

**OVFC Board Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**Wednesday September 18**  
**7:00 pm**

**Via Zoom**

In attendance: Janice, Chris, Cameron, Perri-Rae, Nicole, Joanne, Cheryl K., Lynne  
Regrets: Ashleigh, Cheryl S.

**1. Administration**

- The agenda was approved.
- The minutes of the August 14 meeting were approved as circulated.

**2. Orders**

- August sales were \$7,414.70, compared to \$8,133 last year. 65 customers ordered from 34 producers. 2 people signed up and both paid and ordered. They heard about us via word of mouth.
- September sales were \$9,515.84 compared to \$9,376 last year. 66 customers ordered from 35 producers. 10 people signed up but only 2 paid and ordered. They heard about us via word of mouth.
- A producer has been rather unreliable in that they have missed delivery day a number of times including this month. They had 8 customers in September. Nicole will follow up.
- Ashleigh reported on the new Deep River depot via e-mail. August went well, but in August some people were late or forgot. The notice for the Deep River depot should give specific times (as does other depots). Either Chris or Ashleigh can take the overflow home (which is what Lynne does for Eganville).
- Volunteers are an ongoing problem. Some months are better than others. It would help if producers would put their produce into the location bins. Lynne will prepare an e-mail re: volunteers.

**3. Financial**

- Joanne had nothing to report. Our heads are above water, but another fundraiser would be nice.

**4. Events**

- **Farms Open:** Janice reported that everything is ready. Advertising is underway on Facebook and Instagram. There was a call recently with all participants. Old hands were able to give advice to newcomers.

- **Fall Dinner:** Ashleigh reported via e-mail that Chris has booked the CEC in Deep River for Nov 22nd. We have Tristan Hertzog on stand-by (depending on whether or not busses are sorted by then) to have his students help out with the meal that we put on. Nicole has also confirmed that Paul would also be willing to help out. Nicole stated that Paul is willing to help, but not take on the whole thing. . If we have a chef, and we've got the location, we can move forward with this dinner plan. If not, we should likely scrap it now! Cameron stated that she knows some musicians that may be willing to help.
- **Nature's Apprentice Farm:** There will be a tour of this farm on October 5.

#### 5. Cook Book - no report.

#### 6. Any Other Business

- **SnoDrifters Hall:** Cameron reported that North Algona Wilberforce has received a grant that will provide funding for renovations to the hall. Some things to be done are;
  - replace the bottom entrance
  - redo the ramp
  - new facing
  - install a commercial dishwasher
  - provide outdoor lighting.

A back-up generator has been installed.

- **Fundraisers:** Cameron has been pursuing fundraising ideas. A calendar fundraiser fell through when the company she was working with went out of business. She is currently working on producing a Co-op Sweater.

#### 7. Next Meeting – Wednesday October 23 at 7:00 pm.