

# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

## WEYBURN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING DECEMBER 13, 2023 at 7:30 PM AGENDA

Call to order
 Acceptance of Agenda
 President
 Approval

3. One minute of Silence for Deceased Members

4. Financial Report MNP

5. President's Remarks Tyler Metheral

6. Minutes of 2022 Annual Meeting Approval

7. Committee Reports – 2023

8. Election of Officers Tyler Metheral

9. Old Business

10. New Business

Neal Keefe Volunteer Award – Mike Bell

o Fair Dates 2024 - July 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>

o Other Business

11. Adjournment

### WEYBURN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY 2023 DIRECTORS

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

#### **Directors for Re-election/New Directors and or New Committees:**

#### Terms Expiring this year – two-year term expiring 2025:

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President: Hospitality:

#### Terms Expiring this year - three-year term expiring 2026:

Cattle Committee:

**Entertainment Committee:** 

Grounds: Gates:

Household Arts:

Rodeo:

#### **Open Positions:**

Junior Work
Home Products
Photography
Historian
Parking and Policing
Commercial and Concession
Finance

#### 1 Years Remaining expires 2024:

Farrier Competition/Flavours of Fall: Marla Holdstock

4-H Beef: Bev Gordon

Light Horse Show: Jodie Long President: Tyler Metheral 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Kent Fisher

#### 2 Years Remaining expires 2025:

Social Media & Advertising: Brandie Fisher

Ag Safety Education: Stacy Kosior

#### **Honorary Vice Presidents**

Ron Metheral, Murray McGillivray, Norm Flaten, Keith Johnstone, Edgar May, Don Schlosser, Garth Charlton, Graham McKenzie, Jeff Gaab, Roger Clay, Don Payak, Brian Pederson, Richard Tollefson, Ray Wahl, Rick Bell, Wendy Neiszner, Treva Tollefson, Chad Johnstone, Neal Keefe, Tyler Metheral, Jeff Clay

#### **Honorary Directors**

Elva Turner, Rea Pederson, Don Endicott, Dorothy Gaab, Edward Pretty, Graham Thackeray, Pat Benning, Jim Morrice, Sandy Cleasby

#### **Junior Directors**

Liam Evans, Nikola Erasmus

#### **2023 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Rodeo – Kent Fisher
Entertainment Committee – Tyler Metheral
Grounds Committee – Tyler Metheral
Gate Committee – Brittany Stepp
Cattle Committee – Mike and Carla Fellner
4-H Committee – Beverley Gordon
Hospitality – Kelley Neiszner
Flavours of Fall – Marla Holdstock
AG Safety Day – Stacy Kosior
4-H Horse – Jodie Long
Social Media & Advertising – Brandie Fisher
Commercial Concession – Levi Paradis
Household Arts – Lisa Vick

#### **Rodeo Report**

The Souris River Rodeo was held on July 6th and 7th 2023 with performances held in the evening and Saturday morning slack. We had fantastic crowds for both performances. An always busy Swayze Saloon was held in our forge an anvil building during these events.

I cannot stress enough that to put on these events we rely on the community support for sponsorship, and once again the Weyburn and surrounding businesses and communities, did just that. A great big thank you for all of that.

We welcomed back Battle River Rodeo, who provided good stock to put on a great show. Our rodeo had the second highest number of contestants entering add a CCA rodeo this year which was a great feeling of accomplishment.

Thanks again to the Souris River Rodeo committee, volunteers, sponsors, fans, and the Weyburn Agricultural Society's Board of Directors for making this show successful.

#### **Kent Fisher**

#### **Entertainment Report**

I want to thank all those who came to the meetings and worked to come up with a schedule of events for our annual fair days. Jamming everything into 3 days instead of 4 was a challenge along with communicating all the changes we made. This year leaving Sunday open for cleaning up after a busy week of activities brought out lots of volunteers to help out, thank you.

Moving the Souris River Rodeo to the Thursday and Friday performances was a great idea and the crowds were good. Household Arts and schoolwork exhibits were back in the Sports Arena along with our new Kids Tractor Land. Thanks to Stacy, Lisa and others who helped organize this and the kid's tractor pull. This was a huge hit and lots of great comments, thanks to all our sponsors of these events.

Canuck Amusements provided the midway which seen above average crowds and nice weather. Knocker Balls and the big sand box were back and both were quite busy.

Ol' McDales Family Farm and Petting Zoo was in the McFadden building and very popular. An opening to better access Petting Zoo from midway is needed next year. We held a trade show on Saturday in Exhibition Hall with 11 vendors, had some interest, might have to change hours next year to be open longer.

Magic Ben was our entertainment putting on 2 afternoon shows in Exhibition Hall Friday and Saturday afternoons. With fairly good numbers in attendance. Hypnotist Corrie J. struggled to bring in crowds. We tried the hypnotist show in front of grandstand after the Rodeo on Friday night, not successful at all. Not the right crowd and taking too long to set up were factors in the poor attendance. We left Corrie J. in Exhibition Hall for the Saturday evening show. We were able to try out our new stage cover, thanks to Mike Bell and company for all his hard work on that wonderful project also to those who volunteered and sponsored materials. This cover will be available to use and rent out for years. A new stage trailer is currently being priced out to set cover on permanently.

Saturday July 8 seen the Kids DQ Rodeo and barrel racing. The Beavers ball game Sat afternoon which was supposed to bring baseball fans into the fair to see what we have to offer and fair goers a chance to watch a ball game, failed because one price was supposed to get you into both events. It was very frustrating dealing with Garnet Hansen from the Beavers. We had no issues with the Iron Pigs game on Friday night.

The Smash-It Show Saturday evening had a great crowd the stands were almost full and included Quad Pulls a new event that had quads hitched to a pull sled to see who could pull it the furthest. Lawn mower racing and the Mini-van mash were back and lots of fun. We ended the show by crashing a car through a camper. Big thanks to Mack Metheral and Jeff Clay.

A band was suggested for Friday night next year and a search for entertainment for next year will begin.

Thank you, Jamey, and everyone who helped the entertainment committee to make our fair, fun and successful.

#### Tyler Metheral

#### **Ground Committee Report**

Starting in the spring this year we had issues with the pavement in front of the office and in parling lot getting wrecked from city and contractor snow trucks hauling snow through grounds. We called the City, like we did the year before for the same issue, to stop this practice. We closed the west gate until the grounds dried up. After discussions with the City of Weyburn they poorly patched damaged spots as they did not have the money to properly repair. There have been discussions about the pavement and parking lot with the city, Oil Show and us but no decisions have been made on what to do.

Exhibition hall outside brick needs repair, we are currently looking for estimates. There are several lights out inside of hall, I suggest we switch these to LED as they quit working, so a few each year. Paint is peeling on some interior steel beams and will have to be addressed next year. We added a light outside above big door and repaired the other outside night lights.

There were lots of events on the grounds this year, thank you Kent for all the hours put in prepping and maintaining the arena. We had issues with some renters not cleaning up properly but walk throughs before and after some events were not done. This will have to get better, along with communication between Jamey, renters, and rest of board to get things ready for renter.

In most places I was able to stay ahead of the weeds, spraying them. Thanks to Kai Fisher for his work cutting and trimming grass. The grass/weeds on infield of track and around diamonds, that the ball teams have been looking after did very poorly this year and will be address at meeting with the city and ball teams. We thank Al Culbertson for everything he has done from watering our new trees, repairing fence, door stops in barn and signs.

Thanks to Stewart Steel and Jody for the Queen Jubilee sign we hung on fence in recognition of the trees we were donated.

The City of Weyburn donated tons of sand inside barn that Kent spread and worked in nicely. THANK YOU KENT. The city also graded the parking lot 3 times this year and was the best it has ever looked, thanks to them.

The Ground Committee would like to thank everyone who worked on keeping the grounds and buildings clean and ready for us and our community to use.

#### Tyler Metheral

#### **Gates Report**

There was only 1 event this year that required Gate Volunteers. This was Weyburn Fair days scheduled from July 6-8. We only opened South Gate for drive through traffic and East gate for walk through traffic.

Sun Country Riders filled all shifts on the East gate for a total of 27 hours, there were 2-3 volunteers per shift from this group. Previous years the East gate was typically the busier gate with walk through traffic so I had more volunteers schedule to assist with this gate. There were instructions for all volunteers, however on the first night volunteers from the riding club left the booth prior to the end of shift. They left money in the till and did not wait for WAS Board members to come close their till down, this caused issues for Marla who completed the cash out. Sun Country Rider leader Ashley Wig was notified of this issue and she was instructed to let the rest of the group know for future shifts they filled to not do that.

South gate shifts were filled with various community volunteers and WAS Board members took a few shifts on the Saturday. Previous years, the south gate was a slower attended gate, however due to Rodeo time being earlier there were issues at this gate. The only issue that was brought up to me was the rodeo attendees entering south gate at the same time as fair attendees. This was brought forward to a board meeting to consider for changes in 2024. At the time we are unsure how we can get around this bottleneck issue with getting rodeo contestants through the gate quicker or any different.

Attendance breakdown: Thursday we welcomed 1,856 paying visitors, Friday 2,717 and Saturday 2,523. These numbers do not reflect attendance under 6 as they enter for free. 3 day total of attendance in 2023 was **7,096**. New this year was 3-day presale passes. WAS Director Brandie created passes to be picked up at the office that were specific to Youth pass or Adult pass. They were to come to a gate and pick up their specific bracelet for the 3 day pass onto the grounds.

I was unable to attend 2023 fair days to personal conflict, so I had instructions prepared ahead of time and schedule of volunteers labeled with phone numbers to contact if there were any issues. I want to give a thank you shout out to the WAS Board Marla and Jaime for assisting these duties in my absence.

This conflicting event will be the same timeline year after year for my family therefore I will not be able to commit to stay on the Gates position with the Weyburn Ag Society and this position will need to be filled by someone who can give 100% commitment that I am unable to perform.

#### **Brittany Stepp**

#### **Cattle Committee Report**

The 2023 Jackpot Show was held on Tuesday July 4, 2023. This year we added a Market Sheep and Goat Jackpot Show that kicked off the afternoon. In the Market Lamb class there were seven entries and in the Market Goat class we had two entries. Moving into our Jackpot Calf classes, we had six entries in the Jackpot Female Calf Class and two entries in the Jackpot Prospect Steer Class. We then had our Jackpot Heifer classes with a total of sixteen entries. We had fourteen entries in the Jackpot Steer Show and four entries in the Pen of Commercial Heifers. Entry numbers were about the same as previous years. It was exciting to add the Sheep and Goat Show this year, it was a success. Thank you to all our sponsors for the Jackpot Shows, Jamey, our committee and board members.

#### Carla & Mike Fellner

#### **4-H Committee Report**

The 81st Show and sale was held on July 3, 4 and 5, 2023.

A total of 8 clubs brought their projects to the show. The Fed Calf show had 112 great quality steers. There were 48 Heifers, eight 2-year old projects and four 3-year old continuation females. The members had done a fantastic job preparing and presenting their animals to the judges. Our Showmanship, Judging and Team Grooming judge was Deanne Young. Aaron and Joe Barnett judged the Fed Calves and Females. They were all very interested in seeing the members do well and had lots of positive feedback for all.

Our show and sale was very well attended and the support was tremendous again. There are many sponsors who just continue to support the show. We are fortunate to have people who continue to offer sponsorship and figure out new ways to make our show better. The sale was the best yet. Our business community and individuals see the value of the 4H program and support the hard work done by all the members, their families, leaders and volunteers.

The Pangman-Ogema club also has a sheep and goat club. This year they sold their market lambs and goats in conjunction with the Fed Calf sale. I understand that there is another club forming for Sheep and Goats so looking forward to working with them to bring more events to our 4H days.

I would like to thank the members, parents, leaders, Weyburn Agricultural Society members, buyers and bidders for all their help to put on a successful show and sale. Jamey Sali, our new office administrator for her expertise and I sure appreciate her a lot. I am the Chairperson of this committee, but this interclub show and sale would not be possible without Mike and Carla Fellner and all the things they do to help organize and just do!!

This is my 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary of volunteering with 4H, I am blessed and humbled that I still get to volunteer with youth. Thank you all for continuing to support our youth and organization. Looking forward to 2024.

#### **Bev Gordon**

#### **Hospitality Committee Report**

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make this year a success. Would also like to thank Bandit's Distilling Inc who supplied us with their vodka and new rye, as a sponsor.

Thursday night we were open 5pm-12pm, the Souris River Rodeo brought in a great crowd and was busy most of the night.

We went with Great Western Brewing company these year as they are a sponsor of the Souris River Rodeo. They came out Friday afternoon to sample a new product and give out some swag. This went over well and brought a lot of people into the Forge and Anvil. Friday was a very crazy night with the rodeo crowd and the Iron Pigs game, there was hardly any room to move around. Thanks to board members who jumped in to help.

Saturday we were open from 2pm to 2 am. The day was very steady, after the Smash it show was over, we had a good crowd, but died off after 10pm. I believe we need to have some form of entertainment to encourage the patrons to stay longer.

The 3 days were a great success and again thanks to everyone who helped.

#### **Kelley Neiszner**

#### Flavours of Fall Report

The 6th Annual Flavours of Fall was held on October 7<sup>th</sup> from 8 pm till 1 am in Exhibition Hall. Tickets to the event were sold at Pharmasave. We also sold tickets over the phone out of the office for pick up at the event for those wanting to attend from out of town.

The evening showcased a wide variety of food, beverages and entertainment. Many local restaurants participated in the event including Detours, Leicesters, Chef Manny's Restobar, Red Swan Pizza, Meokja Milk Tea Bar, Boston Pizza Stranger Danger Candy Co and The Travelling Trough which featured food from The Lunchbox.

Beverage sampling was provided by Great Western Brewing, Labatt Breweries, Outlaw Trail Spirits, Bandits Distillers, Smooth 42 Craft Distillery, Last Mountain, Blackfly Beverages, Prairie Sky Co-op, SoSo Beverage Company, Cypress Hills Winery, and LB Liquor Store.

We had many sponsors for the event. Barber Motors provided three vans for a safe ride home. Prairie Sky Co-op donated the use of their refrigerator trailer for the weekend. GFL Environmental took care of the dumpsters and rollout bins following the event. Other sponsors for the event included Farr Air, NSWB, Whitecap Resources, Great Plains Ford/Motorsports, Edge Safety, Alchem Energy Services, Weyburn Dodge, Goodwater Machine Shop, RP Automotive, Weyburn Tourism, Super Seed, TS&M Supply, Gowan Canada Pumpjacks and MNP.

We also had the interactive photo booth again this year. Once again it was sponsored by CLHBid.com, who also had representatives attending the event in their own booth. Dylan Grant Aerial Photography took photos of the event and put together a video montage of the night.

Dan Cugnet kicked off the night for us with a set of his original music. Closing out the night was the cover band Tequila Mockingbird.

There were 50/50 tickets sold during the evening with the proceeds donated to Isaiah Evan's Journey. We put together a fully stocked beverage fridge to giveaway to one lucky attendee that was in the door prior to 9 pm. Participating vendors helped us with product to stock the fridge. Big Jim's Brew shop donated a gift certificate for a door prize that all attendees were able to enter in for.

Our attendance was down a little this year with only about 700 people through the doors. We attribute that in part to the beautiful fall weather and the Roughrider home game. All in all, though it was another successful year.

#### Marla Holdstock

#### **AG Safety Day**

Progressive Ag Safety Day was held on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 following the theme "Safety is My Superpower". I recruited Robyn Newby to help coordinate the event. We had stations set up in the main area of Exhibition Hall, as well as the lobby and upstairs area, one station outside and one station in the McFadden Building. Following recommendations from last year, we decided to start hosting Grade 4s instead of Grade 3s as it was felt that they understood the content better and were more engaged. Since we moved back to hosting only one grade, we were able to condense the program back into the morning time slot only. Besides inviting the Grade 4s from all three Weyburn elementary schools, we also hosted students from Fillmore, Yellow grass and Midale, as well as students in the Cyber School and Home School program. In total we had 230 students attend, and around 40 volunteers or professionals that worked as presenters or group leaders. We had 11 groups of kids move around to 11 different stations and they spent roughly 12 minutes at each station. The stations included:

- 1) Sun Safety Presented by Jennifer Morrice, Nurse
- 2) Helmet Safety-Presented by Constable Dallas Austin
- 3) Chemical Safety-Presented by Amy Woodard (farmer), Savannah Schaeffer (Chem Rep)
- 4) Tractor Safety-Presented by Curtis Seitz (Machinery dealer) and Roger Clay (retired farmer)
- 5) Electrical Safety-Presented by Glenn Duck and Deeanne Compton (Saase)
- 6) Lawn Mower Safety-Presenters Bev Gorden (farmer and Director), Sherri Roberts (Gov't of Sask)
- Animal Safety-Presenters Kristin Caldwell and Julie Chinski (PAHC Vet Techs)
- 8) Grains Safety-Presenters Brad Eggum (farmer, seed distributor) and Bobby Bratrud (farmer)
- First Aid-Presenters Jason Roy and Stephanie Schmidt (Weyburn EMS)
- 10) Mental Health-Presenter Rose McInnis and Heidi Vogel (Cdn Mental Health Assoc)
- 11) Disability Awareness- Presenter Kim Nethercut (Inclusion Weyburn)

Most stations had something to contribute to our "Take Home Bags". SAASE provided \$7 funding per student. These funds were used to purchase supplies for each student to make a First Aid Kit, as well as ear plugs and candy for the take home bags. Prairie Sky Coop donated snacks consisting of granola bars, juice box, cheese and water. FCC graciously sponsored the lunch for our volunteers and presenters (Beef on a bun catered by McKenna Hall). Thanks to everyone involved!

#### **Stacy Kosior**

#### **Tractor Land & Movie Nights**

Tractorland was a new addition to the entertainment this year. It helped to fill space at the Sports Arena and also attracted participants for our Tractor Pull. We had two pedal tractors donated from EBourassa and Sons, one from South Country Equipment, and one from Young's Equipment. Stacy also brought one from home. A pathway was taped out on the concrete and an obstacle course was created using bales and other props (Thanks to FCC for letting us use their wooden barn and tractor props). People of all ages enjoyed watching or participating in this free activity, and having seating areas in the shade. We had to put an age/weight limit on the riders, to avoid wear and tear on the tractors.

We hosted three Movie Nights this year, thus fulfilling our current contract with ACF Film company. The first movie was the new Super Mario movie on Canada Day and it was very well attended with approximately 200 in attendance. We decided to pair up with outside groups for the next two movies, with hopes of creating alliances and attracting bigger crowds. Weyburn Theater Board joined us for the showing of Guardian of the Galaxies Vol 3 in August, and Isaiah Evan's Journey joined us for Spiderman:Into the Spider-Verse. Neither of these movies were very well attended despite various methods of advertising. We donated the proceeds from the last two movie nights, in support of their causes.

**Stacy Kosior** 

#### **4-H Light Horse Committee Report**

Hwy 39 Barrel Racing Series had 8 jackpots and their finals in Weyburn this year. There was a Rebecca Beebe Barrel Racing clinic held in June at the Arena. Thank you to all that pitched in and helped out, volunteered and maintained the arena grounds. Much appreciative. There was a couple of dry spells throughout the summer, and the dirt had to be watered for safety purposes. There were no outside complaints about the grounds after they were watered. Many contestants complemented the arena and how it always was amazing, dust free and safe. So, thank you to Kent, Tyler, Garnet and everyone else involved. Spearing Service donated a truck and tank of water to use for a jackpot as well.

Weyburn 4-H Lighthorse Show was held July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. There were 12 participants this year from peewees up to intermediate with no senior entries. There were 3 clubs that attended. There were 5 events held, and the event began at 9:00 a.m. Judge for the day was Karla Warren.

The Gymkhana Club rented the arena for volunteer hours again this year, and they held rides once a month. The grounds were looked after and cleaned up. There was an incident where there was horse poop on the pavement by the office, however, it was cleaned up and a stern warning was given to the club. All was good after that one incident.

It was another great year being the Horse Committee!! Here is to another great and successful year for the Weyburn Agricultural Society and to many more HORSEY events at that fantastic facility!!!!!

**Jodie Long** 

#### **Social Media & Advertising Report**

This year is my first official year on the board in this position. I have learned a lot. My duties started out by developing a website as ours had expired and nothing carried over to the new set up. The web master built the site and I started adding all the content to it learning as I went. Now we have a website will all our rental forms and latest up to date information on it.

After the website was up and running it was time to start the fair advertising. This was a bit challenging not knowing the 4-H side of things but I'm confident that this year with clear communication the proper information will be posted correctly. For the fair advertising we had it in the local paper and posters around town and handed out flyers during the chamber parade. After the fair did a little survey and asked where people received there information from about our fair days. Facebook and discover Weyburn and the little flyers I had made for Coop to put into people bags where the top answers. We also used 620ckrm this year as well. Once the fair was completed I worked on the big thankyou that was printed in the paper and also posted it on our social media.

Flavours of Fall did their own advertising and social media and I just shared and on our facebook and website.

I'm trying to work on some content to post every couple weeks during the winter months so our social media keeps active on peoples feeds.

For next year I would like to try a few more contests to get more people active on our sites. And try to work on information sooner and out to the public in a timely manner.

Thankyou for a great first year.

**Brandie Fisher** 

#### **Commercial and Concession Report**

Some changes have been made to the Vendor Agreement this year, to include more information and better clarify some of the important information to vendors. The agreement now also includes a map that has numbered locations for vendors. My recommendation for next year will be to have the vendors pick off the numbered lots ahead of the fair date, this will avoid any conflicts or issues. This should be done on a first come first serve basis, after a couple of years the board should consider offering the most desired locations at a higher rate. I also included two middle lots that could be used if the space under the grandstands fills up. These spots should be given out carefully as any vendor who uses them will need to have their own generator or a cable cover for any electrical cables.

This year I also began using an electronic Google Form to collect all of the vendor information in once place and to streamline the application process. I found this worked very well, it also allowed me to easily share the application through peers and social media. Overall, I received 12 responses on the Google Form and signed contracts with 7 vendors. I will share the Google Form information with Jamey so it can be used in the future.

This year we also needed a new vendor to run the Lion's Den during the 4H days. A few vendors expressed interest in doing this but ultimately, we went with Shawn Klassen, owner of Butter's Food Truck. He has expressed an interest in running the 4H days next year. My recommendation is that we request him to do this again as he is now more familiar with the event.

Finally, this year we received some complaints regarding the vendors dumping their gray wastewater underneath the Grandstands. My suggestion is that we consider hiring a wastewater pick up service. Alternatively, we can request that the vendors bring their own gray water tanks or work with Heather from the SHA to find a dumping solution that will meet the Health Safety Codes.

#### Levi Paradis

#### **Household Arts Report**

This year we had approximately 10 classrooms from Legacy Park School participate with approximately 400 pieces of art that were displayed on approx. 12 bulletin boards.

We used about ¼ of the ice surface for the bulletin boards and the 6 tables that held the articles that were not hangable. I brought my own table skirts to cover these tables. We also had 2 covered tables that were set up to have a colouring station that was set up between Tractorland and the household displays. Tractorland and Household Arts were a great combination and it made it a great "family zone" all in one. We also had a seating area with about 6 tables that was out of the elements that was well used.

1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbon stickers were awarded in each category posted in the book and top 3 ribbons per classroom grouping were awarded. The option was given to teachers to have their classroom items returned to them to distribute or tossed in the garbage. All other articles were either picked up at designated times or it was arranged for them to be picked up from the office at a later date. There was no fee to enter any of the items into the fair and no cash prizes were awarded.

Lisa Vick

#### 2023 President's Message

To keep Weyburn and the surrounding community thriving and making it a great place to work, live and raise a family, people need to invest back into it. Great communities come from great people who volunteer and help out in many different ways. The Weyburn Agricultural Society has been around over 100 years inviting the community to many different events over the years, all with volunteers. We are always looking for new ideas or how to refresh old ones to help us educate and entertain our youth and community. I personally volunteer in the community to pay back for all the things other volunteers did so my family and I can enjoy living in Weyburn.

2023 we hired Jamey Sali to run operations and look after the office as our new office manager. She fit in quite well and I want to thank her for all her help. This year we added junior directors who were welcome to come to meetings and have some input to all that we do, including new ideas and new volunteers to help out. I want to thank Nikola Erasmus ----- and Liam Evans -----. Who volunteered their time and helped where they could. Thanks to Stacey and Lisa for getting that started. This was one idea to grow our numbers and inspire younger people to join to keep our society strong and moving forward.

Going back to the 3-day Fair was a bit hectic planning all the events but it was successful. Leaving Sunday for cleanup day was appreciated by all those who came to help out. Successful in that we basically had the same amount of people and revenue as we had in four days last year. Successful with the new events trying to incorporate agriculture more, something I hope we can grow and work on educating everyone in the importance of agriculture.

I want to thank all our sponsors, volunteers, directors, and members who have done so much towards our goal of Educating and Entertaining. The sponsors we have, new and old ensure that we can host new events and grow our popular ones. Sponsors come in all different ways whether it's "in kind" or behind the scenes or monetary we cannot forget to thank all of them and support them, shop local.

We must continue to invest in our aging buildings and grounds, so we can host more events and support our community for years to come. Thank you everyone for all your time and support. It is greatly appreciated.

#### TJ Metheral