

## **Rosseau Farmers Market AGM April 26, 2015**

### **President Cullimore called the meeting to order at 1:38**

She welcomed everyone and mentioned that the minutes of last year's AGM were attached to the invitation to the AGM (for full time members) and that everyone had a chance to read the minutes listed on the website. She asked if anyone had noticed any omissions or corrections and no had. She asked for a member to make a motion to accept the minutes, Brian Corner did so and Mel Munroe seconded, all were in favour.

She began by introducing each board member.

The membership was briefed on the email everyone had received from a disgruntled former vendor. She explained the board has spent many hours in thoughtful deliberation regarding not accepting his application in 2013. Additionally the board had sought the advice of a lawyer, Brian Iller who specialized in co-op law, so we would make a decision that was within the rights of our bylaws. Then entire board was unanimously confident that the decision we made was in the best interest of the market.

Heather mentioned that the RFM is a co-op and requires volunteer hours to be invested by members. She mentioned that directors do a considerable amount of work and help by the membership is appreciated.

### **Financial Report- Christine Moore- see attached**

Christine read this year's budget and asked if any members had any questions...no one did and so Mark Lupton made a motion to accept the report, Bill Pocock seconded and the membership was in favour.

Christine mentioned the board was looking for two full time members to volunteer to review the books as part of our audit. Lynda Hutt and Susanne Farnsworth volunteered

### **Shuttle Bus and Volunteers- Cathy Nash**

Cathy Nash welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the success of the shuttle bus last year, the costs of running it, how much money was collected by donation, and that the bus will run again this summer for all 11 weeks of our market. She said there was alot of very positive feedback from visitors. The bus route will remain the same, no flyers will be handed out, there will be bus stop signs on the street, and there will be a sandwich board at the small gazebo listing the shuttle's route. A member suggested we should post the route on the website and on facebook and all felt that would be a great idea.

Cathy mentioned the market runs more smoothly with the help of volunteers and she will be creating a signup board and posting it near the bathrooms. Members are strongly encouraged to sign up and help out.

### **Entertainment- Lynniss Royea**

Lynniss eloquently spoke to the group about her happiness in how the market has evolved, from the move to our permanent waterfront home, the success of the cookbook, the shuttle, and the website. She said how proud she was to be part of the board and how wonderful it was to have started such a well-respected market. She has served on the board all 15 years of the market and announced she will step down as a voting director. She would like to attend meetings (in a non-voting role) and she will continue to liaise with the township. She mentioned the current board is wonderful to work with and asked full time members to consider running for election and bringing new and exciting ideas forward. President Cullimore stepped in to say that Lynniss' contributions to the market were remarkable and every vendor is appreciative. Brian Corner suggested Lynniss be made a director emeritus. This was greeted with a round of applause and so Brian Corner made the motion, Mel Munroe seconded it and all were in favour.

When the applause silenced, Lynniss went on to mention the success of the Thanksgiving Market and the Sled Dog run and said both these events continue to grow

In her role on the board, Lynniss has arranged all the entertainment for the summer and she mentioned all the musicians will be listed on the website in May.

### **Advertising and Parking-Grant Scobie**

Grant is in charge of parking this year, passes are to be displayed in your vehicle window while your car is parked in our lot, Grant clarified that there is only one parking spot per vendor and if you have extra vehicles they will need to be parked off site (not on Hwy 141), Grant encouraged vendors with trailers to get into the parking lot before 8:15 so there would be room to park them. We need a volunteer to help with parking each week, please see Grant to pick a convenient week for you to help out. Grant mentioned that parking on the grass beside our gravel lot is done at his discretion. Please ask Grant before parking there. Grant mentioned, for fire safety reasons, a 15' wide road needs to be open in the gravel lot for emergency vehicles to access the college

Grant will collect the money for the 11th week this year. Full time vendors will be charged \$15 for the day and must sign the release/sign up sheet by the second week of market, after this the market will open any remaining spots to our guest vendors at \$30 day.

Grant has listed ads in: Fun in the Sun, and other free listings, we purchased an ad in the Muskoka Arts and Crafts guidebook and we have ordered post cards again this year. He requested if any members know of free places to advertise to pass that info onto him.

Grant spoke about the updated website, we have a new provider and he has improved the mobile app, he asked that you check your listing to make sure info is correct and that if a photo is going to be submitted that it be 1000X for ease of uploading. He encouraged everyone to link their websites to ours.

### **Registrar- Charlene Neill**

Charlene asked everyone to like RFM on facebook, share the site with your contacts and she mentioned we have a Rosseau market link etsy for those vendors who have an etsy shop.

Charlene asked that everyone carefully fill in all fields on the applications and to write very clearly

### **Market Manager-Gil Moore**

Gil mentioned we have 105 spaces this year with 12 guests weekly. He asked that everyone call ahead if they are going to miss market so we can fill spaces. He mentioned it is imperative that everyone tie their tents down. This year he will be enforcing the no sandwich boards outside your booth rule, all vendors must keep all product and display within their 10x10 space

### **Bylaw review Heather Cullimore**

Heather mentioned we sent the proposed bylaw changes to Brian Iller for his input. His proposed changes have been emailed to all full time vendors and have been available for perusal here at the meeting. Heather asked if anyone had any questions or concerns with the proposed changes, no one did, and so Brian Corner made a motion to adopt the changes, Annmarie Tapley seconded and the change was accepted unanimously. 22 in favour, 0 not in favour, and no one abstained from voting

Heather asked for a member to motion to adjourn, Kelly Burmeister made this motion, Claudette Jesso seconded, all were in favour

### **Prizes**

Sue McFadyen won socks donated by Otter Lake Studio

Marc de Gagne won stain glass donated by Spiral Stained Glass

Gill Moore won \$10 Rosseau market bucks

Christine Moore won gift certificate from Barb's Home Baking

Cathy Nash won \$10 Rosseau market bucks

Jeanette Leach \$10 Rosseau market bucks

Donna MacInnis \$10 Rosseau market bucks

Carol Alanko won a shawl donated by Lynn Royea

Bethany Harris \$10 Rosseau market bucks

Lynda Hutt \$10 Rosseau market bucks

Mel Munroe \$10 gift cert from Barb's Home Baking

Gord Bowbrick \$10 Rosseau market bucks

Lyn Belden \$10 Rosseau market bucks

Annmarie Tapley \$10 Rosseau market bucks

Barb Corner \$10 Rosseau market bucks

Claudette Jesso gift cert from Barb's Home Baking

M-R Newell gift cert from Barb's Home Baking

Susanne Farncombe gift cert from Barb's Home Baking