

Acton Agricultural Society holds general meeting

By: Harry Rudolfs

The Acton Agricultural Society held its general meeting Saturday, January 21 in the Dufferin Rural Heritage Cultural Centre. Various committees reported on the 2016 "Barnyards to Backyards" Fall Fair.

Most committees mentioned that the rain on Saturday had some effect on attendance but did not dampen the overall success of the event.

George Henderson reported that concessions were down a bit in numbers and down in financial support. "There was no one real reason, but a few local, small home vendors found the weekend fee to be too much for them..."

Henderson added that the rain on Saturday caused a couple of vendors to leave early, although the weather and the crowds were good on Sunday. He also mentioned there were a couple of instances of minor vandalism (a few lights were stolen and things were moved from one tent to another).

The Miniature Horse show was a success according to a written report submitted by Aliana Love "(The) Miniature Horse Show was well attended again this year and seems to be a very popular event... with as many as ten exhib-

itors in a couple of classes." However the Light Horse show struggled. "Due to the weather we had very few exhibitors and the driving classes were cancelled so the show did not run," Love reported. "Since it was raining we also didn't have the crowd to enjoy the few line classes that did run."

This was the second year for the 4H club goat and miniature horses show and you can expect to see both next year. The junior poultry show was new in 2016 and will be carried on in 2017.

President Brian Kuechler related that the Beer Tent had another good year with a very well attended concert by the Practically Hip. "We had to deal with some rain on Saturday, but were able to recover with a good Sunday afternoon... Lauri (Parker) and I have been working on some new ideas for next year."

Fran Morris submitted a report from the Homecrafts committee. "We were down about 60 exhibitors this year as compared to 2015. Baking was really down and we contribute this to the weather that we had this summer—just too hot to turn on the oven."

Morris mentioned that one positive thing about the rain on Saturday is that it drove the crowds into the Homecrafts building to view the exhibits. She also



DONATION: The Paul Murr Golf Tournament Committee presented a check to the Acton Branch of the Candian Cancer Society at the Acton Legion on Wednesday, January 18. In 2016 the committee donated \$52,000 to the Acton Branch of the Candian Cancer Society, bringing the 32 year total to \$1,115,500. Front – Barb Robinson (CCS) (left), Liz Bailey (CCS), Bev Mattocks (Paul Murr), Cathy Gerrow (CCS), Pat Kentner (CCS). In the back were Committee members - John McNabb (left), Jon Hurst, Wade Vickery, Allan Hall, Luke Vandermeer, Tim Ware, Fred Reinders, George McPhail. - Submitted photo

said that the theme for 2017 will be the Canada Goose, and that this year's display will be brightly decorated in red and white to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday.

After a brief intermission, the membership went in camera to elect new directors. The results mirror the previous board, with most of the directors being returned. The executive remains the same with last year's officials elected for another year.

"We have started planning for 2017, but most of the details are not finalized yet," added sec/treasurer Jill Medland. "Practically Hip have been confirmed for another performance."



DIRECTORS: Front row: R Fran Morris - Homecraft President (left), Dominique Evans-Zeldin - 1st V.P., Brian Kuechler - President, Dave Somerville - 2nd V. P., Jill Medland - Sec-Treas. Back row: George Henderson (left), Hank Walsma, Dave Medland, Jason Brown, Bill Lasby, Holly Goldie, Judy Burtney, Trish Somerville, Kathryn Lynch, Troy Laroche, Mary Walsma, Dale Hewitt, Susan Kuechler, Brad Swackhamer Absent from the photo are: Alaina Love, John Miller. - Submitted photo



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- Fri Feb 03: Scott Craig - LOCAL solo
- Sat Feb 04: 1st time at The Harp: The Electric Merchants - LIVE band
- Thu Feb 09: Karaoke - hosted by Rob & Michelle
- Fri Feb 10: Mike and Matt - LIVE duo
- Sat Feb 11: 1st time at The Harp: The Beagles - LIVE band
- Sun Feb 12: Open/Mic Jam Night
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- Sat Feb 18: Comedy Night, 3 comedians
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- Fri Feb 24: Mike Branton Band - LIVE band
- Sat Feb 25: Karaoke - hosted by Paul Crawford

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