

FRIENDS OF THE FARM (P.E.I.) INC.

ANNUAL MEETING

Farm Centre, University Avenue

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

7 P.M.

1. Call to Order

Chair, Lane MacLaren called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. The members of the Friends of the Farm Board were introduced.

2. Approval of Agenda

Sylvia Poirier moved, Ewen Stewart seconded the approval of the agenda. Motion carried.

3. Approval of the minutes of the 2014 annual meeting, October 28.

Steve Knechtel moved, Percy Simmons seconded the approval of the minutes of the previous annual meeting on October 28, 2014. Motion carried.

4. Review of the years activities

Lane MacLaren, chair, reviewed the activities of the Friends of the Farm of the past year. He reported that the Friends of the Farm Board met eight times to carry on the business of the Friends of the Farm. He highlighted the Crown Garden which was planted again this year, and he expressed appreciation to Doug MacDonald who volunteered considerable time to making sure the garden was planted and who arranged with thanks to VanKampen Nursery to obtain plants at half price.

The second annual Clean up the Farm day was held in May with great success.

The Board met with Jeanette MacAulay of Hon Gail Shea's office. He recognized the support of Hon. Shea for the Friends of the Farm. He reported meetings with Charlottetown Mayor, Clifford Lee.

A second annual Kite Flying day on the Farm was held on October 4, 2015. It was a beautiful day and was well attended. He gave thanks to Laura Lee Howard and Connie MacKay Carr for their organizing of the event.

5. Financial Report

Nora Jenkins, Secretary Treasurer, circulated the financial statement for the year April 1, 2014, to March 31, 2015. Thanks was expressed to the accounting firm of Arsenault, Best, Ellis, Cameron for providing the Financial Review and found to be in accordance with the Canadian accounting standards for not for profit organizations.

Nora Jenkins moved, Bert Christie seconded, the acceptance of the Financial Statement as presented. Motion carried.

Nora Jenkins moved, Sylvia Poirier seconded that Arsenault Best Cameron Ellis be asked to provide the financial review for the year April 1, 2015, to March 31, 2016. Motion carried.

6. Membership Report

Gertie Purdy, Membership Chair, thanked members for support and reported that there are 350 on the list as members of the Friends of the Farm. She noted that the annual meeting marks the beginning of a new year and that memberships for the upcoming year are now due. She thanked those who renewed their membership. Gertie Purdy moved, Steve Knechtel seconded the adoption of the membership report. Motion carried.

7. Nominating Committee Report

Lane MacLaren presented the nomination report: Chair, Lane MacLaren, Vice Chair Doug MacDonald, Secretary Treasurer Nora Jenkins, Directors Connie MacKay Carr, Gertie Purdy, Roger Younker, Libby Martin, Catherine Hennessey, Sylvia Poirier, Laura Lee Howard, Jason MacEachern, Yvette Murphy and Sharon Larter.

Mr MacLaren called for nominations from the floor. There being none, the report was accepted.

8. Introduction of Guest Speaker

Laura lee Howard introduced guest speaker, Jackie Waddell, who presented on the topic "Importance of Green Space in Urban Areas" which was well received and appreciated. Doug MacDonald thanked the guest speaker.

9. Presentation of the Janice Simmonds Award

Lane MacLaren introduced the Janice Simmonds Award and explained that the Janice Simmonds Award was established by the Friends of the Farm (PEI) Inc. to honour an individual, group, or agency who/which has made a significant contribution to the creation, protection, preservation, or

management of public green spaces on Prince Edward Island, including but not limited to the land within the City of Charlottetown commonly referred to as “The Experimental Farm”.

Lane MacLaren then announced the recipient, Jackie Waddell, for her work with Island Nature Trust and as an educator on the importance of green space. Nara Simmonds presented the award.

10. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Lane MacLaren

Nora Jenkins

Chair

Secretary