

Southwestern Ontario Gleaners

Annual General Meeting

Minutes of Meeting of April 1, 2023

2:00p.m. In person @ 40 Industrial, Leamington

Call to Order and Welcome by Board Chair Dave Campbell . The meeting was called to order by Chair, Dave Campbell at 2:10 pm. Attendees were welcomed.

Opening prayer was given by Tina Quiring.

Present were Chairperson Dave Campbell, Board Members: Lisa Jeffery, Vern Toews, Greg Tiessen, Carmel Girard, Liam Brennan, David Dent. Treasurer: Tina Quiring General Manager Joel Epp, Secretary Alison Klassen.

Members in attendance were: Dave Epp, Neil Quiring, Harold and Helen Rempel, Jim and Janice Founk, Henry Klassen, David Campeau, Calvin Dawson(Baker Tilly), Bernice Smith, Brian Lucas, Tamara Stomp and Phil Coruana

Appointment of Interim Secretary. Motion to appoint Alison Klassen as interim secretary by Dave Campbell. Seconded by Vern Toews. All in Favour. Carried.

Motion to approve the agenda of the AGM, April 1, 2023 By Liam Brennan, seconded by Greg Tiessen, All in favour. Carried.

Approval of 2022 AGM minutes. Motion to approve the AGM Minutes of the Southwestern Ontario Gleaners held March 26, 2022 by Tamara Stomp. Seconded by David Dent. All in Favour. Carried.

Treasurer's Report – Tina Quiring

Tina presented the 2021 / 2022 comparative statements of Financial Position and Statement of Revenues and Expenses as prepared and audited by Baker Tilly Trillium LLP.

Highlights : New furnace at the end of the year - \$15,000. Grant Revenues down due to generous COVID grants in the previous year. Corporate donations have increased. Special thanks to Baker Tilly for their excellent financial statement preparation and for being such a great partner with their community. **David Dent**

motioned to accept the financial statements. Seconded by Lisa Jeffery All in favour. Carried.

Motion to appoint the Auditor: Baker Tilly Trillium LLP as the 2023 auditors of Southwestern Ontario Gleaners moved by Liam Brennan. Seconded by David Dent. All in favour. Carried.

Motion to appoint Michael Wiens of Sawatzky, Balzer, Wiens Law Firm as legal advisor to Southwestern Ontario Gleaners moved by Tamara Stomp. Seconded by Vern Toews. All in favour. Carried.

General Managers Report – Joel Epp

Please refer to Joel's detailed Manager's report.

Highlights: Servings packaged: 4,245,395

Servings distributed: 4,040,670

Product was distributed to Ukraine, Africa, Central America, Haiti, Cuba as well as local.

2022 was the best production year ever.

Annual Spring Banquet is April 22, 2023. The president of Loads of Love will be speaking at the banquet to give an update.

We plan to participate in the fall "Food for all" event.

Dave Epp, MP, thanked SWO Gleaners for their great work. Regions in Africa have never experienced such hunger and devastation as they are right now.

Motion to receive the Production Manager's Report by Greg Tiessen. Seconded by David Dent. All in favour. Carried.

Board of Directors Report by Chairperson Dave Campbell.

Dave stated that it has been an honour to be a part of the board of directors of the Southwestern Ontario Gleaners. It gives everyone a good feeling to be part of such an organization. Thanks was given to past board members as well as to the new board members who will be joining, as well as the volunteers, the farmers, the businesses and individuals who donate and the visionaries who are continually dreaming of making the SWO Gleaners bigger and better. The sky is the limit!

Election of Directors

Three candidates have put forth their names for the three vacant positions. The candidates are Susan Ross, David Dent, and Laura Lucier.

There were no further candidates.

Vern Toews motioned that the nominations be closed. Seconded by Greg Tiessen. All in favour. Carried.

Lisa Jeffery motioned to accept Susan Ross, David Dent, and Laura Lucier as board members. Seconded by Greg Tiessen. All in favour. Carried.

Motion to adjourn by David Dent. Seconded by Henry Klassen

Dated at Leamington, this _____ day of _____, 2023

_____ **Chairperson**