



Acton Agricultural Society elected their 1979 executive last Tuesday evening at the annual general meeting. Brent Marshall, sitting, was re-elected president for a second term. Also elected were l. to r., vice-president Brian Evans, secretary-treasurer John Rowe, and second vice president Keith Aitken.

Organizers pleased with 1978 edition of fall fair

There are some changes suggested for the next Acton fall fair, but for the most part, fair organizers felt it was the best fair yet, in spite of being rained out on the third day.

At the annual meeting of the Acton Agriculture Society last Tuesday evening, president Brent Marshall asked for a report from each committee. Most had a favorable report, saying entries in the various events was high, drawing people from all over the area.

Organizers of the outdoor Bavarian Gardens noted, however, the tent

may have to be discontinued or at least closed down by seven or eight o'clock at night. Everyone, including police who had been spoken to previously, agreed the place became rowdy after dark, and it was rowdy people who bring bad publicity.

Mr. Marshall told the board members he was speaking with the police after last year's fair, and they claimed it was the best run beverage tent in the area, but they suggested a 10 p.m. closing. The matter will be further discussed at the next meeting of the board.

Ken Murray attacked poultry show organizers saying they did not clean the pens out soon enough after the fair. He accused the members of not cleaning the cages out in five years, which was denied by Mr. Marshall. The president said the cages are cleaned out each year, and they are good enough to bring in more fowl. Mr. Murray in turn charged that the pens were not cleaned out until the day before the next fair and did not think it was too sanitary. Mr. Marshall pointed out to the former president that once the pens are cleaned they are in perfect condition, and the time of cleaning has little effect on how clean they are once the fair reopens.

The question of whether or not to advertise the name of judges in the fair book came under heavy discussion also. Bill Nellis pointed out that in one event, the judge was not listed, but was in others. He said the naming should be uniform throughout the book. He suggested leaving the name out entirely in all categories and "take the judge you get like it or lump it."

Mr. Murray disagreed saying that a farmer is not going to bring out hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of livestock only to be judged by someone who doesn't know what he is doing. Bert Hinton noted that by listing the judges, it boosts the quality of the fair by letting people know just who is available.

Mr. Murray also vetoed a suggestion by Mr. Marshall for name plates on trophies. Mr. Marshall told the board members that because all Sunday events were rained out last year, the trophies were not used. As a result, there are several plates which have wording for 1978 on them. He suggested this year using the same

Books show \$294 loss, but fair came out ahead

by Jennifer Rowe
Although the books show a loss of \$294.96, Acton Fall Fair is on the upswing.

At the annual meeting of the Acton Agricultural Society secretary-treasurer John Rowe revealed to members the financial situation in 24-page presentation.

Money not received by the end of the year totalled \$763.61, therefore giving the society an actual profit of \$468.65. Secretary-treasurer Rowe said the money which had been received

would show up on the 1979 report.

Mr. Rowe stressed the importance of the increased assets which the society now owned, a total of \$22,841.20.

Included in the report was a comparison chart, showing the last three years. Gate receipts were down \$81.73 in 1978 in comparison to 1977. It was noted that at the 1978 fair, admission was collected for two days only, as Sunday was rained out.

Gross prize money paid

totalled \$14,523.95. Entry and membership fees brought the net money paid to \$12,132.25.

Ken Murray asked the secretary if the society was eligible for a grant towards the hydro and new equipment which was paid for by the society.

Mr. Rowe said he had intended to put in for grants for hydro, water supply, cement curbs and cattle ties. These grants will appear on the 1979 report.

President Brent Marshall gave his message after the financial report. In his speech the president spoke about the problems they were faced with at this time last year and the goals they set for themselves.

Mr. Marshall said the Society had received more co-operation from the Town of Halton Hills

than they ever got from the town of Acton. He thanked the service groups and namely the Legion for all their support during the year.

Mr. Marshall noted that 1400 additional people came into the fair grounds in 1978's two days, than in the previous year's three-day fair.

The president thanked both boards, the executive, secretary and all those who helped in 1978. Mr. Marshall stressed the importance of having willing workers on the board.

NEC rejects recreation centre

Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) Thursday rejected plans for a commercial recreation centre in Halton Hills.

Proposed by Bela and Maria Hegedus on 25 acres north of Highway 7 and east of Sixth Line, the plan called for 14 chalets, nine cabins, a library, a cafeteria, an open air theatre as well as a variety of other recreational amenities.

Planner Douglas Robertson told the commission that some kind of recreational development could take place in the area but it has to be done with a great deal of care.

He said that Ontario's ministry of industry and tourism doubted the economic viability of the project.

The commission decided that the plan might have a better

chance of acceptance if the applicants wished to consider major design revisions.

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Brent Marshall re-elected pres.

Getting prepared for the 1979 Fall Fair, members of the Acton Agricultural Society nominated and elected the directors and executive for this year, at the annual meeting, January 15.

Brent Marshall was elected to his second term as president with the organization. His right-hand man is vice-president Brian Evans, followed by second-vice Keith Aitken. All the men have been actively involved with the fair for a number of years.

John Rowe was re-appointed secretary-treasurer.

Of the twenty-four names nominated for director positions, eighteen were chosen. Directors for 1979 are Keith Aitken, Bill Britton, Ted Brown Jr., Brian Evans, Maggie Hall, Brian Hammond, Roland Height, George Henderson, Hans Kuechler, Bill Lasby, Cathy Lasby, Brent Marshall, Norm Shea, Earl Steckley, Rae Swackhamer, Paul

Thompson, Bill Yundt, and David Donnell.

Those with paid memberships at the meeting, elected the directors. A tie-breaker ballot was cast by election chairman Jack Marshall.

In his acceptance speech, Mr. Marshall said he was surprised and pleased with the election outcome. He remarked that he was especially pleased about the new second-vice Keith Aitken. "Keith is very capable and we (the executive) will make a good team. We're going to make things work."

Mr. Marshall said he was disappointed in some of those who stood for directors' positions and didn't take an active part in 1978. He said that he was generally very happy with the election. "Last year I was given a challenge for us young guys to try and keep up with the old guys. The old and young alike worked together this year and will continue to make the fair a success." Mr. Marshall said.

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