JoAnne Brodersen presented the 2021 Good Neighbour Award to Perry and Dalyce Sundquist. They were unable to attend this evening so Amy set up her laptop so that they could receive the award virtually.

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

JoAnne Brodersen made a motion to accept the agenda. Louis Sledz seconded. All in favor. Carried

**5. ADOPTION OF MEETING MINUTES OF 2020 AGM (held virtually January 27/21)**

The minutes of the 2020 AGM were included in the packages given out upon arrival and in the interest of time we did not read them aloud.

Amy Belec made a motion to adopt the minutes from previous AGM meeting as presented. Dave Watt seconded. All in favor. Carried.

**6. TREASURERS REPORT**

Janet Stone presented an overview of current financial situation. Financial Statement for 2020-2021 attached. The financials were quite straight forward this year and due to grants and funding we were able to make a profit.

Mike Wollin made a motion to accept financial reports as presented. Austin Cummings seconded. All in favor. Carried.

**7. EVENTS REPORT**

a) **Curling Report** - Presented by Kim Hughes on behalf of Louis Sledz.

b) **Farmers Market Report** - Read by Blaine Stone as submitted by Asa Yngesson.



- c) **Bingo Report** – Floyd Johnson.
- d) **Casino report**- Ken Carlson.
- e) **Ag Society Events Report** – Kim Hughes

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Bingo License.** Marg Watt made a motion to apply for Bingo License for 2021-2022. Floyd Johnson seconded. All in favor. Carried .
- b) **Casino License.** Ken Carlson made a motion to apply for Casino License for 2021-2022. Janet Stone seconded. All in favor. Carried .
- c) **Raffle Licenses.** Dave Watt made a motion to apply for raffle licensed as deemed needed by board of directors for 2021-2022. Louis Sledz seconded. All in favor. Carried
- d) **Bylaw Amendments.** Amy Belec made a motion to accept all revisions to bylaws as presented for submission to the Government of Alberta via AAAS. Greg Rudolph seconded. All in Favour. Carried.

## 9. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Blaine Stone laid out the commitments and stated the term of a director is 3 years. He thanked Tracy Crawford for her many years of serving on the board of directors and welcomed her to join the board again any time.

3 Directors will be finishing their 3 year term but will allow their names to stand for another 3 year term. Dave Watt nominated Kevin Klein, Louis Sledz and Blaine Stone. Greg Rudolph Seconded.

The floor was then opened up and Blaine asked if there were any nominations.

### Todd Pearson

**Nominated By:** Mike Wollin **Todd accepted the nomination but was unable to attend tonight.**

Michael Wollin made a motion for nominations to cease after Blaine called for nominations three times and to accept the approval of the Directors for 2021-2022. Kevin Klein seconded. All in Favor. Carried.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

Louis Sledz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Approved: Date:

Blaine Stone:

Tracy Crawford:

# Events Report 2020-2021

October 2020 seems like a very long time ago. Although we were still dealing with Covid and the pandemic back then we were looking forward with optimism. We had fitness classes with 2 different instructors in the main hall 5 times a week, pickle ball was being played as often as I could open the doors for the crew, the indoor arena was back open, and everyone was getting geared up for curling.

Somewhere around Mid-November things changed, and our optimism started to fade. Restrictions came into place that led to the Board having to enforce closures and cancellations in all our facilities. Due to some forward thinking in getting our Christmas Market designated an approved Farmers Market we were able to run our Christmas Craft Sale under a new heading of Christmas Farmers Market. Although we still had to count customers, spread out vendors and jump through some hoops we were able to run it. We were one of the only Christmas Markets in our area and both customers and vendors were very happy and supportive.

As I look back on the calendar December 2020 only shows cancellations and closures here. We all know curling had to stop but perhaps you didn't know that all of the kids in 4-H had to stay home as did the people in the fitness classes, the folks that had previously booked Christmas parties, and riders couldn't access the arena. But in January 2021 we were allowed to open the riding arena for one family at a time, it was a small step in the right direction, and we implemented an online sign in sheet.

During this time, we also ran two online 50/50s as fundraisers and did one draw at the online AGM.

Not a lot was going on in the office, but Janet and I were still looking for funding opportunities and writing grants in the weeks after our last AGM. Some of these paid off and we are looking forward to some fun events and improvements regardless of Covid!

The board of Directors here realized early that we would not be able to hold the 2021 edition of the Bullridin' & Bootscootin'. Although we were frustrated that it was not going to happen, they did not have money and planning invested and have to cancel at the last minute.

Same with the Women's Conference, cancelled as well. For a while we thought maybe but it was not to be for 2021.

Through tireless work of administrators within 4-H Alberta the 4-H kids were granted exemptions to allow for their show & sales and achievement days to be held in 2021. As a parent of a 4-Her I have to say it was huge for the kids to be able to see each other (outdoors in our case) and be somewhat back to normal in showing off their hard work! As Blaine said, our Ag Society was fortunate to accept the Lakedell 4-H Beef Club donation of the proceeds of their club calf.

Alberta's Open for Summer plan allowed us to open our doors but there were still only a few rentals and just enough restrictions in place to not allow the Youth Riding Camp. But Bocce was in full swing, as was pickle ball, Farmers Markets, Pony Club, the new Horse Show Series and planning for Fair!

Our Annual Country Fair was held over 4 days this year with a Gymkhana, Ranch Roping, Horse Show and Movie in addition to the main Saturday Fair. Our timing was perfect as there were new restrictions being announced literally while we were setting up (although I think officially we "didn't hear" them). This was really our only major event of the 2020-2021 fiscal year and we had the best weather we could have hoped for. The entertainment was fantastic, the crowd was strong and there were smiles all around. Or so I was told, I was mainly in the office.

As I alluded to, there were new mandates upon us come September and they will shape how the 2021-2022 fiscal year plays out. We again are optimistic and looking forward to getting back closer to normal- to seeing people in the facilities, on the ice and in the dirt.

# Bingo Report

Over our fiscal 2020-2021 year the Lakedell Agricultural Society was allotted 22 Bingos to Work.

Due to restrictions a number of these were cancelled as the Bingo Hall had to be closed. Once they were able to open a few changes were noted as not as many floor workers were required and two of the floor positions were moved into the office. For players there were restrictions implemented as far as social distancing, masking, and a limit on attendance (although that limit was so high due to capacity it would not be a concern).

As of today, the Bingo Hall has had to implement the REP program so that all players must show proof of vaccination to be in attendance. Our volunteers will not have to show QR codes as under current mandates we are considered workers. Since today is literally their first day operating as such it will be interesting to see how the players react.

I am hopeful that this change may make more volunteers feel comfortable in going to the bingos on behalf of the Lakedell Ag Society. The bingo funds are pooled monthly but this past year our volunteers have brought in an average of just over \$1000 per month even with the closures and lower attendance due to the pandemic.

The lower monthly revenue combined with the lack of variety of volunteers and anticipated casino income has triggered the board to request fewer bingos in the upcoming April – May Bingo year. We have asked for 4 afternoons and 2 evenings which is a dramatic decrease. But we still have upcoming Bingos to work including next Friday January 21<sup>st</sup> which is an afternoon event. Please sign up, especially if you haven't worked on in a while. It is not fair for the same people to work all of the bingos.

# Casino Report

In 2021 we were able to run two concurrent 2 day casinos over the 4 days of the September Long weekend. We had a great group of volunteers including myself and my wife Helen, Bill and Donnalee Mishio, Keith and Bernie Andersen, and Dave and Helen Watt who came to Red Deer to work the Bingo rather than go to the Fair.

That is how we got the 4 days of casino, there is a bit of a work around within AGLC. You may have noticed that the fair was expanded over the course of 4 days in 2021 and that is why. In order to run the Casino, it has to be on the same 4 days as your Ag Society's 4 Day Fair.

We will continue to run a 4-day fair here at Lakedell and we will continue to get a YEARLY FOUR DAY CASINO. In the past we have had access to one 2-day casino approximately every two to two and a half years. So, this is great news and to put it into perspective the casino that we just worked in 2021 brought in \$46,964.74!

# Curling 2021-2022

This year there are over 200 curlers and we are happy to say that the league coordinators including Bev Bohlender for Ladies on Mondays, Louis Sledz for the Open on Tuesdays, Tammy Southern for juniors and all things learn to curl, Gerry Hauge for the Stick Curling on Thursdays, and Tyler Liebel with the Mixed on Thursday and Friday evenings continue to keep things organized.

We would like to thank the ice makers Gus Roth, Greg Rudolph, Dave Watt and Steve Skinner as well as Debbie and Gus Roth for taking care of stocking the bar and looking after that end of things.

There is word of a mixed bonspiel coming up in February or March.

So far, knock on wood, there have been no major hiccups with the ice plant. But there was a small incident in the deep freeze last week when the compressor failed to kick in on Friday but thankfully that got resolved quickly.