**Cottonwood Gordon Agricultural Society**

**Annual General Meeting – November 22, 2022**

1. Call meeting to order - Determination of Quorum at 7:35 pm. Present: Ron and Sharon Blain, Janette Charlton, Linda Darby, Fred and Marie Grono, Caroline Hansen, Doug Hocken, Julie Hurst, Jordan Lehmann, Alvin Ness, Linda Mason, Carol Reimert, Barb Traxel, Glen and Laurie Wordie.
2. Approval of Agenda: **Motion 43-21**: Glen moved the agenda be approved as amended with the addition of Volunteer Appreciation under Reports 5.9.11. Seconded by Alvin. **Carried**.
3. Approval of November 23, 2021 Annual General Meeting Minutes: Linda M. approved the minutes as circulated.
4. **Business arising from minutes**
   1. Covered Patio Project Update – Glen Wordie

Due to spiking costs, our allotted funds of $28,000 was deemed not enough. We postponed the building and applied for a Red Deer County Capital grant. We have not yet heard whether it has been approved. We will speak with Ben Oszli as we move forward.

1. **Reports**
   1. President’s Report – Linda Toews

First, let me apologise for not being able to be with you this evening. My brother-in-law was suddenly taken ill and not expected to be with us much longer. The family has gathered. I know that I leave the meeting in capable hands with our other Board members.

2021-2022 has certainly turned out to be a much better year than our previous year. Starting in the summer, we were able to hold a majority of our events, as well as to rent out the Hall, and it does seem like we might finally be getting back to normal. You will hear about all our events as we go through our various reports this evening.

I want to thank the Board members and all volunteers on their tireless work on behalf of the Ag Society. Without people such as you we would not be able to do all the things we are able to do. Volunteers are indeed priceless.

* 1. Treasurer’s Report - Glen Wordie. If you would like a copy of the reviewed financial report from Zenally Chartered Professional Accountants please contact Glen.

**Motion 44-21**: Glen moves to approve the financial statements for the year

ended August 31, 2022, as prepared by Zenally Chartered Professional

Accountants.  Seconded by Fred. **Carried.**

**Motion 45-21**: Glen moves to retain Zenally Chartered Professional

Accountants for CGAS’s Accounting Services and Reviewed Financial

Statements for the year ended August 31, 2023. Seconded by Doug.

**Carried**. Anticipated cost is $4975.00 + GST.

* 1. Bar – Glen Wordie

We only had one event during the year due to lasting effects of Covid which resulted in bas sales of only $40.00. When requesting a liquor license for the October 2022 Halloween Dance, it came to our attention the CGAS is not allowed to store any liquor at the Hall in between events - therefore, inventory was removed and financials were adjusted expensing that amount to the “Mix and Liquor” expense. In future smaller lots of liquor will be purchased for Events so as to be able to return any unopened liquor for re-imbursement.

* 1. Hall Bookings and Housekeeping - Sharon Blain

**Hall Activities** from September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2022

Since August of 2021 we had the Halloween Trick and Treating night, Christmas with Santa on the steps outside the main door, and the Terry Fox Run. The 2021 Christmas Market was cancelled, as was the Community Christmas.

In 2022, we’ve had 1 Movie Night, Volunteer Appreciation, Community Picnic, and Pancake Breakfast, Terry Fox Run and the Summer Market. Rentals: included 9 family reunions, 1 wedding and 2 birthday parties. Regular Meetings: included: Ag Society - 11; Women of Cottonwood – 11; Craft Days = 10; Bow Inn 4H – 9. The County of Red Deer – held 2 meetings, Crime Watch – 1 and there were 4 Firearms Courses.

**Housekeeping:**

I have kept paper products on supply, purchased hand sanitizers, kitchen and bathroom supplies as soap, deodorizers, urinal blocks etc. as needed.

* 1. Bylaws & Policy – Linda Mason (Committee: Linda Mason, Linda Toews, Barb Traxel)

Bylaws unchanged. One new policy – Pickle ball membership Policy effective October 4, 2022.

* 1. Dinner Theatre – Linda Toews (Committee: Linda Mason, Linda Toews)

Due to Covid, there was no Dinner Theatre in 2021-2022. However, Mountain View Theatre Projects is up and running again and we will have them again in March 2023. Their paly is called “Misdeeds at Mount Shaft” and is a murder mystery/comedy.

* 1. Education and Scholarships - Linda Toews *(Committee: Linda Toews, Linda Mason)*

For the 2021-2022 year, we had one scholarship application and awarded $500 to a student studying at Red Deer Polytechnic. We also joined with the granddaughter of one of our members in successfully applying for an AAAS scholarship.

* 1. Entertainment – Linda Toews (Committee: Linda Mason, Linda Toews)

Due to Covid, all entertainment events were cancelled.

* 1. Events & Activities –
     1. Terry Fox Run – September 2021 – Caroline Hansen (Committee: Sharon Blain, Caroline Hansen)

Our Terry Fox Run has a wonderful turnout of 24 adults and 7 kids. Everyone enjoyed a warm, sunny walk. We collected a total of $1365.00. Innisfail Dairy Queen also donated Dilly Bars for everyone to enjoy after the walk.

* + 1. Christmas Market – November 2021 – Sharon Blain (Committee: Sharon Blain, Wilma Hansen, Linda Mason)

Cancelled due to Covid.

* + 1. Halloween Night – October 2021 – Caroline Hansen, (Committee: Caroline Hansen, Sharon Blain, Barb Traxel, Laurie Wordie)

Halloween had a great turnout, we had 26 kids stop by the Hall and grab a treat bag and a popcorn bag. Saw many different costumes. Great job everyone!

* + 1. Family Community Christmas – December 2021 – Sharon Blain )Committee: Sharon Blain, Janette Charlton, Barb Traxel)

We had 10 children to see and get their picture with Santa. There were also some great family photos and pet photos with Santa. He gave each child a small gift. There was hot chocolate and cookies for all. Plus, the weather turned out to be not bad.

* + 1. February Fun Night – Janette Charlton (Committee: Janette Charlton, Linda Mason, Laurie Wordie)

Cancelled due to Covid.

* + 1. Movie Night – May 2022 – Caroline Hansen (Committee: Caroline Hansen, Laurie Wordie)

Sing 2 was the movie shown. We had 14 kids and 18 adults attend. Cost of $5.00 included popcorn and pop/juice.

* + 1. Community Breakfast – July 2022 Sharon Blain (Committee: Sharon Blain, Janette Charlton, Laurie Wordie)

Very successful. We had a beautiful day to enjoy a yummy breakfast of pancakes, hash browns, and sausage. We had 85 adults and 30 kids attend. Thanks to a Red Deer County Division 4 donation there was no cost to attend.

* + 1. Summer Picnic – June 25, 2022 – Caroline Hansen (Committee: Caroline Hansen, Barb Traxel)

We had a great time playing old fashion games. We had 23 kids and 20 adults attend. There was a scavenger hunt and we all made some yummy butter. Prizes were given out and we had a lunch provided. There was no cost to attend.

* + 1. Summer Market – August 5-6, 2022 - Sharon Blain (Committee: Sharon Blain, Caroline Hansen, Linda Mason)

We had 10 vendors – all had a good time visiting and trading with each other. Attendance was very slow – may be 100 people went through. Kim Johnson put up signs on her way over and we put some up at the corner of RR 25 as well as at the entrance to the Hall. Beef on a bun went over well with some takeout orders and what was left was sold. Celine Gerber donated 3 blueberry pies to have for the Saturday lunch. All vendors helped put tables and chairs away and swept the floor.

* + 1. Spring & Fall Cleanups – Glen Wordie

The Fall 2021 cleanup went ahead as scheduled and resulted in many leaves being removed from the yard. Event was attended by 7 non-board members and 3 Board members who put in a combined total of 25.5 volunteer hours.

The Spring 2022 cleanup was well attended with 21 non-board members and 5 Board members who contributed a total of 78 volunteer hours. The volunteers raked and cleaned up the area around the playgrounds, cleaned the outdoor bathrooms and outdoor shelter. In addition to the cleanup which took place, the caragana bushes on the south side of the property were removed. The caragana bushes were subsequently replaced in September with 8 Schubert trees and 9 lilac trees.

These cleanups are very important to maintaining the appearance of our Hall and surrounding area and could not happen without the great support we receive from our volunteers.

* + 1. Volunteer Appreciation: Linda M. (Committee: Linda Mason, Sharon Blain, Laurie Wordie, Caroline, Barb Traxel, Linda Toews).

A Thank-you evening was held for all the volunteers who are the lifeblood of our community. A small gift of a CGAS apron or CGAS oven mitts were given to each volunteer. Lots of snacking and visiting was enjoyed by all.

* 1. Facebook: Caroline Hansen - Our page has now grown even more to 213 Likes and 231 Followers. Our page is well used for advertising the events throughout the year at our Hall, now that we have slowly started with events again. We get many inquiries for rentals through Messenger as well.
  2. Fundraising Committee – Linda Toews (*Committee: Linda Toews, Linda Mason)*

Nothing to report for 2021-2022.

* 1. Grants Committee - Linda Toews (Committee: Linda Toews, Linda Mason)

We have applied for a grant from Red Deer County for the Outdoor Patio

Project as it was going to cost considerably more than the amount set aside

for that purpose at the last AGM. We are waiting to hear back if our request

was successful.

We were successful in receiving our annual grant from Alberta Agriculture for

last year. The grant will now be reverting to the pre-Covid format and

requires a yearly application and is partly based on our yearly activities. This

has to be sent in by February 15th each year.

* 1. Maintenance – Sharon Blain *(Committee: Fred Grono - Chair: Ron Blain, Fred Grono, Dave Hocken)*

Following are maintenance items performed in 2021/22:

* service generator, oil and filter change, clean
* install sewer cleanout access in new bathrooms
* painted basketball net stand pipes
* made and replaced basketball net backstops
* cleaned and repaired main furnace
* clean out eaves troughs

Sharon: had the dishwasher fixed, met with Centratech for the fire extinguisher checks and the commercial stove suppression unit check. Ron has serviced the vacuum cleaner a few times – we may have to think of upgrading the vacuum cleaner. I have kept the bathrooms cleaned and sanitized and vacuum when needed. I call on Ron and Fred when I think something needs to be taken care of. With Fred away last winter Ron and I found some frozen water lines to the new bathrooms (after Laurie told us there was no water in the bathroom). The furnace to the old bathrooms was down and there was a frozen pipe there. The Ag Society purchased a snow blower to use – does save some shovelling. Thank you to those who have helped me with the shovelling too – Glen, Laurie, Janette, Conner, Gary – sorry if I have missed someone. I want to thank Ron and Fred for being here to help out. Fred spends many hours here looking out for things and fixing. Thank you Ron and the Charlton boys for doing the plowing to keep the yard cleaned up for us.

Discussion about the main furnace: We need regular furnace maintenance. In 2016 we had a full, deep furnace clean from McMullens – it cost us about $5,000.00. We need to talk with Cornell from Red West Plumbing about maintenance and another full, deep cleaning – looking for problems that need to be fixed. He has been very busy. **Motion 46-22**: Fred moved that we have Red West Plumbing or another company if Red West cannot do it, complete a full, deep cleaning of our main furnace of a cost of $5,000.00. Seconded by Doug. **Carried**.

* 1. Membership Report - Linda Mason

We welcomed a few new Community Members and our Pickle Ball player are going strong! Reminder that 2023 Membership fees are now due:

**A family membership is $20.00 per year**

**A single membership is $10.00 per year**

**To pay your membership, please send to:**

**Linda Mason - 126 35102 Rge. Rd. 24**

**Red Deer County, AB T4G 0K2**

* 1. Newsletter – Caroline Hansen

Each Month I mail out 240 – Innisfail, 270- Bowden. It cost $102.90 each month to photo copy, and $91.12 for postage.

Saving about $4.00 with my Canada Post membership now after Covid has relaxed, was $13.00 during the Covid high.

* 1. Pickleball – Glen and Laurie Wordie.

Both indoor and outdoor pickleball were back on as soon as appropriate as Covid restrictions were lifted. We have a core group of 8 to 10 players who play on a regular basis and the number of players expands during the summer. It was decided to start having players who only want to play pickleball and are only summer residents pay a pickleball fee, rather than membership fees.

* 1. Social – Sharon Blain Sympathy and Get Well cards have been sent out as needed.
  2. Website & Volunteer Coordination – Janette Charlton Emails were sent out reminding members of different events or asking for volunteers for certain events or to let people know of cancellations.

The website has been updated and will continue to be updated.

* 1. Welcoming - Linda Mason Welcomed new people in our Community.

1. **New Business:**
   1. Election of New Directors:

This year we are looking for 4 Directors to the Board of CGAS.

Sharon Blain, Caroline Hansen, Glen Wordie and Doug Hocken have acknowledged a willingness to stand as Board members for CGAS. Linda M. nominated Julie Hurst as a Board member of CGAS. Julie accepted.

**Motion 47-22:** Fred moves to accept these five people to the Board of Directors for CGAS. Seconded by Glen. **Carried.**

1. Adjournment: There being no further business, Linda M. moved adjournment of the meeting at 8:35 pm.

President \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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