

President Cullimore called the meeting to order at 1:33

Heather began by welcoming everyone and commented on the wide range of exciting applications received this year. In her opening comments she clarified the designations of vendors. We have full time whom are voting members , weekly guests (invited to appear every week during the season as guests) , and guest vendors appearing one to three times a season.

Heather also mentioned that directors serve a 2 year term and encouraged any full time member to consider serving on the board. Heather outlined the job description and benefits of serving.

She briefly touched on the Messer lawsuit and explained she would cover it in more detail later in the meeting.

She discussed the ongoing off season work that the board has undertaken , including the continuing review of our by-laws and rules and regulations to ensure that they protect individual rights and the membership as a whole.

Heather reminded the group that the minutes of the 2015 AGM are available for reading on the website and there was a copy available for reading at the sign in desk. Heather asked for a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Bryan Corner made this motion, Jake seconded, all were in favour.

Christine Moore read the treasurers report. see attached. Margaret Bechtel moved to accept the treasurers report, John Earl seconded, all were in favour.

Christine mentioned she is looking for two volunteers to look over the books. John Earl and Suzanne Farncombe volunteered. Christine will coordinate with the volunteers. After this they will be given to an accountant to complete the review.

Cathy Nash addressed the membership. She began by speaking about the shuttle. The cost of the bus will remain the same as last year. Cathy mentioned it is unsafe to make unscheduled stops. We post a map at the small gazebo. A member suggested we make 8 1/2 x 11 laminated copies that vendors could keep at the booths to remind visitors of the service. Cathy Miller will laminate the maps that her husband will draw.

Lynnis spoke to the membership about the entertainment arranged for the upcoming summer. She also spoke about the Thanksgiving market and the dogsled run , two additional opportunities available for our vendors to take part in.

Heather mentioned that Lynnis' relationship with Seguin township is invaluable to the market and has been many many years in the making.

Grant Scobie reviewed parking. vendors with trailers need to arrive early in order to have a

parking spot. Grant is also looking after advertising. he has arranged to have our market listed in 8 newspapers under their community events. a writer for Fun in the Sun has expressed an interest in doing an article on the market during the summer.

Heather summarized the history of Wendel Messer and our market for those unfamiliar with the circumstances .She stated that Mr. Messer had been long time member of the market.In 2011/1012 he became increasingly agitated as he perceived that another local market was operating unjustly and he declared it his mission to overthrow and expose this board .The board felt that his actions to attempt to achieve this,including writing a purported mystery satire novel, were potentially harmful to the market and our members .The board retained legal advise as we felt that these actions and his behaviour did not abide with our by-laws , rules and regulations and subsequently his 2014 application was not accepted as per our by-laws.

In January of 2016 Mr. Messer submitted an application against Rosseau Market demanding reinstatement to the market among other requests. Legal consol has been retained. A settlement was attempted however rejected by Mr. Messer and the case is ongoing in the courts.

Several questions were raised including, are we the only market Wendel is sueing? Yes, at this point. Are the directors at risk? The market carries insurance and has sufficient reserve funds to cover court costs at this point. Is he representing himself? He has retained a lawyer.Who is our lawyer? liler Campbell Ass.(Brian Campbell) represented by Safia Lakhani

John Earl suggested if the membership notified of the date of any court case and if helpful some of the membership would show support in the courtroom .

Charlene Neill spoke about the website and facebook. All fulltime vendors should submit their vendor info to Mary-Ruth by June 1st . the website will be updated at that time. Charlene mentioned any facebook updates should be sent to her.

Gil Moore Market manager . Gil stressed how important it is to properly and adequately tie your tents down. He mentioned we like suggestions to improve the market. He is also looking for market helpers please refer any candidates should speak to him. Gil mentioned this year we have one spot per week allocated for a charity group. They need to fill in an application which is posted on the web site to be considered.

Cathy Miller Cathy has volunteered to coordinate our Canada Day Festivities . She contacted local politicians for free handouts (pins flags tatoos) She explained that there is a best decorated booth contest and went over how to vote and how ballots will be offered to market visitors. Cathy will make 750 ballots.she will have them printed at staples. Mary-Ruth will contact Bob and have him put a banner on the website to annouce opening day is Canada Day.

New business

We will be arranging to have the 2 portapotties on site again this year

PRIZES - many vendors very generously donated products for the raffle THANK YOU !

libby scobie paddle

john earl mittens

grant scobie stone ink well

tom conaty syrup

gary jackson mirror

christine moore carrots

lynnis Royea evas deli gift card

Cathy miller cutting board

gail besner syrup

pat orton syrup

margaret bechtel CJs gift card

Tina calberry muskoka mercantile gift card

bethany harris gift card

M-R newell potatoes

david simmons stained glass

connol oreagan barbs home baking gift card

rob todd danielle hutts felted piece

cathy cash soupherb gift card

alan campbell barbs home baking gift cert

mike card barbs home baking gift cert

heather cullimore barbs home baking gift cert

lindsay hutt marc degrote gift cert

laurie luttrell from spiral stained glass

meeting adjourned at 310

John Earl thanked the board for their hard work and handling of the Mr. Messer issue. There was a round of applause.

Bryan Corner motioned to adjourn, Margaret Bechtel seconded and all were in favour

Respectfully submitted M-R Newell