

Corporation of the Municipality of South Huron
Exeter Rodeo Committee
Minutes

Date: April 21, 2021

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Remote Electronic Meeting

Members Present: George Finch, Jo-Anne Fields, Jim Dietrich, Mike Clarke, Darcey Cook, Stephen Clarke, Scott Nickels, Laura Connolly (BIA), Brenda McCarter

Staff Present: Justin Finkbeiner

Member Regrets: Dave Marshall, Denis Gower, Gus Guerts, Brittany McCarter

1. Call to Order

Chair, Stephen Clarke called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Agenda

Motion: 01-2021

That the agenda for April 21, 2021 be approved as presented.

Moved: J. Fields

Seconded: J. Dietrich

Result: Carried

3. Elections for Positions of Chair and Co-Chair

Motion: 02-2021

That Member Jo-Anne is appointed as Chair for the 2021-2022 Exeter Rodeo Committee.

Moved: J. Dietrich

Seconded: D. Cook

Result: Carried

Chair, S. Clarke opened the floor to nominations for the position of Chair for the 2021-2021 Exeter Rodeo Committee. J. Dietrich made motion to nominate J. Fields. At the time no other members made note that they also wished to be nominated. The appointment was accepted by J. Fields.

Motion: 03-2021

That Member Jim Dietrich is appointed as Co-Chair for the 2021-2022 Exeter Rodeo Committee

Moved: S. Nickels

Seconded: D. Cook

Result: Carried

Chair, S. Clarke opened the floor to nominations for the position of Co-Chair for the 2021-2021 Exeter Rodeo Committee. S. Nickels made motion to nominate J. Dietrich. At the time no other members made note that they also wished to be nominated. The appointment was accepted by J. Dietrich.

Chair, J. Fields noted the great work that the previous Chair and Co-Chair have done and the great work that the committee continues to do.

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None noted.

5. Minutes

Motion: 04-2021

That the minutes of July 07, 2020 be adopted as presented.

Moved: D. Cook

Seconded: M. Clarke

Result: Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

J. Fields noted that there were some items from the minutes that did not move forward as there was no 2020 Exeter Rodeo. The committee discussed the possibilities of a sub-committee made of current committee members that would be able to begin to plan for the 25th Annual Rodeo and if this would be allowed through the current Terms of Reference. Staff was requested to email the Chair and Co-Chair a copy of the current Terms of Reference and any information that would assist in drafting a new Terms of Reference.

7. Business to be Discussed

7.1 Planning for Exeter Rodeo 2021 During COVID-19 Pandemic

- Will there be a 2021 Rodeo with the current COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions

Discussion was had on if the Committee is in a position at this time to determine if a decision can be made on if there will be a 2021 Exeter Rodeo. M. Clarke noted that he has seen some large summer events are already being cancelled, making note to the Boots and Heart County Music Festival.

J. Dietrich put forward that a decision should be put off until possibly June and that even if the Rodeo cannot be conducted in its entirety that a smaller event may be able to take place. This was re-iterated by B. McCarter and noted that the Committee will need to reach out to Ross Millar on if there are other Rodeos taking place. J. Fields noted that she has been in contact with Ross Millar and that they have pushed some shows back to later dates, but more discussion will need to be had. B. McCarter also noted that a full rodeo may not be possible due to the competitors may not have been training during the pandemic knowing that rodeos have been cancelled and that their animals may not be ready this year.

Further discussion was had that if a 2021 Rodeo could not occur due to COVID-19 pandemic that the remainder of the meetings of 2021 should be used to plan to the next year's rodeo. S. Clarke noted that he was in favour of J. Dietrich's comments on setting a firm date to make a final decision on if the Rodeo will occur in 2021, and that this would also allow members to notify vendors / sponsors that a decision would be made in June if any questions arise. Discussion was had regarding a meeting date in June that would need to be set, and that at the June meeting the Committee would be in better shape to decide on if there will be a 2021 Rodeo.

Motion: 05-2021

That the Exeter Rodeo Committee will meet on June 16, 2021 at which time a decision will be made on if there will be a 24th Exeter Rodeo for the 2021 season.

Moved: D. Cook

Seconded: B. McCarter

Result: Carried

- Will the 2021 Rodeo be considered the 24th or the 25th Anniversary

Discussion was had that if a Rodeo does not run in 2021 that regardless the 2022 Rodeo should be considered the 25th Anniversary Rodeo. Members discussed that without knowing if there will be a Rodeo in 2021 that this decision should be deferred to the June 16, 2021 meeting.

- Timeline – Latest possible times to book vendors and cancelation requirements

Deferred to June 16, 2021 meeting.

- Recommendations for modification to show

Deferred to June 16, 2021 meeting.

- COVID-19 Protocols

Deferred to June 16, 2021 meeting.

- Ticket Prices and Community Support for those impacted by COVID-19

Discussion was had that ticket prices and any assistance to be supplied to community members impacted by COVID-19 would depend on if there is a 2021 Rodeo.

- Sponsorship Prices

Deferred to June 16, 2021 meeting.

7.2 Council meeting update

- Council position on having a 2021 Rodeo Committee

J. Dietrich noted that at this time Council would not have a position on the 2021 Rodeo and that until such a time that it is discussed by Council as a whole, that no comment could be made. G. Finch re-iterated this comment that Council would need to discuss as Council acts as a whole.

7.3 Unfinished Business

None.

8. Committee Updates

L. Connolly noted that on August 06, 2021 the Exeter BIA is planning a Farmer's Market to coincide with the date of the Rodeo.

Chair, J. Fields inquired if the Committee is required to receive Council blessing before applying to any grants for COVID-19 relief for events of this nature. Co-Chair, J. Dietrich made note that it may be beneficial for staff to discuss with the Municipal Clerk and CAO and if the Committee can apply to grants

on their own or if they need Council approval. Staff was also requested if there are any grant applications available if they could be forwarded to the Committee.

9. Correspondence

None.

10. Adjournment

Motion: 06-2021

That the Exeter Rodeo Committee hereby adjourn at 7:31 PM to meet again on May 26 at 7:00 PM or at the Call of the Chair.

Moved: J. Dietrich

Seconded: S. Clarke

Result: Carried