

**OVFC Board Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday June 13, 2023
2:00 pm**

Via Zoom

In attendance: Janice, Joanne, Chris, Perri-Rae, Cheryl, Nicole, Cameron, Michael

Regrets: Ashleigh, Cheryl S.

1. Administration

- The agenda was approved.
- The minutes of the April 4 meeting were approved as circulated.

2. Orders

- Cheryl reported that the orders for May totalled \$11,078.65. This is higher than this month last year at \$9,263. 81 customers ordered from 38 producers. 8 new people signed up and 4 paid and ordered. They heard about us:
 - 2 – word of mouth
 - 1 – on line
 - 1 – other

- One producer wants to list products which are not made by them, but by another producer in the area. After some discussion the policy was re-iterated that producers can resell products that no other producer produces and sells.

Michael will contact the affected producers. The resell will not go ahead.

- A long time member stated that they will not be ordering in the future since prices are increasing and the co-op fees have gone up. The latter point is not true, since the co-op fees (which are a percentage) have not changed for a few years.

Price increases are a problem everywhere. Producers are feeling the pinch (as is everybody else). We need an article on this subject in the newsletter.

- Lynne reported that there were 2 customers from the Eganville Senior Center.

3. Delivery Day Move

- We have to move our delivery day operations soon since:
 - the building is up for sale
 - due to problems with this space it is unlikely to pass a health inspection.

Possible places are:

- Rankin Center – no place to store things. Also lots of work to set up and take down every month.
 - Sno-Drifters Hall – the OVFC will have to produce a list of wants and needs. The NAW Council is in favour of us using it; part of their plan to convert the building into a food hub.
- A meeting to start work on a new strategic plan will take place soon.

4. Financial

- Joanne reported that the financial returns have been submitted to the appropriate bodies. Updating the signing officers is in progress.
- Sales have been good compared to other years, but not great. We are still losing money.

5. Fund Raising

- Cameron reported that in 2024, NAW will hold a weekend event at the Sno-Drifters Hall in September/October time frame. There will be a dinner on Friday evening followed by a concert. On Saturday morning, there will be a pancake breakfast. OVFC could take responsibility for the breakfast.
- Other suggestions were made, such as a pancake breakfast and/or a “Farm to Table” dinner. A sub-committee was established to review ideas and produce a report for the board.
- A brainstorming pot-luck supper will be held at Lynne’s house soon.

6. Events

- **Farms Open:** Perri-Rae is contacting some of the farms that were part of last year’s event. The County of Renfrew is requesting that farm hosts do some training which can be done on-line. Michael is willing to help.

Time will be 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Bigger road signs are needed. We should get some kids to hand-paint them.

- **Online Auction:** Connie is willing to run it. It will be held during the winter.

7. Next Meeting: Wednesday July 19 starting at 7:30pm.