

NEOSCIA ANNUAL MEETING

7:00 PM

February 25, 1991 - Classroom C & D (NLCAT)

7:15 President Les Hillstrom welcomed the members and opened the meeting. The proposed agenda was presented and a motion followed to approve the format.

Motion 1) To approve the agenda as presented by: Ted Lindquest
Albert Helin

Carried.

Added to the Treasurer's Report the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting. Les asked Daniel Tassé to read the minutes. The minutes were approved as read.

Motion 2) To approve the minutes: Steve Mailloux
Martin Smits

Carried.

Discussion on the minutes followed.

1) Area of Pollution - Comments were made by individuals as to the responsibility of the farmers in water pollution. Two examples were brought up: a) in Nipissing district a case was mentioned where the farmer was mostly responsible for excessive run off to adjacent water courses due to the land restriction, b) in Temiskaming the sources of pollution was identified as an urban problem.

2) Ribbons replacing the prize money at the forage and seed show. Les asked if there was any feedback? Glen Miller mentioned the comments were positive. Mr. Whalen and Les Hillstrom also added that the Matheson and Algoma forage and seed show were also providing ribbons. The criteria of membership was then brought up.

Is the membership of their local SCIA mandatory?

Membership for which year 1990 or 1991? It was mentioned that having the membership criteria mandatory was to encourage farmers to 1st participate at the local level. The idea is not to discourage people from showing at the NEOSCIA level.

There was more discussion on this issue. Can the grower ^{producer} buy a membership when he brings sample(s) at the NEOSCIA forage and seed show. Is it the responsibility of this association to keep track of the registration of members?

Motion (3) "to accept the exhibitors memberships from the previous year or the current year in order to exhibit at the NEOSCIA forage and seed show"

- G. Miller
- A. Helin

Discussion on the motion: What are the present rules regarding membership the 1991 rules and regulations for the forage & seed show.

- Reg Lentir read the rules

"All exhibitors must be a member of their respective Soil and Crop Improvement Association".

M. Smits mentioned that the way it was written at the moment is very clear. Leave it as it is. And it is up to the local associations to provide the updated list.

Motion (3) was then withdrawn by G. Miller in agreement with A. Helin.

Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Daniel Tassé read the financial statement for the period of January 1, 1990 to December 31, 1990.

Questions asked: Are we saving any money with the ribbon instead of the prize money. Going back to 1988, Daniel stated that the prize money incurred was \$373.00 and the bank transaction fees totalled \$39.00. For 1990 the ribbons cost \$175.00 and the bank transaction fees were \$18.00.

Question by D. Beattie regarding the eligibility of claiming the grant under the OSCIA allocated to organize conferences. Daniel mentioned that he was to look into it with Aurele Labonte to provide a financial statement of the Conference in order to claim the grant of \$750.00.

Motion (4) for the approval of the financial statement.

T. Murdock

M. Smits

Carried.

Role Call

Cochrane South - A. Helin

- past growing season. Cycle more wet spells
- 1st cut hay, soggy experience
- very wet July 2nd not too bad
- Grain crop disaster
- "not the best of the year"
- Mild winter, not a lot of snow early in the fall

Manitoulin - R. Lentir

- 1st grain hay generally early
- 2nd cut hay very well
- project: Regional Cereal Trial
 - Weather Reporting, Combine Day
 - Award of merits plaque
 - Committee seminar tour 1992

Muskoka - W. Riley

- first early seeding end April
- end of June (com. seeding) too late
- 1st corn (sweet) 15th August
- by end of August too hot burning out
- fairly good crop overall
- weather affected potatoes - maturing before hot weather
- grain - disaster hit hard with B.Y.D. and Red leaf of oats.

1991 - new member of OSCIA

{major project with soil testing tissue testing intense and food quality}

Nipissing - M. Smits

- up and down year
- 1st grain 25 - 26th April
- end May 5 - 6" rain
- hay crops, relatively early, end of June - early July
- It persisted to be quite cool
- problem B.Y.D. and Red Leaf
- early planting did better but not a good year for spring grain.
- Verner test site Exp. farm
- automated weather station
- localized "recording 3-4 coop.
- lime trials

Parry Sound - Ted Linquist

- some areas a lot of rain - other dry
- good for haylage
- 1/2 grain field left not harvested
- recording for rain fall
- market gardens are doing very well.

Sudbury - D. Emiry

- Normal spring
- Weather record
- wet month in June
- plenty of hay, harvesting - more a problem
- 3 - 4 sunny days very rare in June
- Sp Grain - Barley @ yield 55 bushels

Tour: Lupins at S. Mailloux

Project: Oats/Peas at S. Mailloux
Alfalfa cultivars @ E. Bros.
- 9 weather stations across

Temiskaming - T. Phillips

- B.Y.D. & Red Leaf major concern 1990
 - concern with varieties that have resistance to this disease
 - a lot of rain in June/July
 - forage quality not bad better than last year
 - X yield barley 1 tonne
- Canola - good crop this year - close to 1 tonne

Projects: Weigh Wagon purchase
On farm weights accurately *measured*.
Barley club - cooperator participation may have been lacking
Lupins/faba beans - impressive (weed problems)

1991 Projects - Forage yields, more on farm yield data needed from Forage Masters Comp.
- no till experiment, new drill in the area now
- videos - Agri North
- Combine workshop
- Plow setting

Algoma - T. Murdock

- very trendy
- not a lot of snow, looked at early seeding
- however the rain came June - July
- quality cut 1st hay lacking
- grain suffered by wet weather
- "Barnyard grass weed tremendous this year"
- hoping for next year
- June 13" of rain (L. Hilstrom)
- purchased 2 (2 tonne) fertilizer spreaders
- to develop the mine bulk system to speed up fertilizer app.

Cochrane North - G. Stryck

- meeting held on a regular basis
- no special projects
- great good picnic - social gathering
- forage crop excellent - good use of silos
- farmers market is flourishing
- more interest from people - good social event also
- purchase - mini tiller (Agri North)
got it slightly late (2" tile)
- ready for this spring
 - \$17.51/foot + 2.5 foot for transportation
 - \$50.00 rental/day

OSCIA - G. Miller (report from Annual meeting)

- good attendance and speakers
- involved with Agriculture in the Classroom
and inter committee with LSCIA
Direction to take Ontario Research Council for
forage. None of these common meeting attended yet.

Owen - Report on annual meeting

- the resolution submitted were very well submitted this year.

- Also sits on the Crop insurance committee with Crop Commission. Represents Soil & Crop on the forage end of it. (No minutes taken). Will not listen to us. day of dry weather and sunshine should be included in the formula. Need a change at the management. Need basics - sunlight, rainfall and heat. Also on the cereal grain committee.

G. Stryck - Report from OSCIA Annual meeting

- bombarded with no till implements the group wants to go back to forage crop production areas.

- workshop on Strategic Plan & Direction of OSCIA
- also on research - expectation

George sits on research cereal crop committee

- works on cereal quality, yield and disease resistance.
- Some test sites have been eliminated.

What do we expect from research? Soil testing is going one

- Ideas for research on the cereal crops? let him know
- His 3rd year on cereal res. committee

Report - Alex Skepasts (25th anniversary committee)

- all members never met (as a group, however good communication via telephone.

- 1st - Static exhibits and picture display
combine together (cost purposes)
- goals of the association are on the display
- 2nd - plaque for the past presidents
- only two names are missing

Forage & Seed Show - by Reg Lentir

- most of it was discussed earlier
 - committee has established this year
 - "Top Showman" highest points
presented by Monsanto, Canada
- Judges: Paul Sullivan (Forages)
Randy Preater (seed potatoes)

Other Committee Report

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- G. Stryck - from a provincial standpoint, have a project across the province.

- the needs across the province are too diversified to have project(s) "burning issues" across the province.

- Good ideas - with Barley Management club that started in northern Ontario (4 clubs 1990)

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"Nitrogen on Grass Studies" was carried out a few years ago across the north.

- maybe should look at some aspects such as "Forage Masters Camp"
- took place in Temiskaming - good educational value. As a winner you have to do some P.R. across the province.

Expenses paid to Royal Winter Fair

- Cochrane North (Forage Masters) was tried but could not get 5 participants.

- Comments on the Forage Masters Comp. Can we enter without alfalfa as a base. D. Tassé mentioned yes this has to be adjusted to the localities.

Awards of Merits

- 6 nominations for 1991
- 4 nominations for 1992

Review awards

- Suggestion to have the OSCIA involved
3 most recent past presidents

- 1 - Steve Mailloux
Terry Phillips - wanted to be excused for this year
- 2 - Reg Lentir
- 3 - Larry Duke

Motion: Already a standing motion by the association (T. Murdock)

Reg: suggested to have a few highlights of the resume at the presentation.

No other news

Correspondence -

Letter sent to invite all past presidents and secretaries for the 25th annual special.

Letter from Aurele Labonte (NLCAT) regarding the scholarship supplied in the past years by the NEOSCIA.

Motion (5) "to present a \$100.00 scholarship as described in the past".

- Reg Lentir
- A. Helin

Carried.

Resolutions - 1991 (none)

Projects 1991 - G. Stryck reported that Cochrane South District formed a "34 A.D.F. Club"

Manitoulin - (O. Legge)

- project on rehabilitation of a 10 mile river.
just started may need some funding. Will try to have 2 Demo sites (20,000/each) (MNR involved) Major project may be part of the summer tour 1992.

Temiskaming - Graham commented on the Hudson creek project, his involvement and why it failed.

Problem: needed an agency to look after it to take the lead.

•was brought up to TSCIA however turned down by executive - now is the time to look at such projects for funding.

Discussion on various programs -

Re: farmer's labour. When you have to do the work on your neighbours to be eligible for funding - this is the case for many programs- you have to hire someone.

Ex. on fencing rates should be on a per rod of fence. Also forces people to be deceitful. Labour is very difficult to administer other way out allocate more on the material to compensate.

Ex. Fund @ 50% instead of 10% when a program is being developed some feedback should be obtained via local committees.

Summer Tour - (A. Helin)

1991 - Cochrane South - July 25-26 (Timmins, Matheson)

Hope to see:

- Greenhouse Complex - Trees
- Horse farm with Riding Rink (B.B.Q.)
- Dairy operation - Comp. feeding
- Grain/Alfalfa Plot
- Evergreen Enterprise - heat from T.C.P.
(tomatoes/cucumbers)
- Greenhouse - using wood waste as a source of energy.
- Buffalo Ranch
- Gold mine tour
- Saw mill and paper mill

Comments from W. Riley -

"Central Ontario Greenhouse Growers Ass". New association just started in Muskoka @ \$25./membership.
(Landscapers, nursery, greenhouse).

1992 - Manitoulin - Summer Tour - Just in the planning stage

1993 - following the order should be Muskoka - may be open for an invitation - will bring it up by the new director at the new director at the 1st NESCIA directors meeting.

21-22-23 March 1991 (Minnesota)

- Sweet White Lupin Symposium. If interested contact: G. Gambles.

Forage & Seed Show Committee 1992 - Reg will sit on the committee

Adjourn: 9:45 p.m.

Martin Smits

DIRECTOR'S MEETING

April 16, 1991

Sudbury Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food

ATTENDANCE:	A. Helin	D. Hackett
	G. Miller	D. Emiry
	R. Lentir	G. Stryck
	B. Hughes	T. Phillips
	D. Tassé	T. Linguist

Meeting opened at 10:45

Agenda was written up on the board and accepted as follows:

- President's comments
- Role Call of Directors
- Review NEOSCIA Conference
- Summer tour

The President Albert Helin thanked everyone for their effort to attend today's meeting. He mentioned briefly that the Association was facing a challenge in trying to increase the attendance when there are less and less farmers. More farmers have off-farm incomes which make it more difficult to attend the organisation's events.

Minutes: A copy of the minutes of October 30th, 1990 meeting had been sent to the directors ahead of time to bring them up to date.

The group agreed that there was no need to read the minutes again and a motion was passed to approve the minutes.

Motion: T. Phillips
D. Hackett

- for the approval of the minutes as presented. Carried

Role Call of Distrist Directors

Parry Sound - G. Miller:

- Things are looking fairy good for this spring.
- Good snow cover last winter.
- SC projects: planning meeting of projects to follow.

Manitoulin - R. Lentir:

- Fields are saturated at the moment.
- A lot of rainy days recently.
- B.F.T. and clover are greening up. Seeding could be delayed.

Projects:

Rainfall to rec.

- Forage Master's Comp. Combine and plough clinic.
- NSCP - maybe a demo site missed the first round.
- 1992 summer tour.

Becky (NLCAT) - Alex retirement this year. August 29th, Thursday night banquet. (Call the College for more information). -
Invitations will be sent in June (30 years of service). -
Planting is scheduled to be on time. Crop research will still go on this year - even in the absence of Alex.

Cochrane North - D. Hackett:

- Normal snow fall
- Icing developed over winter on some fields (could be a problem for strawberries & legumes).

Projects:

- testing of hay & haylage
- mini utter demo
- annual social summer picnic

Sudbury - D. Emiry:

- Generally mild winter
- Not that much snow
- Still some frost in the ground
- Could probably be on the land end of the month.

Project: - weather recording
- lupins @ Emiry's
- no planning meeting yet.

- G. Styck:

- Wood burner in Cochrane (ashes)
- fairy | in potash from Cochrane Ent. (wood waste)
- PH test should be done.

Temiskaming - T. Phillips:

- hot rec. day 1 week ago followed by snow
- milk prod has been good, quality forages
- producers are buying a lot of quota (mostly from Verner)
- GRID has an impact on local commodities, good for the enthusiasm.
- losing a few farmers and some land is selling

Projects: - lupins (2 growers)
- Fababeans
- no till pasture demo
- corn silage reg. trial
- Barley Mon. Club (with nitrate)
- Barley Variety Trials
- Canola work (products & summer student)

- PB - 50 "Provide" for phosphorous availability
- Forage Masters Comp.
- On Farm Field of Forages
- Grain Yields with Weigh Wagon

Parry-Sound - Ted Lindquist:

- frost down 8"

- Projects:
- surveying instrument demo on farms
 - grew corn (40 acres)
 - will grow, but harvesting can be tricky.
 - corn silage must be stored. Banker or leap don't think of a tower silo.
 - Avoid atrazine, roundup is cheaper.

Cochrane S. - Albert Helin:

- Water going down slowly
- A lot of front in the ground
- A lot of hay/silage left from last year
- grain is being brought up due to poor crops of 1990
- "Fine Tuning Cereal" Production Workshop well attended 15 part.
- Will miss Alex info.
- Farmer's market going well.

- Projects:
- Summer tour
 - Fababeans
 - Barley Trials (Chapais vs. Leger)
 - Aerway units results of last year's (*one of the stops in summer tour)

Terry added that TSCIA were looking at selling their soil saver. May 4th - Soil Savers - Mulch tiller will be auctioned - offered to any other associations first.

CONFERENCE REVIEW

Becky gave a break down. Number of people per session in comparison to 1990. (Written out & brochure)

- Review of expenses
 - Advertising some Radio coverage
 - Brochures - less printed (250) to accommodate Ag Reps newsletters.

Net Deficit (NLCAT) \$1,334.

NEOSCIA 918.

- Grant has been requested with OSCIA for \$750. to help offset the \$918. cost of the association.

Notes: (Becky) for 1992

- 1992: deleting horticultural section (not enough attendance)

- maybe adding something else - different

Disposition Registration: Discussion on only a one day reg and a complete package.

- Maybe have the director's to help with reg. (some comments that the desk was unattended at some time).
- Suggested maybe visit a few farms (open house), new technology, high producers
- Maybe to approach local commodities in northern Ontario have a farmers week ie. Dairy day - Crops, Beef Day. Ask them for their support or contribution.
- Tuesday afternoon - local expertise N. Ont.
- panel ex: Alternate prot. sources held in the past
- get farmers with ↑ production to reveal their tips.
- Forage masters comp. winners
- Barley man. ^{club} top farmers
- Look at forward planning for the next five years.

Proposed Agenda

Monday evening: NEOSCIA Meet 7:30 pm

Tuesday 9:00 - 10:00 Trade Show & Coffee
Pancake and sausage before

10:00 - Welcome (Joint sessions) Guest speaker

Forages: a) ex. Dr. Stauffer P.K. Fert. Institute may be followed by a panel.

b) ex. Forage Mast Comp.

Lunch

1:30 - 3:00 Trade Show and Concurrent Session

- Introduced Dairy by P. Gumprich BCA Growers/Peters/
- Beef (keep this open just in case of a hot topic)

- When speakers are brought up from the south, they should be informed to adjust to our conditions.

- should ask Ag. Rep to publish a survey in their Ag. Bulletin
- Survey - Questionnaire - Ag Rep Newsletter and to Directors
- Evaluation (to be done by Sept).
- Beef Improvement Workshop - some people wanted to attend both sessions.
- Discussion on joint sessions versus concurrent sessions
- Have less speakers on the program
- talking to other farmers is also very important - social part.
- Innovators: only the top 3 were showed

Challenge: out of 7 entries all of them should have been shown.

Sugg: to have the info stored (maybe NOARC) for future resources.

Format: Dropping Monday sessions

Sugg. NEOSCIA annual meeting Monday night
Tuesday - full session + banquet
Wednesday - up to 12:00 lunch - end.

Forage & Seed (show) exhibits to be in by 10:00 am & judging starts to be opened for viewing ~ 3:00 p.m.

- Start & end with a joint session
- Soil & Crop opening
- Start with a key note speaker & end with one.

Wednesday John Heard
Panel - Barley Production

Beef Impt. Work - offer to them the Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday night.

Motion 2 - Terry, Ted submit the proposed agenda to be the organising committee.

Carried

- They will be on the organising committee to assist from NEOSCIA.
- Comment (F & S show) Reg.
 - Golden pitch fork is now full of district names, looking for ideas for this fall to replace.
- Keeper's plaque - Reg is going to contact companies for their assistance.
- Membership list will still be requested.

Motion 3 - Ted, George

To form the 1991-92 F & S show committee by asking Don L. Matt and Reg.

Carried

Award of Merit (Fall meeting)

- guidelines for Award of merit for the committee to function.

Format - presentation of the award was o.k.

- photograph would be good for the proceeding

Alex's Retirement follow up in the fall

Motion 4 - present a plaque of appreciation to Alex (for his contribution to NEOSCIA) at banquet.

George, sec. Glen

Carried

- Special plaque (ex. small combine)

Next meeting summer tour if there is enough directors

Send a letter to Muskoka to find out who is the director

Signing authorities: suggested to have two signing authorities,

Motion 5 - have someone from the College (ex. Becky) to be the co-signer.

Glen, sec. David

Carried

Summer Tour 24-25 July, Timmins (Travel Way Inn Riverside)

Confirmation will have to be made.

Thursday morning (breakfast meeting)

- making some arrangements for buses

- fababeans trials
- Ag Museum Matheson
- Greenhouse Complex with Wood waste Fert. sources or TCP (heat)
- Dairy, Beef, Hog farms
- 9,000 birds Farm & processing
- Lafleur's greenhouses
- horse ranch

Adjourned 3:15 pm

DIRECTOR'S MEETING

SUDBURY O.M.A.F.

November 7, 1991

ATTENDANCE:	A. Helin	D. Hackett
	T. Phillips	D. Emiry
	B. Hughes	T. Lindquist
	M. Smits	D. Tassé (OMAF)

Albert Helin opened the meeting and welcomed everyone at 11:00 a.m. Daniel Tassé mentioned that the notice had been sent out to the persons whose name had been highlighted on the mailing list. The others were left out by mistake.

Next item was to list on the board the items to be discussed today; financial report, role call of directors, summer tour, update on conference, trade show. Alex Skepasts' award.

The financial statement was presented by Daniel Tassé for the period of January 1, 1991 to November 6, 1991. Book balance at this time is \$95.99 plus \$1,030.29 in the savings account. It was explained that the association had received \$750.00 in grant monies from the OSCIA. Dave Hackett also mentioned to see if we could receive some financial assistance for the prize money of the F & S show instead of ribbons.

1. Motion to approve treasurer's report.

D. Hackett
T. Lindquist

Carried.

Next item is correspondence. A letter from A. Labonte (NLCAT) was circulated with a picture of the recipient (Tracy Bliss) for the student award. Daniel Tassé also mentioned that a letter accompanying a survey was sent out in May to obtain some feedback as to why growers are not attending the NEOSCIA conference. D. Tassé also mentioned that the letter with the summer tour booklet was sent to the past Ag Rep of Cochrane South.

Discussion on the summer tour

T. Lindquist mentioned that he took a video of the 1991 tour and that it was available at the OMAF office in Huntsville. Albert reported on the evaluation sheet following the 1991 tour.

Approximately 30 people attended the first day and 36 the second day. It was mentioned that a copy of the evaluation had already been forwarded to the 1992 summer tour organizing committees in Man. district. Daniel T. mentioned that he had spoken with Reg Lentir earlier this morning and the 1992 org. committee would like

to have some promotional time at the conference to promote the summer tour. Preferably at a joint session. Becky Hughes mentioned that there are no joint session in the proposed program for next year. The group discussed this issue and made the following suggestions.

- to have a 5 min. (max) presentation at the banquet where you would address the biggest audience
- also make a presentation at the annual meeting of the OSCIA to inform growers of other area that they have the chance to visit a district of the north.
- contact Town and Country for publicity
- also set up a static display (booth) at the Trade Show of the Conference

Role Call

T. Lindquist - Parry Sound

- mentioned a change of Ag. Rep. C. Peloquin will be looking after Parry Sound district for a period of time while G. Mitchell assumed the duties for marketing specialist and still Ag. Rep of Muskoka.
- Slightly short on rain this past summer. However the producers are in fairly good shape.
- Feed supply is limited.

D. Emiry - Sudbury

- good forage crops, supply is limited
- 3rd cut got snowed on
- a few growers used the soil saver this fall.
- lupin project - seeded on sandy soil corn land started ok, however the weeds were a problem (lambs' quarter, horsetail) not harvested

D. Hackett - Coch North)

- was an early spring
- fairly dry growing season, good hay crop
- grain yields seems to be above average
- good potato crop

A. Helin (Coch. South)

- early seeding followed by relatively dry conditions
- 1st cut was average while the second was poor
- water table is down, still dry
- a lot of fall plowing, very little snow yet, however cold (-16 last night)
- limited feed supply
- LSII Water testing of wells in on the way
- J. Clarke is looking after it not too many other activities.

T. Phillips - Temiskaming

- 1st cut (stand higher in grass) was good however poor on the second cut
- 2nd cut alfalfa low however 3rd was good
- grain was planted early, excellent grain crop
- no-till early planting was not too bad however the cost of weed control can be high in some cases
- a lot of cultivators used this fall, since it was fairly dry early in the fall
- canola grower did well if marketed early when prices were stronger. Prices are now depressed
- lupins; came off dry, weeds were a problem on one farm, only 2 growers now in Temiskaming, yield was low average only one set of pods.
- corn silage: 2600 heat units recorded this year not much volume however the grain content was high
- barley prices at the moment 85.00/M.T.
- straw has been moving out of the area to eastern Ontario.

PM

Becky Hughes presented the new proposed program. She mentioned that we now have to recognize the part time farmers and therefore the conference has moved to a Friday, Saturday format. Getting everyone to register in the past has been a problem (ex: last year \pm 50 out of 120 on the second day) therefore next year there will be 3 registration desks with 3 colour coded tags to allow the registration for the Friday only, Saturday only or both. A registration desk will also be set up at the entrance of the trade show if people want to view the exhibit and machinery only. The group thought that the org. com. should check to make sure that accommodation will be available for that weekend make sure there are no hockey tournaments. Becky said they are still looking for

ideas for a banquet speaker. Albert mentioned a Mr. Macombe who spoke at the 1990 OSCIA annual and David Emiry suggested a speaker that spoke at Junior Farmers' annual meeting a few years ago.

Becky also mentioned that Simone Max was looking after the publicity or coverage of the conference.

INNOVATOR'S CHALLENGE: discussion

- will still be on the program this year
- the group mentioned that it would be nice to have the past entries on display so they could be viewed at the conference.

AWARD OF MERIT - discussion

- Becky said that a write up was being prepared by a communication class (NLCAT). A notice should also be sent to the local SCIA shortly to remind them if they wished to nominate someone for 1992 and to request there latest membership list.

FORAGE & SEED SHOW

- Daniel T. said that we had to decide whether or not we want the ribbons again. The group had a discussion regarding prize money vs. the ribbons.

2. Motion: If the association is entitled to prize money grant from OSCIA we should re-introduce meaningful prize money to the Grand Champion and reserve of each category.

M. Smits

D. Hackett

Carried

Amendment to the motion. If the money is available we should ask the F. & S. show committee to allocate the money.

GOLDEN PITCHFORK AWARD

- The golden pitch fork is now full and should be replaced. Any ideas? Can we name something in Alex Skepasts' name? After some discussion the group decided that the golden pitch fork was the best idea at the moment therefore we should have a second one.

3. Motion: To purchase another pitch fork and have it prepared as an award for the District with the highest point.

Martin, Ted.

Carried

D. Tassé volunteered to look after the golden pitch fork II award.

Discussion on Alex Skepasts contributions to the ass. It was mentioned that a fund had been started by a different commodity groups of the Temiskaming district. Approximately 2,000 collected which will generate an award to recognize an outstanding farmer which will then help select a student (NLCAT) to be a recipient of a student award.

Albert H. volunteered to prepare a small display ex. (toy combine...) with engraving to be presented at the conference.

4. Motion for adjournment 3:15 p.m.

Martin, Ted.

Carried

NEOSCIA ANNUAL MEETING

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1992

NLCAT LECTURE THEATRE - 7:15 P.M.

The President, Albert Helin, opened the meeting at 7:15 P.M. and welcomed the group to the 26th N.E.O.S.C.I.A. Annual Meeting. Albert mentioned that we had a good representation from various areas.

AGENDA: The agenda was presented on an overhead to the group. Added to it - project report from various districts.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: was presented by Daniel Tassé, the Secretary-Treasurer. The statement had not been audited and the book balance as of December 31, 1991 was \$1,126.28.

Moved by: Ted Lindquist
Seconded by: Terry Phillips

That the report be approved.

Carried.

REPORT FROM OSCIA DIRECTORS

George Struyk - (Temiskaming, Cochrane)

- more emphasis at the provincial level on water quality, the environment and land stewardship.
- sits on the Agricultural Advisory Committee (environmental responsibilities)
- following the 50th anniversary of the OSCIA, a book was written "Two blades of grasses, where there was one before", describes the history of the OSCIA.
- NEW GRANT FOR 1992 - \$600.00 available to the local SCIA for special projects ie. demonstration days, associations are encourage to benefit from it.
- Mr. Struyk mentioned that due to the OMAF budget cut (6% increase instead of 10%), the oat variety testing was being questioned.
- J. Rowsell (NLCAT) added that the north was very well represented by Mr. Struyk on the crop research committees.

ROLL CALL OF DISTRICTS: - 1991 Growing Conditions & Project Report

Temiskaming - Terry Phillips

- dry spring, hot weather, long growing season
- Projects - corn silage trial
 - canola, lupins, fababeans on farm
 - aerway work on pasture, not very positive in 1991
 - barley club results - highest yield measured
106 bus/ac average 74 bus/ac

Manitoulin - Reg Lentir

- dry year, 1st cut hay low quality, poor pasture growth in August
- Projects - combine and plow clinic
 - temperature and rainfall recording

Muskoka - Walker Riley and John Maclauglan

- 6 weather stations, last spring frost from May 19, 1991, first fall frost September 21, hay crop average.
- Projects - soil, tissue & feed testing with 13 cooperators
 - various crops, looking at N.P.K & micronutrients
 - 11 out 12 analyses, low in Boron (soil test reliability?) ongoing project in 1992.

Nipissing - M. Smits

- regular spring, nice slow melt, seeding end April early May, hay crop good 1st cut, difficult second, lack of rain, good 3rd cut, barley yields 40 - 100 bus., average 73 bus. (club).
- Projects - verner test plots incl: reg. barley, oats, alfalfa
 - varieties, alternate protein source soya, peas,
 - alfalfa response to phosphorous and PB50
- also weather data with on farm cooperators.

Parry Sound - Ted Linquist

- good start, early in the season, dry, poor second cut.
- no special project, application for an aerway unit.

Sudbury - David Emiry

- 4- 5 weather stations
- no projects as such, some frost seeding in Noelville, lupins at Emiry's, results not very good, too many weeds.
- maybe some brassica trials for 1992.

Algoma - John Hawdon

- little snow cover, tough on legumes.
- Projects - main project "Forage Day".
 - round bale system wrapping units and other silage system held June 15th, 50-60 people, excellent turn out. 4-H involved with the barbecue.

Cochrane North - Denise Call

- Projects - club 34 to promote good quality forages with ADF lower than 34 in 1991, protein levels about the same. however, ADF was higher in 1991 = 40 = hot

NEW BUSINESS

1992 Award of Merit Review Committee - consist of the most recent past presidents.

L. Hillstrom, S. Mailleux and Terry Phillips agreed to review the 1993 nominations.

FORAGE & SEED SHOW

Moved by: O. Legge
Seconded by: G. Miller

The N.E.O.S.C.I.A. wishes to reappoint the existing Forage and Seed Show committee consisting of R. Lentir, D. Leggett and M. Bowman.

Carried.

DIRECTORS REPORT - OSCIA

Glen Miller

- good meeting in Toronto, not as well attended.
- sits on the Ontario Research Council Committee.
- Ontario Hydro, new line from Manitoba - Sudbury.

Owen Legge

- sits on the resolution committee, started four years ago.
- was a mess at the beginning, in 1992, resolutions were very well presented.
Note: resolutions should apply to all of the province (all farmers)

OSCIA - by administering LSI and LSII, the organization made some money and it is going back to the farmers. The OSCIA executive has a lot more work by administering government programs. Now has four full time employees and a part time secretary.

SUMMER TOUR - 1992

- more on the program tomorrow from Manitoulin
- 1993 - probably an invitation from Muskoka

OTHER BUSINESS

Resolutions

- resolution re: egg grading for eggs sold off the farm was read by Walker Riley on behalf of David Smallpiece (see resolution attached)
- discussion on the resolution
- amendment on the resolution.

RESOLUTION RE EGG GRADING

WHEREAS it is the intent of Agriculture Canada to impose the regulation that all eggs to be sold off the farm must be graded, and

WHEREAS small producers cannot afford to operate their own egg grading station and grading stations are often far away or are inaccessible, and

WHEREAS the sale of locally produced farm fresh eggs at farmers markets is in strong demand, and

WHEREAS farmers' markets are a genuine local community cash income generator in these tough economic times.

THEREFORE be it resolved that the North Eastern Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association request that Agriculture Canada consider duly recognized farmers' markets as an extension of the farm gate and therefore allow the sale of ungraded eggs at farmers' markets as if they were sold on the farm.

"A RECOGNIZED FARMERS MARKET"

Carried.

Vote on the resolution

11 in favour
3 opposed

Carried.

Discussion on the presentation of the Award of Merits at the banquet. Albert will work out the details with D. Beattie.

Also mentioned that there will be a special award made to Alex at the banquet on behalf of all the local SCIA(S).

Motion: Adjourn the meeting M. Smits

Directors Meeting 9:45

Martin Smits is the 1992-93 President
1st Vice-President - David Emiry
2nd Vice-President - John Hawdon

DIRECTOR'S MEETING

SUDBURY O.M.A.F.

April 14, 1992

ATTENDANCE: D. Emiry B. Hughes
J. Landon J. Rowsell
T. Linguist A. Helin
M. Lesson D. Tassé (OMAF)
M. Smits

10:45 Martin Smits welcomed the group and showed the proposed agenda.

Minutes of the last Director's meeting were sent to each director to be reviewed.

1. Motion to approve minutes of November 7, 1991.

D. Emiry
T. Lindquist

Carried.

Next on the program was a role call of each director.

Algoma J. Hawdon

1992 project weed identification and a sprayer clinic at the end of May.

Cochrane South A. Helin

- good snow cover
- good feed supply and milk production
- some grain coming into the area

Projects: Fababeans @ A. Heline's
pasture renovation @ A. Legault

Manitoulin M. Lesson

- May is in short supply
- Crop insurance (hay prog.) still a major concern on the island.
- Combine, plow, sprayer clinics not confirmed yet.
- Summer tour NEOSCIA.

Nipissing M. Smits

- Nice winter, slow melting, no flooding yet
- Good grain yields, hay yield below average and surplus are limited.
- test plots in Verner - open house well attended (include cereal trials, alfalfa trials) pb so dropped in 1992

Parry Sound T. Lindquist

- Snow late cover, good cover, stayed on
- Water levels are low
- Hay supply adequate
- LSCIA will organize bus tour to Manitoulin
- One day pick up for soil testing (UCO)
- Aerway application approved.

Sudbury D. Emiry

- 5-6 weather stations (some year round)
- Forage for profit day
- A lot o hay required, straw is in short supply
- Fields are icy, (thaw late winter)

Temiskaming G. Gambles

- Still good snow cover
- Lupins, faba projects still ongoing
- Aerway unit with manure application. Would like to try it (could go to P.Q.)
- hay day with local dealers?
- Canola after Canola - no till or min. till (100 ac)
- No till results on farm 69 bus
- NLCAT 71 bus

Conference Review B. Hughes

- 295 participants registered
Alco 14, Coch 30, Man. 9, Musk. 7, Nip 6, P.S. 12, R.R. 1,
Sud. 15, Tem 192, T.B. 2, Others 6

Discussion

- good profile for the College
- Comments on the facilities
- Higher attendance on the weekend, difficulty (higher labour costs (NLCAT staff)
- Lunch - should have a snack booth at the trade show.
- Child care was well received

Forage & Seed Show

A discussion on the classes, to change the order and drop some classes.

Motion 2 "to reorganize the order of the present classes, ie. Hay 75% legume followed by Hay 75% legume with lab analysis.

A. Helin, J. Hawdon

Carried.

Recommended changes

Class #23 Field peas should be changed to other pulse crops to include fababeans, lupins, lentils and canola.

Class #22 Triticale no entries in the last few years should be deleted.

Class #24-27 replaced by misc. forage seed to include Alf. R.C.W.C. Bft etc.)

Add misc. cereal seed for buckwheat, rye triticale, etc.

The group agreed to have a draft copy presented next fall and to invite R. Lentir for his inputs and comments.

Motion #3 "the points of the potato classes are to be included in the future in the overall total of the golden pitch fork award."

A. Helin, G. Gamble

Carried.

Also looking for a sponsor for a Grand Champion potato award.

Other recommendations:

Classes 3 and 6 removed "nettled" and replace with other varieties ie. to accept Yukon Gold.

- Golden Pitch Fork I is to be put on permanent display at NLCA (trophy cabinet).

Conference - Ideas for the next one.

- Continue to have sessions on production and marketing
- Rural community development
- Farming with your neighbours (urban)
- Rural recycling, plastic, etc.
- Recreational use of Ag. Land ie. snowmobile clubs
- Community oriented (stress, mental health etc.)

Innovators Challenge

- proposed to keep it one more year
- to be promoted at the LSCIA level via their forage and seed show (maybe have a local competition).

Summer Tour

- programs will be going out in the Ag Reps newsletter.
- accommodation rooms must be guaranteed by each individual.

Associate Directors

- should send an invitation to Ag. Canada.
Kapuskasing to appoint a representative (send a copy of the minutes also)

- NLCAT re: appointment, John R. will ask D. Beattie to appoint someone (should be the chairperson of the conference).

Scholarship

- presented by the Association at the graduation May 8th, 100.00
- to present ask, G. Gamble, T. Phillips on D. Tassé

Other Business

- M. Leeson will ask Reg Lentir to see if he wishes to continue to chair the Forage and Seed show.
- Association should send a letter to Mike Doody, MCTV Timmins.

Adjourned: J. Hawdon, D. Emiry

NEOSCIA

North Eastern Ontario
Soil & Crop Improvement
Association

c/o Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food
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New Liskeard, Ontario POJ 1PO

April 2, 1992

MEMORANDUM TO: N.E.O.S.C.I.A. Directors
Becky Hughes, NLCAT

RE: DIRECTORS MEETING

The president Martin Smits has called a meeting for Tuesday, April 14th, 1992 at the O.M.A.F. office in Sudbury for 10:30 am. The session should conclude at 3:00 p.m.

APRIL 14, 1992
TUESDAY
NEOSCIA DIRECTOR'S SUDBURY

Mark it on your
calendar!

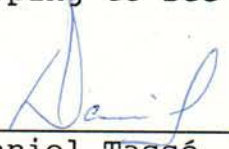
To be discussed:

- review the conference & recommendations for 1993
- update on summer tour (Manitoulin)
- other business

Enclosed is a list of the new board of directors and the minutes of the last directors meeting.

Please review them prior to the meeting to save time.

Hoping to see you there.


Daniel Tassé
Secretary-Treasurer

DT/dl

c.c. - Aurele Brunet, OMAF Sudbury

NEOSCIA DIRECTORS MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1992 - OMAF - SUDBURY

Present:	Martin Smits	John Hawdon
	Ted Lindquist	Graham Gambles
	Albert Helin	Walkey Riley
	Morden Leeson	Daniel Tassé
	David Emiry	

At 10:35 A.M., Martin Smits welcomed the group. He thanked everyone for their effort since 8 out of 10 directors were around the table.

Approval of the agenda:

- review of the minutes
- financial statement
- role call
- conference planning
- summer tour 1992 & 1993.

MOTION 1

Moved by: Ted Lindquist
Seconded by: Morden Leeson

That the agenda be adopted.

Carried.

ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS

Discussion on the role of the associate directors. Daniel mentioned that the associate directors have always been invited, includes 3 OSCIA and 4 other associates.

REVIEW MINUTES

Directors had received a copy with the notice of this present meeting. No errors or omissions, just a few typos.

MOTION 2

Moved by: Morden Leeson
Seconded by: John Hawdon

To adopt the minutes.

Carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Daniel presented the financial statement for the period of January 92 to November 92. In the receipts, still missing \$25.00 from Algoma SCIA for the affiliation fees. The board would like to see a more detailed itemized statement on the conference receipts and expenses. Discussion on the grants received from the OSCIA. A total of \$900.00 was received last year. A complete statement is to be presented at the annual to show the allocation between NLCAT and NEOSCIA.

MOTION 3

Moved by: John Hawdon

Discussion on the above matter.... financial statement not itemized, motion withdrawn.

ROLL CALL

ALGOMA - JOHN HAWDON

- average spring conditions
- low yield first cut, but good second
- good crop of grain, wet fall, a lot left in fields
- Project: - weed identification and sprayer clinic with Daniel

COCHRANE SOUTH - ALBERT HELIN

- late spring - a lot of grain seeded - frost damage
- no frost in August, maybe \pm 45 frost free days
- good year for the farmers' market
- hay crop poor, 2nd cut slightly better
- fantastic crop of grain, still some not harvested
- fields are wet, plowing and manure application on hold (D. Hackett, 800 bags of potatoes not harvested)
- Cochrane area - 6-7 producers had to sell due to feed shortage = hay shortage
- Projects: - pasture demo aerway vs seedmatic at A. Legault,
- introduced B.F.T., seems promising.

MANITOULIN - MORDEN LEESON

- May & June dry, condition similar to other areas
- hay season late, good hay market
- high grain acreage, a lot left in the fields
- very little second cut, 1st one was too late
- July & August frequent precipitations = wet bales
- Projects: - combine clinic (low attendance) haying
- sprayer clinic
- LSII some funds left, crop insurance meeting and summer tour

NIPISSING - MARTIN SMITS

- lack of heat and moisture early in the season
- older stands = low yields
- a lot of acreage not usually harvested was cut this year
- frequent rain at harvest
- feed quality good
- grain yields were exceptional mean of 2.0 mt/ac barley club
- late harvest and increased field losses toward the end
- soil saver was still used fairly this fall
- Projects: - local tour to view on farm projects
 - open house test plots, well attended (2 barn fires in Nipissing)

PARRY SOUND - TED LINDQUIST

- good cattle sale South River
- aerway project on hold looking into the seedmatic unit
- soil testing pick up day ± 10 participants
- fertilized fields = good crop
- not fertilized, very poor yields this season
- good quality grain, some silage harvested
- 33 dairy farms left in Parry Sound

WUDBURY - DAVID EMERY

- similar weather conditions than the other districts
- very good first cut hay (early June)
- 2nd cut a lot of rain, variable quality
- some grain not harvested - land not tilled
- too wet for soil saver
- some hay being purchased from the Island (horses)
- super crop of grain
- Project: - 6-7 producers tried turnips, pasture supplements

MUSKOKA - WALKER RILEY

- down to 3 dairy farms, one beef farm >100 heads = shrinking agriculture or changing
- "no problems, just challenges in Muskoka"
- excellent maple syrup crop
- good strawberry harvest
- potato crop started good, however, excessive H₂O towards harvest
- sweet corn normally averages = 600 dozens/acre, this year a total of 800 dozens on their farm
- dry cold weather, CHU first 1/2 season, 1/2 the units compared to 1991
- most of the corn was not harvested, frost damage
- high racoon population this year, tough on the corn business
- Projects: - soil nutritional project (Soil & tissue)
 - low levels of Boron in 1991, results of 92 not in yet
 - pasture project for 1993.

TEMISKAMING - GRAHAM GAMBLES

- season started 2 weeks late
- ± 500 heat units measured between frost
frost (snow) June 21st and August 2nd
- frost damage on no till canola
- tested lupins after 160 days, still green
- fababeans normally 115 days, still green after 160 days
- aerway unit used only 3 times
- hay day did not happen
- spring grain - still some not harvested
- pressure to have slow moving vehicle signs in Temiskaming district
- mentioned test for "WEB ALFALFA" Michigan to grow under wet conditions
- reported on the Ethanol Plant feasibility study
20 million litres, that would require 20,000 hectares, need energy such
as natural gas or steam
1 ton barley = 1/3 ethanol, 1/3 CO₂
1/3 distiller dry grain
- could feed an extra 5,000 head
- dual feed plant (barley, wheat, oat, potatoes, jerusalem artichoke,
sugar beets)

FORAGE & SEED SHOW

- Daniel showed the proposed rules and regulations, a few changes
discussion on the Barley 6 and 2 rows classes. Should have the option
to name the variety.

MOTION 4

Moved by: John Hawdon
Seconded by: Albert Helin

That exhibitors will have the option of naming the varieties on the entry
tags on Classes XVIII to XXV (not to be viewed by the judges).

Carried.

- Discussion on the "Chairperson's Position". Decided that a letter to
Reg Lentir to thank him would be appropriate. Ask him to remain an
advisor.

Morden Leeson nominated Graham Gambles

John Hawdon closed the nominations

Graham Gambles accepts to be chairperson of the Forage & Seed Show -
1993.

- also send a letter to Don Leggett and Matt Bowman

CONFERENCE PLANNING - 1993

Daniel showed the proposed program after two planning meetings of the organizational committee.

- Comments
- panels are very effective
 - a good mixture is important
50:50 farmers and researchers, extension personnel
 - ANNUAL MEETING?? idea of a breakfast meeting - well accepted by the board - proposed time 7:30 A.M. at the new cafeteria or Breault's

FORAGE CROP PRODUCTION

Discussion on the new forage varieties and evaluation. Group was wondering if it would be only on alfalfa.

FARM BUSINESS SECTION

- Comments
- reverse mortgages
 - farm business consultants, ie. Bill Broadworth
 - research updates are worthwhile, NLCAT, KAPUSKASING, OMAF, as long as they are not marketed just as "Research Update".
 - IDEA - BEST SCIA project Northeast

- Beef Session
- maximizing gain on pasture
 - pasture work at community pasture - Wilf Shier

Saturday A.M. vs P.M. Switch Farm Business with Rural Community

Moved by: John Hawdon
Seconded by: David Emiry

To recommend to the planning committee to switch the farm business session with the rural community to make the program more attractive to farmers.

Carried.

- Discussion on coating material for round bale.
- Discussion to make sure the companies are invited to the trade show.

BANQUET SPEAKER

- three suggestions were made
 1. speaker to talk about the groups for "Animal Rights" defending agriculture
 2. R. Mcomb, Anglican minister - "The 4-Hs'" or the bright side of life
 3. speaker on the trade Canada - Mexico
- the group favoured Roger Mcomb as a choice for the banquet speaker.

SUMMER TOUR

1992

Ted commented good tour but he didn't like the car pool system. Walker mentioned it was very well organized and more support and effort are needed from the directors.

1993

Muskoka - Walker Riley

- mentioned the area had a small farm base - maximum of 40 soil & crop members - "DO WE REALLY WANT A TOUR??" - are we keeping a dead horse alive?
- Martin asked everyone around the table for their opinion and the consensus was in favour of a 1993 tour.

- Walker presented some ideas that the local committee had put together,
ie.
 - time it with the BOGART'S BBQ, Friday and Saturday format.
 - many ideas on recreational agriculture, also, Santa's village, walking tour,
 - 1880 steam ship
 - Muskoka pioneer village
 - also include a program for spouses

(Walker and Gord would like a copy of the evaluation of the past summer tour).

NEW BUSINESS

Information on the relationship between NLCAT & NEOSCIA for example on the conference expenditure.

To be looked into at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned - 3:45 P.M. - M. Smits.

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NORTH EASTERN ONTARIO SOIL & CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
REPORT TO
THE MUSKOKA SOIL & CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

by S. John McLaughlin, Delegate

Walker Riley as director, and myself as a delegate attended the North Eastern Ontario Agricultural Conference in New Liskeard, on February 28th to 29th as representatives of the Muskoka Soil and Crop Improvement Association.

The afternoon of the 28th was spent getting our hay, grain and potato samples on display for the Champion Forage, Seed and Potato Show. Judging began at 4:00 p.m. Special thanks and congratulations to the following Muskoka producers, who not only took the time to prepare their samples, but also won some ribbons to help us gain 21 points overall and keep Muskoka on the map.

Hay and Silage

Don Goltz
Jim Bogart
Les Snell

Oats and Barley

Steve Roche

Potatoes

Walker Riley
Walter Taylor
Phil Riley

Complete standings may be found on pages six through ten in the April issue of the Muskoka/Parry Sound Agrigram.

The NEOSCIA Annual Meeting was held Friday evening. A short presentation was given regarding weather conditions here in Muskoka for the 1991 season. Data was used from our Ufford Station, including snow and rainfall, temperatures and general growing conditions. Similar information presented by other delegates indicated that with few exceptions, the mid and late dry spells were district-wide regardless where you were located. The hay and grain crops survived with average yields thanks to early moisture. The one exception being Thunder Bay which had 40% more rainfall than normal. Consequently yields were reduced due to late planting.

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Walker and myself accepted the chairman's request to host the 1993 NEOSCIA tour here in Muskoka. Conditional on approval by our directors. The 1992 Tour will be held on Manitoulin Island on July 29th and 30th. A slide presentation was given of the Island and it looks like a worthwhile trip for anyone able to attend.

More detailed information on the 1992 Tour, or any of the brief presentations in this report can be acquired at the OMAF office, Huntsville.

As Walker had commitments to attend the ^{not then} Ontario Farmers Market Meeting being held parallel to other meetings, I attended the Forage and Grain seminars during the 29th.

Saturday morning began by a presentation by Mark Stauffer, Canada Potash and Phosphate Institute on the topic of "Radical Changes in Forage Fertilizer Recommendations". Emphasis being placed on the importance of Phosphate and Potash in sufficient amounts to ensure top yields. It was suggested that OMAF Publication 296 - Recommendations for Forage Crops are too low for P and K. Information on upgrading the recommendations is available at the OMAF office. I have two copies of Mark Stauffer's presentation which would be available to anyone interested.

The rest of the morning included an address by Gwen McBride, OMAF, Feed Advisory Program. Her topic asked the question, "Are Forage Analysis Giving a True Picture?" Some problems still exist in this field of work. For example, "a rapid inexpensive method for accurate mineral testing is lacking." Whereas the N.I.R. (Near Infra Red) method is a rapid and inexpensive way to test for Protein; it can not measure mineral content accurately. Traditional wet chemistry techniques are used for minerals. Although two tests of the same sample may vary 10-15% it is to the producer's advantage to keep these possible variances in mind when compiling rations and feeds. It was emphasized that accurate information and labelling be sent with each sample. An error in information or lack of same can completely alter the results and will not given an acceptable response.

At the present time an ideal forage is considered to be 20% protein - 30 ADF and 40 NDF.

Saturday afternoon was spent attending a grain production seminar with Daniel Tasse, OMAF Soils and Crops Specialist; John Heard, Agronomy Section, Thunder Bay, Kevin Runnels of Earlton (no-till in Timiskaming), ~~Claude Pelouin, Agricultural Representative, North Bay,~~ and Don Mingle, Manager Temgrain of Earlton.

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Topics discussed included a Barley Grower's Panel on raising 100 bush^{ls} of barley to the acre. Also Kevin Runnels spoke on problems and costs of no-till practices with regards to seeding. Owning a no-till drill, and doing custom work besides his own planting, he feels it is still questionable whether financially and environmentally this system of planting is better or worse than the conventional way. Taking into account the cost of the drill (approximately \$20,000.00), the extra horse power required and the long-term compaction especially on the heavier soils.

John Heard spoke on the importance of proper tillage and fertilization for reaching maximum grain production. Again, phosphate and potash in sufficient quantities was stressed. As John put it, "you are trading bucks for bushels".

report
The Claude Peloquin issued a Cost of Production Report for barley in the Nipissing, Timiskaming and Thunder Bay Regions. One interesting result of this study was that with a selling price of \$85.00 per tonne, one had to produce 2.12 tonnes (own combine) or 2.22 tonnes (custom) to break even. As the selling price advanced, less tonnes were needed to break even. So it reverts back to proper preparation, seed and fertilization if any profit is to be realized.

The afternoon ended with Don Mingle speaking about grain marketing. Temgrain is a storage, buy and sell operation in New Liskeard, geared to accommodating local grain producers. The complete text given by Don is found in the Convention Proceedings Publication on pages 47 through 51.

The banquet was held Saturday evening with Paul Man, Host of "The Canadian Farmer" as guest speaker. He spoke on the subject, "Positive Attitudes Produce Profitable Alternatives". Examples were given, where across Canada farms and enterprises failing to provide a profit were transformed into a productive profit-making operation. This was and is being done by innovative imaginative and new ideas brought about by positive thinking with regards to the particular enterprise in question. Examples given were from a thousand acre alfalfa operation in Western Canada to a backyard orchard in Ontario. It was the most optimistic talk with regards to agriculture I've heard for a long time.

The evening ended with NEOSCIA Award of Merit presentations. Our Muskokian, Don Dawson was on hand to receive his award. Congratulations to Don and Donna Dawson from all of us in Muskoka.

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By all the reports received by this writer, in and about the college during these two days, the Conference was a great success. Attendance was up dramatically and entries for the championship show were up by 40%. This was due in part by moving the conference to a weekend instead of during mid-week. The new college arena was an interesting place to escape during the odd break in the seminars. Farm equipment dealers and agricultural products personnel were on hand to show their respective products.

Finally, I would like to thank Walker Riley for his company, guidance and introductions to people of like mind.

It was a pleasure and privilege to represent our Association at this conference. The two days were long and busy, but it was worth every minute of it.

Respectfully submitted,

S. John McLaughlin

*2 John:
Excellent report!
The best & most complete
I've ever read. It was
impeccable.*

NEOSCIA ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1993

NLCAT DINING HALL - 8:25 A.M.

The President, Martin Smits welcomed the group shortly after breakfast. He made compliments on the facilities since it was the first time that this group held a meeting in the college dining hall.

AGENDA: The agenda was presented on an overhead to the group.

MOTION 1: Approval of the agenda.

Moved by: Ted Lindquist
Seconded by: Morden Leeson

Carried.

Martin Smits then asked for the treasurer's report. Daniel Tassé presented (with a handout) the 1992 financial statement (attached) with a separate statement on the 1993 Conference.

MOTION 2: Approval of the financial statement.

Moved by: Wayne Clarke
Seconded by: Reg Lentir

Carried.

We then followed with the reading of the 1992 minutes of the last annual meeting.

MOTION 3: Approval of the minutes.

Moved by: Steve Mailloux
Seconded by: Ted Lindquist

Carried.

REPORT FROM OSCIA DIRECTORS

George Struyk - (Temiskaming, Cochrane)

- the association has been involved with environmental concerns and programs such as the E.F.P. pilot project which Temiskaming district is part of.
- cereal grain research committee; there is a new protocol, 2 years of testing instead of 4 years - still requires 10 station years. This protocol must be approved by Ag. Canada and applies only to registration not recommendations. Therefore, this has no effect on 296 pub. more impact on the private companies.

ROLL CALL OF DISTRICTS:

Temiskaming - Barry Potter for David Bowers

- Pastures were down in June. Cattle supplemented better growth in July-August.
- highest barley yields
- high moisture canola & cereals @ harvest
- low germination of the seed
- Local Summer Tour: winter wheat, peas, no till & min till barley & BBQ
- seed show very well supported by the businesses
- Projects '93:
 - airway is for sale
 - promote the use of the weigh wagon
 - new project "from the ground up"
 - no till, wheat, pasture projects, manure app.
 - E.F.P.: Temiskaming is part of the pilot project.
 - Lupins '92: 2 cooperators with very high moisture at harvest.
 - Fababeans: approx. 50 acres in '92 grew well, tall. Did not mature early enough and chocolate spot disease.

Manitoulin - Morden Leeson

- hosted the '92 summer tour
- had a local Forage & Seed show
- + a sprayer clinic in '92
- weather stations on farms
- good hay crop on the island - a lot of it is moving now
- not a lot of snow on the ground
- good grain crop - some left in the fields
- Project '93: bale wrapper

Muskoka - Walker Riley

- 11 months of winter and 1 month of poor sledding
- cattle two weeks late going into pasture
- cold and wet, rain 50% of the day late summer
- irrigation (strawberries) 8 days in June for frost protection
- Project: 1993 Summer Tour

Nipissing - Martin Smits

- unusual growing conditions
- bumper crop of small grains
- Projects:
 - test plots at the Verner test site
 - NLCA Open House, August 5 (44 people attended)
 - Barley Management Club - 2nd year, 16 participants, good exchange of information
 - weather collecting data on farms
 - tour to view local projects
 - canola trials on 2 farms = good yield
 - late harvest for cereals

Parry Sound - Ted Lindquist/Gord Mitchell

- dry and cool then became wet, frequent rainfall
- a lot more wrapped silage experienced in '92
- was a long haying season
- grain yields were good

Sudbury - David Emiry

- similar weather conditions to other regions
- enough hay to get by some excess coming from Manitoulin
- good year for small grains, late harvest, but high yields
- Projects: - weather collecting data
 - beef producers tried turnips(Comments from Ray Langlois re: turnips - turnips with oats 8 1/2 lbs/4 ac - a success!! cattle loved them, step grazing or cut for silage)
 - silage was a preferred choice
 - oatage was a lifesaver last year
 - there was also a presentation to Paul Rainville for inventing the potato digger

Algoma - John Hawdon

- good spring
- though haying conditions
- new seedings did pretty good but the old ones???
- grain crops record yields but still some out in the fields
- enough hay overall
- Project: Weed ID and Sprayer Clinic

Cochrane North - Bob Landis

- terrible weather '92 = hay shortage. Approximately 64,000 mt according to a meeting last fall.
- early application of fertilizer was essential due to the short dry spell in early summer
- Mini tiller used on a few farms to drain the low spots. Requires lots of power, sometimes 2 tractors.

Cochrane South - Wayne Clarke

- hot dry spring
- then frost every month
- 40% of the hay yield
- a lot more cereal silage (probably more in '93 also)
- Projects: - on farm pasture renovation project with 2 different seedrills with trefoil
 - would like to purchase a no till drill

AWARD OF MERIT COMMITTEE

Martin Smits mentioned that we need a committee to review the '94 nominations, normally consists of the most recent past presidents.

Steve Mailloux, Red Lentir and George Struyk will review the nominations sometime today.

FORAGE & SEED SHOW

Chairman, Graham Gambles, commented that we had a pretty good turnout in # of entries but still too early to compare the previous years.

Discussion on finding a sponsor to supply and present an award for the potato section.

MOTION 4: That the association looks into finding a sponsor to supply and present an annual award for the Champion Potato Exhibitor.

Moved by: Reg Lentir
Seconded by: ?

Carried.

Graham Gambles mentioned that the Haylage/Silage plaque is missing, mystery cannot be found, therefore, we should look at a replacement. Graham Gambles accepted to look into this.

MOTION 5: That the chairman of the Forage & Seed Show committee purchase a trophy on behalf of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Moved by: David Emry
Seconded by: Maurice Rainville

Carried.

Amendment to motion 5: To approach the Scotia Bank to pay the difference of upgrading the plaque to a trophy.

Moved by: Wayne Clarke
Seconded by: Ray Langlois

Carried.

Vote on the motion.

Carried.

We would like to have an idea on the cost, to be reported at the director's meeting in the spring. Some of the other trophies have to be upgraded (Graham will check with the various companies).

SUMMER TOUR

Gordon Mitchell took a few minutes and showed slides to promote the 1993 Summer Tour in Muskoka. It will be a family event. Bring the kids and the wife. Dates: July 23rd & 24th.

RESOLUTIONS (none received)

Walker Riley expressed some concern regarding stable funding. Group discussed the matter and decided that it would be brought up at the next director's meeting.

MOTION 6: To have a draft letter prepared. Re: Whereas pesticide containers are becoming an ever growing problem in farming industry, therefore, be it resolved that we the N.E.O.S.C.I.A. advise the industry that we would like to see all the containers be returnable, refillable or recyclable.

Moved by: Morden Leeson
Seconded by: Maurice Rainville

Carried.

A draft letter is to be written for the spring director's meeting to be sent to Ag Care or appropriate organization such as: C.P.I.C.

NEW BUSINESS

- new format (good attendance) right format re: breakfast meeting, however, the room is too big. Should have the table set up in a circle for better group discussion.
- comments from Reg regarding the current involvement of the N.E.O.S.C.I.A. with the conference planning (ex.: chairing the session now all by OMAF staff)
- to be addressed at the next director's meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

Moved by: Reg Lentir
Seconded by: Morden Leeson

Carried.

NEOSCIA DIRECTOR'S MEETING

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1993

STUDENT LOUNGE, NLCAT - 12:00 P.M.

AWARD OF MERIT PRESENTATION

Who will present the 1993 awards at the banquet?

- "CHARLES HARVEY WILMOTT" to be presented by Ernie Inch and will be accepted by Gary Wilmott.
- "JOHN A. ORFORD" to be presented by Reg Lentir and Jack Orford will accept.
- "AUBREY & MABEL BOGART" to be presented by Walker Riley.

APPOINTMENT OF THE 1993 EXECUTIVE

Steve Mailloux chaired the elections.

✓ Nominations for President:

- David Emiry by Ted Lindquist

Nomination closed by Walker. David accepted.

✓ Nominations for 1st Vice-President:

- John Hawdon by Martin Smits

Nomination closed by Ted Lindquist. John was absent. It will be mentioned to him at the next director's meeting.

✓ Nominations for 2nd Vice-President:

- David Bowers by Ted Lindquist

Nomination closed by Martin. David accepts.

1994 AWARD OF MERIT REVIEW COMMITTEE (2:15 P.M.)

- ° Steve Mailloux
- ° George Stryck
- ° Reg Lentir

1. Muskoka nomination "ORVILLE JOHNSTON FAMILY"

Discussion on this situation: awarded to the family instead of an individual. "Exceptional crop (unique farming situation) - cranberry farm".

Following some discussion: this nomination is recommended by this committee but it has to be approved by the directors since it is presented to the family instead of the individual (who passed away).

2. Nipissing nomination "RHEAL BROUILLETTE"
Recommended.
3. Cochrane South "ROBERT VEITCH"
Recommended.
4. Manitoulin "WALTER ROY SMYTH"
Recommended.

MOTION:

The Award of Merit Review Committee recommended the following nominations: Rhéal Brouillette, Orville Johnston Family, Robert Veitch & Walter Roy Smith, for the 1994 Award of Merits.

This committee also recommended that in the future the nominations be typed and to move the deadline to the annual meeting of the N.E.O.S.C.I.A. instead of January 31st. (Must still be received one year prior to the presentation.)

✓ Nominations for Secretary-Treasurer:

- Daniel Tassé by Martin Smits

Nomination closed by Ted Lindquist. Daniel accepted.

Next Director's meeting will be on Friday, March 26, 1993, at 10:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M., at the OMAF office in Sudbury.

NEOSCIA DIRECTOR'S MEETING

FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 1993

SUDBURY OMAF OFFICE - 10:30 A.M.

Present were:

Ted Lindquist
Martin Smits
Bob Landis
George Struyk
Graham Gambles

Morden Leeson
David Bowers
John Hawdon
David Emiry
Daniel Tassé

David Emiry, the 1993 President, opened the meeting at 10:40 A.M. and welcomed the group. The agenda was on the board and presented to the group.

MOTION 1: To approve the proposed agenda.

Moved by: Ted Lindquist
Seconded by: Morden Leeson

Carried.

Daniel Tassé mentioned that the minutes had not been sent prior to the meeting to each directors. In order to save time, Daniel gave the highlights of the minutes.

MOTION 2: To accept the minutes as presented.

Moved by: George Struyk
Seconded by: David Bowers

Carried.

ROLE CALL

David Bowers - Timiskaming

- looking for ideas for projects TSCIA
- ex.: diversification
- would like to attract new farmers in the area
- aerway will be for sale

Martin Smits - Nipissing

- major project Verner Test Plot & Open House
- slightly too early to know what will take place
- good market for hay & silage

Ted Lindquist - Parry Sound

- nothing specific for on-farm projects
- working on the producer - consumer relationship

Bob Landis/George Struyk - Cochrane North

- ash application on fields will be tried this year
- alfalfa (multi leaf 8920 MF Pickseed) will be demonstrated with a standard variety on 2 farms
- annual picnic - to view project and a social gathering
- hay situation:
 - some coming from Montréal
 - reduction in herd size (beef)
 - 42% of normal yield in '92

John Hawdon - Algoma

- pasture information day held recently (Ann Clark)
- projects: looking at barlage and looking for a higher energy feed

Morden Leeson - Manitoulin

- spring has arrived
- moisture could be low if we do not get any rain
- hay is moving fast (out of the island)
- shortage of grain (screening pellets from Thunder Bay)
- project: line wrapper for big bale silage (Man. SCIA)
- farmer's week - crop session focused on E.F.P.
- biggest turnout at the annual meeting

Cochrane South

(Albert Helin was tied up today with a milk committee meeting.)

- project: no-till drill for pasture renovation

David Emiry - Sudbury

- David had been away and was not aware if a project meeting had occurred.

Chuck Jacobs

- inquired on the germination levels of cereal seed. How bad was it?

Daniel mentioned that there was a lot of variation later maturing crop seems to be worse, i.e.: oat vs barley.

According to Ag Canada people almost half of the TEM acreage for seed will not make the germ test levels required. Please, if you plan in using your own seed do a germination test on the seed lot.

- Heritage Fund if everything goes well - should be an announcement mid-april '93.

Proposal from OFA: ✓ capital assets Loan 0% interest
 ✓ drainage ?? forgettable type of
 ✓ fencing? loan.

The proposal must focus on economical benefits, not environmental benefits.

CONFERENCE REVIEW

- ideas on the format, Friday/Saturday is fine
- gives you some time to drive to the conference on the Friday
- one day format could be too crowded
- a switch to the weekend has been positive on the attendance
- we need to draw more people on the Friday afternoon
- N.O.F.M.A. might be willing to come back this year
- library should be open for the 2 days for outside visitors
- have a Soil & Crop day by the Association and ask the college to look at the other commodities
- what are the responsibilities of the NEOSCIA with other provincial programs, ex.: LSII, E.F.P.

FORAGE/SEED SHOW - Update by Graham Gambles

- re: the lost award, to replace will cost ± \$25-\$30 range (Nova Scotia, to upgrade to a stand-up trophy ± \$55 (20"))

MOTION 3: To replace the lost trophy with a stand-up type of a value of approx. \$75.00 and to approach the various trophy sponsors for keeper's plaques.

Moved by: Martin Smits
Seconded by: George Struyk

Carried.

That the forage and seed show could be moved to the arena.

UPDATE ON SUMMER TOUR - via phone with Walker Riley

- same proposal format July 23rd & 24th to finish with a BBQ & dance at Boggarts
- OATI funding? Looking into it.
- will send a press release to the news papers

Comments from Walker on the conference:

- ✓ "SUPERB CONFERENCE"
- ✓ Expenses & income allocations between NLCAT & NEOSCIA maybe should be:

NEOSCIA	-	annual meeting, seed show & banquet
NLCAT	-	trade show, speakers' expenses

REVIEW OF THE CONFERENCE WITH BECKY ON THE SPEAKER PHONE

Becky reviewed the attendance in each session in comparison to 1992.

Conclusion: # of registration is up compared to 1992
 # were down however at some of the speaker sessions

Discussion on the allocation of income and expenses between NLCAT & NEOSCIA.

MOTION 4: Re: Allocation of the income and expenses.

- The NEOSCIA will look after the: banquet, seed show, award of merit, income and expenses. As well, NLCAT will look after the speakers, the trade show, publicity, income and expenses.

Moved by: Martin Smits
Seconded by: Ted Lindquist

Carried.

Comments regarding the Trade Show survey compiled by Jim Johnston, NLCAT:

- 29 out of 36 exhibitors will definitely attend the Trade Show in 1994.

SUGGESTIONS FOR '94 (from the organizers)

- Farm & Safety Show moved inside the arena (sides)
- no concurrent session
- banquet on the Friday night?
- award presentation at lunch
- Friday P.M. - joint session with a high profile "key note speaker"

SUGGESTED FORMAT (from the group)

- Friday P.M. - joint session with Trade Show & Farm Safety Show
- Saturday: A.M. - breakfast meeting
 - concurrent session
- P.M. - joint session with Trade Show Banquet (maybe slightly earlier)
- directors to chair the sessions - a list will be prepared at the Fall meeting of the director's moderating the sessions
- major grant project report to be presented
- condense the program
- promote the library
- student lounge could be used, have video running, ex.: Town & Country "A Place to Relax"

N.E.O.S.C.I.A.

Directors Meeting

October 22, 1993, in Sudbury

Present: Ted Lindquist David Emiry
 John Hawdon Daniel Tassé
 Morden Leeson
 Albert Helin

The meeting started at 10:40 A.M. by reviewing the agenda on the board. David mentioned that we would talk to Becky Hughes via the speaker phone in a few minutes, to talk about the conference for next year.

At 11:00 o'clock we had Becky on the phone. She started with a brief update on the situation at the college. As of now, the tissue culture, sheep, beef and agronomy research will continue. Fourteen employees will remain on staff, including 3 professionals (Jim Johnston, John Rowsell and Becky Hughes).

Becky mentioned it would be a good idea to adapt the conference, to the facilities that will be available in 1995. We should have access to the arena including, two classrooms upstairs and the OMAF boardroom. She confirmed that, yes, there will be a conference next year. A few suggestions from the staff and from the directors:

- similar format, Friday evening and Saturday.
- have the forage and seed show in the arena.
- should we drop the Friday session (no speaker)?
- we could start the trade show earlier ex: 2:00 P.M.
- open the upstairs for entertainment and refreshments.

Question

Will the farmers travel for a one day conference (with speakers)?

Answer

The board thought that for many farmers, it would be easier to get away just for one day ex: farmers from Nipissing can leave after their chores.

More discussion on the conference;

- Date; February 25 & 26, 1994.
- agreed to have the Saturday evening banquet.
- Forage and seed show, have the exhibits by 9:00 am Saturday, this will give the exhibitors enough time if they are only coming for the one day.
- suggested for the Saturday ..7:00 am breakfast meeting
 - 10:00 - 12:00 one session
 - 1:30 - 5:00 pm two session

IDEAS for SPEAKERS !

- we need High Profile Speakers to attract people for one day.
- possibility of a Farm Safety session, Friday evening, boardroom.
- marketing cereals for human consumption, ie; barley for soup ...
- directors mentionned that they like farmers' panel.
- any ideas for the farmers market group ?
- a farmers' panel on total mixed ration it is a hot topic these days
- update on gouvernement programs.
- pasture topics , maybe some info. on the annual forages (fairly popular in Sudbury area)
- results of the NLCAT pasture trials
- Forages the group agreed that we need a good speaker/topic on this matter , since it is important to all livestock farmers.
- Daniel suggested the name of Harvey Wright who spoke at a recent conference in Guelph "Focus on Forages and Dairy Feeding".
- the 1993 feed analysis why is the protein so low ?
- we also need topics that will interest beef producers.
- Farmers' panel on their Rotationnal grazing system
potential participants: Klaus Wand (Nipissing)
Walker Riley (Muskoka)
Darlene Bowen (Tem.)
Jim Johnston (Tem.)
Louise Turcot (Sud.)
(check with Tom H. and Brian B.)

PUBLICITY -----

- advertise in local agricultural bulletins, is working well.
- have the entire program advertised more than once.
- directors would like 3-5 posters to put up in their area.
- Daniel asked if the directors could promote the conference at their local soil and crop functions.

Forage and seed show -----

- will the NEOSCIA directors look after the promotion .
- should update the rules and regulations.
- send a package to the directors incl.(bags, rules & regulations)

PM - after lunch -----

ROLE CALL:

John Hawdon: Algoma

- wet spring, late seeded grain did well.
- very low yields of grain, most came off.
- alot of hay however the quality is low.
- market gardners are having problems with the deers in their crops.

Projects: 2 cut barlage project, was too wet.

- legumes & grasses (various mixtures) demo at L.S.D. ranch.

Ted Lindquist: Parry Sound

- good but late hay season.
- some grain left in the fields less than 10 %.
- second cut not very good.
- pastures did not produce that well.
- grains harvested second week of August.

Projects: had a local tour recently with M.P.'s

Albert Helin: Cochrane South.

- wet spring, 4 wks between early and late seeding.
- 1st cut started just after, excellent crop.
- alot of hay in the area, weak market.
- weather was not favourable for hay, more silage put up.
- fall; ugly very poor harvesting situation for the late seeded crops.
- cows have been inside since Oct. 1st.

Projects: purchased an Agrow drill (sod seeded) at the end of June.
\$ 14,500 and received 5,000 from OSCIA (major grant), 4
farmers have tried it so far, they seem happy with the results.

- have a bale wrapper (Beaudoin) new in the area.
- new... sod farmer tried 5 ac. A. Legault (Timmins)

Morden Leeson: Manitoulin

- similar weather to other areas, wet & cold in the early part.
- more certified seed purchased this year due to the low germ. after last years' crop.
- alot of hay & good pasture.
- some grain still standing.

Projects: - local SCIA meetings are well attended.

- Man SCIA purchased a bale wrapper.
- projects for 1993 ??

David Emiry: Sudbury

- similar weather conditions.
- grain in mid - late May.
- mid June seeding came off at the same time, lower yields below average this year.
- good year for oats.
- alot of hay this year.
- pastures held up good frequent showers this summer.

Daniel Tassé: for Temiskaming.

- less cereals acreage last spring, lower yields ie; barley 1.0 - 1.25 m.t./ac. and low bushel weights 41 - 47 lbs.
- too hot for the canola in July & August = lower yields .5 - .7 m.t./ac. however the quality was good.
- good yield of hay and silage, more grasses in the first cut = lower quality.
- alot of interest in winter wheat, 1,000 - 1,500 ac. planted this fall. winter survival ???
- fababeans did very well this year; 60 ac. yielded 1.6 m.t./ac. on Sept. 25 th at 16 % moisture, protein is around 25 %.
- good returns per acre on B.F.T. seed prod. 100 - 300 lbs/ac. at .60 - 1.50 \$/lbs.

SUMMER TOUR -----

Walker Riley joined us via the speaker phone, (had a sore foot was not able to attend.)

A report prepared by Gordon Mitchell and Walker was circulated to the directors. The report included a list of the people who attended, (5 districts were not represented) and reasons why the attendance is so low. The conclusion "It is time to let it go" Every year there is alot of time and energy in organizing the tour for a hand full of farmers.

Discussion: If we drop the summer tour what will be left for the association? We must also keep in mind that it might be difficult to re-initiate once it is go one year (David). Next year the tour should be in Temiskaming district. Daniel mentionned that the Tem.SCIA are willing to organize the 1994 summer tour. Albert mentionned that we should try it for another year since Tem. district has the most to offer in the North east in agriculture. Daniel also mentionned that they would probably combine their annual crops tour with the NEOSCIA tour to have more local (normaly 35 will attend) The board agreed to have it one more year and then see. The 1994 summer tour is supported by the board.

Suggestions and ideas;

- week-ends are good, maybe try the long week-end of August.
- have a friday / saturday or even saturday /sunday.
- visit, Tem-Grain, Feed Rite or Labonté.

- one canola stop.
- agronomy ressearch at the college (supper and evening tour)
- fababeans at M. Geurtz.
- rasberries in Haileybury.
- a few non farm stops.
- accomodation; advertise the bed and breakfast in the area.

Correspondence: David mentionned that the NEOSCIA sent a letter of support to the coalition, to prevent the complete closure of NLCAT. The letter was circulate to the directors (see attached). A letter was also sent recently to the minister of education to support the proposition of Northern college interest in the NLCAT campus??

Financial Report:

Daniel presented briefly 2 overheads, one was the income and expenses statement as of Oct. 15 th. Income 3,775.25

Expenses 2,591.15

Balance 1,184.10

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... the second one was the breakdown of the receipts and exp. of the conference. The ass. made \$ 210.87 ,keep in mind that we have a defficit with the conference (+/- \$500) but we get \$ 750.00 back from the OSCIA.

Motion # 1 by; Ted, Albert.

- to adopt the minutes of the last meeting, sent to the directors approximetly 10 days ago.

Motion # 2 by; John, Albert.

- to adjourn the meeting. 3:15 pm.

NEOSCIA ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1994

OMAF BOARD ROOM - 8:10 A.M.

Good turnout from all the districts in the north. (28 persons in attendance.)

Motion 1

Moved by: Ted Lindquist
Seconded by: Morden Leeson

That the Agenda be approved as presented.

Carried.

Motion 2

Moved by: Steve Mailloux
Seconded by: Albert Helin

That the minutes of the last annual meeting be accepted as read.

Carried.

Motion 3

Moved by: Ted Lindquist
Seconded by: Barry Potter

That the financial statement be approved (see attachment).

Carried.

Daniel presented the detailed financial statement of the conference.

OSCIA DIRECTORS - Owen Legge has resigned as a Provincial Director for Sudbury/Nipissing and Manitoulin.

Glen Miller

- good meeting in Toronto, a lot of discussion on the EFP
- \$600 last year for education, this year it will be \$1,000
- serving on the science and research committee
- Ag in the classroom program
- will be on the resolutions committee
- what happened from Manitoulin resolution re. pesticide?

George Struyk

- a lot of resolution this year.
- resolution from (Pesticide-Manitoulin) was carried
- major grant report to be presented at the NEOSCIA Annual Meeting (ask the assoc. ahead of time)
- Ontario Forage Council Committee - George Stryck

Manitoulin - Morden

- good spring, but a lot of rain afterwards
- a lot of hay
- difficult harvesting season (fall)
- bale wrapper used on 6-7 farms, heavy bales, too wet
- Manitoulin will host Cattlemen Summer Tour
- letters (resolution) to MTO for slow vehicle signs
- a lot of new seeding
- a lot of coyotes and wolves. Tough on sheep and calves

Slow moving vehicle signs: Graham commented, no legal method to have them on provincial highway, it is OK on county road.

Temiskaming - David

- some of the projects were not completed
- 2,000 acres of winter wheat
- not a lot of snow
- more no till work in the area
- a few cooperators working on lupins/fababeans
- surface compaction last spring

Sudbury - Ray Langlois

- corn planting not very successful
- lupins tried - not a success
- turnips with oats, barley, peas for pasture

Parry Sound - Ted Linquist

- dry year compared to 1992
- very dry after seeding
- no major projects
- involved in E.F.P.

Nipissing - Rhéal Brovilllette

- good year
- farm tour - a lot of disease in the barley
- oat yield was very good and canola
- open house at Verner test site
- a lot of hay, difficult haying weather

Muskoka - Walker Riley and Joanne Bogart

- good year for strawberries, a lot of early frost
- difficult for sweet corn
- pattern of the corn heat units was disturbing
- excellent clover year
- late hay season, very thick and heavy, a lot of it
- Summer Tour
- good tour, wide variety of farms, trout farm, greenhouses, pastures and cattle
- really disappointed in the attendance

Cochrane North - Andrew Dodds

- no special project
- annual picnic - potluck well attended, 70
- ash project - spread on a few farms, to increase ph, visual effect, spread with a manure spreader
- still have the mini tiller

Cochrane South - Albert Helin

- cold and wet spring
- excellent hay crop, lower proteins
- harvesting - fall - wet - not a lot of straw harvested
- AGRO DRILL - pasture renovation, good results shared amongst 23 farmers - \$100/day
- farmers' market, a real good turnout
- new sod farmer

Algoma - John *HAWDON*

- wet spring
- late seeded spring
- a lot of hay, lower protein, high fibre
- good underseeding and pasture
- a lot of grain was not harvested
- forages various mixture on LSD ranch
- barley for silage, 2 cuts did work, too wet

AWARD OF MERIT 1994

Presentation:

<u>TO</u>		<u>BY</u>
Robert Veitch	-	Jim Clarke
Walter Roy Smith	-	Reg Lentir
Rhéal Brouillette	-	Maurice Rainville
Orville Johnson Family	-	Walker Riley

Albert, Steve & Reg - to review the 4 Awards of Merit for 1995

FORAGE AND SEED SHOW - Graham Gambles

- new, we have keeper plaque for 6 out 7 champions
- none for T.F.A. - what should we do about it?

Potato Show from CIBA - Geigy

- new this year
- display situation with the trophies at NLCAT
- Options: - put them in a box?
- to each individual areas?
- Science North?

T.F.A. - keeper plaque

Motion: Keeper plaque is the responsibility of the OFA not the
NEOSCIA
Reg Lentir
Barry Potter

Carried

Graham will approach Science North to have an agricultural display.

Motion: Daren Gray
Ray Langlois

Carried

Motion: Walker Riley
Ted Lindquist

If we do not get a place at the Science North, the OMAF office is an alternative.

Carried

SUMMER TOUR

- tentative agenda - July 22 & 23rd
noon hour on the 22nd
barbecue Friday evening
Saturday

Resolutions

- David Emiry read the resolution from Manitoulin to OSCIA re: pesticide containers.
- Resolution read by Darren re. land preservation - college research.

Moved by: Darren Gray
Seconded by: Albert Helin

Carried

Suggested by Glenn to condense the resolution re. land preservation
For NEOSCIA the priority is to develop the local one. Check into
"Heritage Site" maybe Federal Legislation.

Second resolution to be submitted to :

- Elmer Buchanan OMAF
- Floyd Laughren Minister of Finance
- Shelly Martel Minister of Northern Development & Mines
- Francis Lankin Management Board Secretariat

(local to be site specific for NLCAT - 300 ft strip)

Seconded by - Graham Gambles
- Ted Lindquist

Discussion on the value of tile drainage

NEW BUSINESS

This is a heritage site - Federal
Municipal Affairs

Motion: To look at the Federal avenues re. Heritage site for the
NLCAT land preservation

John McLaughlan

Ted Lindquist

Carried

Bradley's Abattoir in Sudbury
- to be brought up at the spring director's meeting in April
- referred to April meeting - Conrad Bradley will be invited

DIRECTORS' MEETING at 12:00 Noon - OMAF Board Room

- check for old minutes at NOARC before they close

Motion: Reg Lentir
Morden Leeson

Carried

PRESIDENT POSITION:

- Ask David Emiry for one more term as President

Nomination: David Emiry by Ted Lindquist
Closed by: Ray Langlois

VICE-PRESIDENT

David nominated John
Ted moved that the nominations be closed.

John declined

Reopened the nominations

Albert nominated by Ted
Joanne nominated by David

Nominations closed by John

Joanne declined and Ted Lindquist accepted.

Joanne Bogart will accept Second Vice-President

SECRETARY-TREASURER

Ray moved to appoint Daniel Tassé
Seconded - Albert Helin

Daniel Tassé accepted the Secretary-Treasurer position

Next meeting end of March on a Tuesday if possible. (John avoid
Wednesday)

avoid March 16 - Sudbury Soil & Crop

AWARD OF MERIT

Albert, Steve and Reg reviewed and approved.

Approved the nomination:

Ted Lindquist - Parry Sound
Wallace Mooney - Sudbury
Stanley Pollard - Algoma
Robert Hill - Manitoulin

Resolution:

WHEREAS huge sums of taxpayers dollars have been spent over many decades in the DEVELOPMENT of the publicly owned NLCAT research land, while very few dollars are spent annually in the MAINTENANCE of the said lands, and

WHEREAS a long known history of various influencing factors (ie. climatic history, soil type, soil management, drainage, tilth, pesticide use, productivity, etc.) is essential to credible agricultural research, and

WHEREAS the current agricultural research site contains both regional crop trials and long term studies into drainage tile, tilth, erosion control, forage trials, etc., as well as large scale field trials under controlled influences, and

WHEREAS it would require a great infusion of taxpayer's dollars to replace the NLCAT agricultural scientific research site in the future,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture & Food and the Ontario Ministry of Government Services develop a policy to identify all current provincially controlled agricultural research lands at the site known as the NEW LISKEARD COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY, as a PERMANENT SCIENTIFIC RESERVE, to be used exclusively for agricultural research programs, for all time.

* The members of the North Eastern Ontario Soil And Crop Improvement Association directed their Board of Directors to develop this resolution at their Annual Meeting, February 26, 1994.

*To Be Condensed
(given to George Sturk
& Glen Miller
for OSCIR)*

Resolution:

- WHEREAS millions of taxpayers dollars have been spent over many decades in the development of publicly owned research land for the agricultural sciences, and
- WHEREAS very few dollars are spent annually in the MAINTENANCE of the said lands, and
- WHEREAS a long known history of various influencing factors (ie. climatic history, natural fertility, soil management, pesticide use, productivity, etc.) is essential to credible agricultural research, and
- WHEREAS soil types must be representative of a region, and
- WHEREAS current agricultural research sites may contain long term studies into drainage tile, soil compaction and erosion, windrow and reforestation research, forage trials, etc., and
- WHEREAS regional crop trials are essential to economically successful regional agriculture, and
- WHEREAS large scale field trials under controlled influences are essential for farmers to appreciate the viability of specific crop management proposals, and
- WHEREAS from a management perspective, a research site that is immediately adjacent to an experimental farm's building infrastructure is essential to the economic viability of that research site, and
- WHEREAS it would take a great infusion of taxpayer's dollars to replace an agricultural scientific research site in the future, and
- WHEREAS other government agencies have declared certain land parcels to be off-limits to all land uses other than those specifically identified purposes (ie. Ministry of Natural Resources "ANSI" -Area of Natural or Scientific Importance-program),
- THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture & Food and the Ontario Ministry of Government Services develop a policy to identify all current provincially controlled agricultural research lands as a PERMANENT SCIENTIFIC RESERVE, to be used exclusively for agricultural research programs, for all time.

* The members of the Timiskaming Soil And Crop Improvement Association directed their Board of Directors to develop this resolution at the 1994 Annual Meeting, January 14, 1994.

RESOLUTION

"SCIENTIFIC RESERVES FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH" *

Prologue

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The Town of new Liskeard has, for some years, been trying to persuade the Government to cede this research land to them in order that they may redevelop the property for commercial uses. The Town Council is continuing to make this demand of the Government, despite the current agreement to maintain the site as a research facility. Representatives of the New Liskeard Council intend to continue to press the Government officials in the future, until the land is eventually ceded to them for "alternate" land uses.

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Directors's Meeting
Sudbury April 12/1994

Present: Darren Gray
George Struyk
Ted Lindquist
Glen Miller
Joanne Bogart
David Emiry

Becky Hughes
Graham Gambles
Rhéal Brouillette
Albert Helin
Daniel Tassé

10:20 David welcome the group. The agenda is posted on the board.

Motion 1) to adopt the proposed agenda. Ted , Glen, carried.

The traditionnal role call has been deleted to make more time on the program for other issues. Daniel read the minutes of the last director's meeting of October 22/93.

Motion 2) to adopt the minutes as read. Darren, George, carried.

Land preservation at NLCAT; Graham gave a report on the situation to preserve the 300 ft strip Hwy 11B for agronomy ressearch that the town of New Liskeard would like to have for commercial development. A resolution was presented at the annual meeting of the NEOSCIA which has been shortenned (see attachement). Northern College are still investigating their options in relation to the NLCAT campus. Heritage site protection (federal) has not been looked into at this momment. David read the resolution. Discussion; this resolution has no effect on the proposal of Northern College.

Motion 3) a motion to forward this resolution to the appropriate people. Ted , Albert, carried.

Northern College proposal; Graham sits on the board of governors of N.C. At the momment they are working with Ben Serré to have a training site for foreign students. Roy Carlyle dean of the

Haileybury campus has a goal of enrolling 200 foreign students at the five campus. N.C. have asked the Ont. gov,nt for a month delay to hold on to the NLCAT facilities until their plan is in place . Graham asked the directors to identify two persons from their district who would consider siting on an advisory board of N.C. These persons would have to identify the needs of their area, # of potential students, type of Ag courses required etc. The representatives of each districts will be selected by N.College Motion 4) each directors will forward two names to Daniel by May 1st who will then be sent to Graham. Rhéal , Albert, carried.

The association has to inform Algoma ,Manitoulin and Coch. North districts who are not represented here today.

Forage and seed show: update by Graham.

Discussion on; It has been brought up that we receive entries under company names and at the same time the individual. It is agreed by the directors that we have to go by the name of the paid membership We have to rely on the list supplied by the association. We should also send a reminder (via the OMAFRA newsletter) in the fall for the exhibitors to collect their samples.

Proposal by Graham to add a trophy for Haylage/Silage Reserve Champion due to the numbers of entries.

Motion 5) to approve Feed Rite as the new trophy for the Reserve Grand Champion Haylage/Silage exhibitor. Darren, Ted, carried.

Trophy display ; Science North are not interested at this time unless related to soil erosion. The backup plan was to gather up the trophies and have them viewed in the OMAFRA office (New Liskeard). Tags for exhibitors - the college has a good supply.

Conference review: by Becky

Becky presented the attendance report (see attachement). 456 people attended . 39 people filled the evaluation = 4.3 on a 5 point scale. Facilities were not rated very well (mezannine) ,some small improvement can be made next year. Trade show exhibitors were happy continous flow, good location for the Forage & Seed show.

Planning for 1995:

- banquet location were will it go ??

Breault's Motel do they have the room ? with all the rooms occupied during the conference would they cover the hall rental ?

pm: conference review and planning continues...

- child care do we need it ?? No not enough demand.
- annual meeting (breakfast) suggested to move it to Breault's since many people are staying there anyway. ask for a buffet
- Friday speaker session ? leave it as it is ! good attendance.
- Tem Grain program on the friday should be linked for advertising.
- Directors' help to organize will be needed next year, since there is less staff around to help. What is feasible for the group ?
- would they help to set up the banquet ? speaker, meal & hall rental. could be addressed at the fall meeting in October.
- date for the conference; February 24 th and 25 th 1995.
- should propose to Tem Grain the pm session only leave the morning out.
- starting time 10:00 am os OK.
- hall rental.. Darren will look for a church group_____?

OSCIA Directors' position for SUD-ALG-MAN ;

- the directors' position will stay vacant until the annual OSCIA of 1995. If Sudbury fail to appoint someone it will be up to Algoma district.

Glenn Miller; sits on OSMRC, AG in the classroom and the resolution committee. Glenn would like to receive a copy of the northern resolutions , so he can review them for the presentation.

George Struyk; is involved with the Forage Council of Ontario. We need to know what is there mandate. OFC - 2 soil & crop directors seed growers, researchers, companies.

We will find out more at the summer tour.

Motion 6) the NEOSCIA is to send a letter to asked to be included for the \$ 1,000 grant available this year from OSCIA. Albert, Ted.

Directors's Expenses; Daniel explained that the NEOSCIA directors are entitled to \$ 500 per year. This does not go very far with 10 directors that meet 2-3 times per year. What do we do ? It was suggested that the directors will have to go to their local association for support \$\$\$.

New treasurer; Daniel explained that in order to cut back on the duplication of bookkeeping it would be logical that Becky carries out the responsibilities of treasurer of the NEOSCIA.

Motion 7) to appoint Becky Hughes as the treasurer of the NEOSCIA.
by: Ted, Joanne, carried. Becky accept.

Motion 8) 3:00 pm to adjourn, by Glenn and Joanne. **The end !**

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NEOSCIA ANNUAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 25, 1995

ALL SEASON MOTOR INN

Called to order 8:05 by David Emiry. He mentioned that he was glad to see such a good turnout this morning. David said we have to clarify who has a vote if it comes to it. According to an ammendment of the constitution only the directors (or an appointed substitute) has a vote therefore one vote per district.

Motion 1: Approval of the agenda as presented.

Moved by: Ted Lindquist, Albert Helin.

CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Presented by Becky Hughes as of December 31, 1994. Balance \$909.59 - money from the OSCIA (grant) received in January of 1995 to be added.
- Discussion on the \$500.00 director's expenses not claimed yet in 1994.
- Affiliation fees from Muskoka and Sudbury not yet received.

Motion 2: To accept the treasurer's report.

Moved by: Tom Murdock, Ted Lindquist.

CARRIED

Motion 3: To close the savings account

Moved by: Daren Gray, Albert Helin

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

- Letter from Doug Wagner re. \$1,000.00 educational grant (see attached letter from Doug Wagner). Should have \$1,000.00 available again in 1995.

MINUTES

- Read by Daniel Tassé.

Moved by: Morden Leeson, Steve Mailloux.

CARRIED

- Errors or omissions re. Owen Legge represents Algoma, not Nipissing district.

Glen Miller:

- Good meeting at the OSCIA annual.
- Presently on the Soil Research committee
- Discussion that the executive of the OSCIA is willing to come up to meet the local associations.
- Was on the resolution committee. Resolutions were well prepared. Congratulations to Graham Gambles re. land preservation resolution submitted at the last meeting.

George Stryck:

- Every Director (provincial) is on one committee.
- He is on the Ontario Forage Council
- OSCIA very busy with the Environmental Farm Plan
- Major grants still available in 1995
- Ontario Forage Masters is on this year
- Would like to know your project ideas for next summer
- Two delegates of the Forage Council would like to attend the 1995 summer tour.

Steve Mailloux:

- Replacing Owen Legge - will represent Algoma, Manitoulin, Sudbury.
- Just came on as a Provincial Director
- Sub-committee, soil management & research committee

OTHER QUESTIONS FOR THE DIRECTORS

- Agriculture in the classroom; a local day is organized in Temiskaming. What is available from OSCIA? Glen commented they are in an advisory capacity.
- Discussion on manure research going on around the province.

AWARD OF MERIT PRESENTATIONS FOR 1995

		<u>Recipient</u>
Sudbury	Steve Mailloux or	<i>Wallace Mooney</i>
	David Emiry	Not present
Algoma	Tom Murdock	Present <i>STAN POLLARD</i>
Manitoulin	Bill Orfort	Not present <i>ROBERT HILL</i>
Parry Sound	Glen Miller	Present <i>TED LINQUIST</i>

REVIEW COMMITTEE 1996 AWARDS

Steve Mailloux, Albert Helin, Martin Smits will review the 1996 Awards of Merit nominations.

FORAGE & SEED SHOW (by Graham Gamble)

- New award "CIBA" for potatoes
- New trophy "Feed Rite" for Reserve Champion Haylage
- Keeper plaque for every award except TFA. He would like to know "what are the activities of the Chairman"?
- There is less OMAFRA staff available
- Rules & Regulations updated by Daniel Tassé
- Don & Matt have worked. (Don may retire.)
- Arranging for the judges and ribbons?
- Do we need a committee?
- Maybe the Directors can look after it - to be discussed at the next Directors' meeting - 2 more people + Matt & Don.

Graham is willing to help out.

Motion 4: To address this at the spring meeting.

Moved by: Ted, Albert Helin

CARRIED

- Display of the awards

- A few companies would be interested in displaying their trophy at their office
- Maybe have a picture of the recipient for the local newspaper
- Nipissing District display at the Municipal Office. To be brought up at the spring Directors' Meeting.
- For the time being, the companies who want to display can do so.

AFFILIATION FEES

- Have been at \$25.00/year; should it change?
- Should be brought up at the local level first
- \$500.00 special for travelling expenses
- District Directors or appointed person should address this at the next meeting.

Motion by Ted Lindquist, Albert Helin

CARRIED

SUMMER TOUR

- 1994 - Darren Gray reported from Temiskaming District
- 55-60 attended last summer
- Good weather for BBQ
- Applied for the \$1,000.00 - did not break even \$
- Organizing committee must keep the planning flexible
- Algoma's turn for 1996 if they want to host. Tom Murdock will bring it up to his local and get back to us.

RESOLUTIONS

- Any resolutions
- David read the resolution from Graham Gambles re. land preservation. Was endorsed by the OSCIA 65 votes to 2 - was carried at the Annual Meeting - went to OMAFRA.
- Response should come back to NEOSCIA. TFA are also involved.
- Glen Miller mentionned that it is very important to have a representative of the area to back-up the resolution

NEW BUSINESS

David: - Each District Director should nominate 2 people for the Advisory Committee to Northern College.

Sudbury:	Jackie Emiry, Christine Shoulen
Algoma:	? (Tom Murdock will check) <i>9 LESS HILLSTROM</i>
Nipissing:	Gerald Beaudry, Maurice Rainville
Cochrane S.:	??? <i>SANDRA SCOTT</i>
Manitoulin:	??? <i>OWEN LEWIS, JOHN McENAGHTON</i>
Temiskaming:	Represented by Coalition
Cochrane N.:	Dave Hackett
Muskoka:	Joanne Bogart, Anne Quinton - send to Gerard Chalifoux, new Dean of Northern College.

PS: Claus Wand, Ted Lindquist

- Letter from Eugene Whelan (read by Graham). "What are farmers looking for in terms of education programs in the future?". Must reply by February 28, 1995.

Graham: - Also sits on the Board of Directors
- Northern College will become unilingual college.
College Boréal will look after the french programs for
the North. Northern College may loose 10-15% of
present students.

Motion: To re-establish the Northern Ont.
Agricultural education programs.

Moved by: Morden Leeson, Bob Landis

CARRIED

Send a letter to Eugene Whelan.
- Short notice from Mr. Whelan

Adjourned: Morden Leeson, Rhéal Brouillette - 9:45.

Last year for George Stryck - 10th year 1995.

New Executive 1995.

DIRECTORS' MEETING

- ELECTION:** - NEW EXECUTIVE
- DATE/TIME:** - Friday, April 7, 1995 - check with the
Sudbury OMFRA office for a date. (back-up
date: April 6)
- 10:00 A.M.

1995 Executive:

President: Nominated: Ted
Nominated by: Morden
Closed by: Albert

Ted accepts the position of President.

1st Vice-President: Nominated: Joanne Bogart
Nominated by: Rhéal
Closed by: Tom

**Joanne is not present, therefore we will
ask if she wants to stand.**

2nd Vice-President: Nominated: Rhéal Brouillette
Nominated by: Tom
Closed by: Morden

Rhéal Brouillette accepts.

Secretary: Nominated: Daniel Tassé
Nominated by: Albert
Closed by: Ted

Daniel Tassé accepts for one more year.

Treasurer: Nominated: Becky Hughes
Nominated by: Morden
Closed by: Albert

**Daniel Tassé will check with Becky.
Leave the Associate Directors out for
now.**

N.E.O.S.C.I.A.

EXECUTIVE 1995

President	Ted Lindquist
1st Vice President	Joanne Bogart
2nd Vice President	Rhéal Brouillette
Secretary	Daniel Tassé
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District Directors:

Algoma	Tom Murdock	RR#1, Richards Landing, POR 1JO	246-2679
Cochrane N.	Bob Landis	Hunta, POL-1PO	272-6306
Cochrane S.	Albert Helin	RR2, Timmins P4N 7C3	268-9268
Cochrane W.	Loyola Sylvains	RR#1 Kapuskasing, P5N 2X7	335-4910
Manitoulin	Morden Leeson	RR#2, Manitowaning, POP 1NO	859-3915
Muskoka	Joanne Bogart <i>John Melaghlin</i>	RR#2 Utterson POB 1MO	769-3861 <i>3342</i>
Nipissing	Rhéal Brouillette	RR1, Verner POH 2MO	594-2207
Parry Sound	Ted Linquist	RR3, Powassan POH 1ZO	724-2705
Sudbury	David Emiry	RR2, Massey POP 1PO	865-2760
Temiskaming	Darren Gray	RR1, New Liskeard POP 1PO	647-9465
OSCIA Algoma - Manitoulin - Sudbury:		Walford Station POP 2EO	844-2888
OSCIA Nipissing - Parry Sound - Muskoka:		RR3, Burks Falls POA 1CO	382-2030
OSCIA Timiskaming - Cochrane		RR2, Cochrane POL 1CO	272-5672
Steve Mailloux			
Glenn Miller			
George Struyk			

Associate Directors:

Conference Chairperson	NLARS, Box G	
Becky Hughes	New Liskeard POJ 1PO	647-6701
Forage and Seed Show Chairperson	Box 586	
Graham Gambles	Haileybury, POJ 1KO	672-3105
OMAFRA Field Services Manager	1500 Fisher st. suite 201	1-800-461-6132
Claude Péloquin	North Bay P1B 2H3	474-3050
NARS Northern Station Manager	NLARS, Box "G"	
John Rowsell	New Liskeard, POJ 1PO	647-6701

March 1, 1995

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OSCIA Algoma - Manitoulin - Sudbury:	Steve Mailloux	Walford Station P0P 2E0	844-2888
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OSCIA Timiskaming - Cochrane	Graham Gambles	Box 586, Haileybury P0J 1K0	672-3105
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Forage and Seed Show Chairperson	Peter Tuinema	R.R.#1, Thornloe P0J 1S0	563-8059
OMAFRA Field Services Manager	Claude Péloquin	Box 521, Caldwell Township Highway 64, P0H 2M0	594-2312
NLARS Northern Station Manager	John Rowsell	NLARS, Box "G" New Liskeard, P0J 1P0	647-6701

January 31, 1997

NEOSCIA ANNUAL MEETING (20 People)

FEBRUARY 24TH, 1996

BREAULT'S MOTOR INN

8:00 Breakfast meeting

Called to order at 8:00 by President Ted Lindquist. He welcomed everyone and thanked the organizing committee.

Motion 1: Approval of the agenda as presented.

Moved by: Morden Leeson, Glen Miller

CARRIED

MINUTES

- Read by Daniel Tassé.

Moved by: Bill Orford, Rhéal Brouillette

CARRIED

- Discussion on the Minutes:- Errors or omissions from David Emiry re. directors and the voting delegate each have a vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Presented by Becky Hughes as of December 31, 1995.

Receipts = \$5,086.59

Expenses = 3,583.19

BALANCE = \$1,503.40

Motion 2: To accept the treasurer's report.

Moved by: Darren Gray, Gerald Beaudry

CARRIED

- The statements were not audited but reviewed by the C.I.B.C. loan officer.

REPORT FROM OSCIA'S DIRECTORS

Glen Miller:

- Ontario Soil Management Research Committee
- Ag in the Classroom committee
- Resolution committee. "Lobbying" removed as it is not (OSCIA) a lobbying organization. Good resolutions changed to demand or request.
- OSMRC: soil sampling 1994 - 65,000 samples taken. Should be 100,000 samples.
- Grants have been cut: educational \$500.00, Major Grant \$4,000.00 (1996), \$3,000.00 (1997).
- 1996 will be the last year for Glen Miller. He has been Director for 7 years.

Steve Mailloux:

- Director for Sudbury/Manitoulin and Algoma
- Field Crops committee, subcommittee of OSMRC. \$ same as last year.
- Resolutions: 2 from North East
 - 1) Farm Tax rebate. 73/0 carried from Manitoulin
 - 2) Sudbury: Top Soil Preservation Act. 1997 act to be revised to: (see minutes of OSCIA annual) 64/4 carried.
- OSCIA: Agriculture Weather Service Plan working with Environment Canada. Steve made some comments on emergency tubes.
- Executive of OSCIA are willing to come up next year for the conference.
- Jim Fisher, 1st Vice, was up for a Forage Council workshop.

Graham Gambles:

- Is replacing George Stryck (Temiskaming/Cochrane District)
- Waste Utilization committee
- Field crop under the OSMRC

Comments from Gerald Beaudry: OSCIA, should take the lead to market the "emergency tubes". Distributed by OSCIA (it is coming out of the E.F.P.). Pilot projects (5-6 counties) are studying to see how well they are received and would have to be used by all property owners in a township. Must also be updated, how often ?, etc.

Emergency tubes were developed under the E.F.P. coalition.

Motion 3: NEOSCIA invite the executive of the OSCIA to the conference next year.

Moved by: David Emiry, Glenn Miller

done contacted Day Wagner Oct 03/96.

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS

- Discussion on cereal trials: since OMAFRA is pulling out should we use the NEOSCIA
- Could tap in to the \$4,000 Major Grant, each local association.

Motion 4: NEOSCIA support Nipissing District in applying for the Major Grant to the OSCIA for research funds to do the cereal testing. Send letter to Nipissing District Association.

Moved by: Gerald Beaudry, Morden Leeson

contacted D. Beaudry 24/Oct. They obtain private funding this year (co-op land rental) therefore did not need the major grant

CARRIED

Motion 5: Letter to the OSCIA - if the emergency tube distribution became available the OSCIA should have the first opportunity to market them.

Moved by: Bill Oxford, Gerald Beaudry

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Awards of Merits:

- 3 Past Presidents: David Emiry, Steve Mailloux, Ted Lindquist

FORAGE & SEED SHOW

- President's Plaques: full ? (new one or a new sponsor).
- TFA trophy: need a new stand-up trophy and a keeper plaque.
- Scotia Bank trophy: was misplaced, found it now.
- Banquet tickets for donors ? \$16.00
- Graham would like to retire as a chairperson. Maybe Dennis Jibb will have to ask him.

Motion 6: The NEOSCIA will no longer supply free banquet ticket to the donors (5-7 donors @ \$16.00).

Moved by: Morden Leeson, Graham Gambles

CARRIED

FORAGE & SEED SHOW (cont'd)

Motion 7: NEOSCIA will look into purchasing a new President's plaque

Moved by: Bob Landis, Darren Gray

CARRIED

Motion 8: Graham Gambles will look after upgrading the Scotia Bank (lost trophy)

Moved by: David Emiry, Morden Leeson

CARRIED

Suggestion: To record all the names in a safe place ie: Secretary's minutes, to keep track of them if the awards are misplaced.

SUMMER TOUR

- Nipissing would be ready for 1997 but not in 1996 - too early.
- Suggestion: that each district should be notified 2-3 years ahead.
- 1996: Open. Short notice to have one now.

1997 AWARDS OF MERIT - APPROVED

- Sudbury: Conrad Bradley (David Emiry will come back with more info)
- Parry Sound: Allen & Janice Skinner. OK.
- Muskoka: William Lennon Roches will come back with more info. and give it to Gord.

Adjourned

NEOSCIA DIRECTORS' MEETING

OMAFRA, SUDBURY

MAY 2, 1996

10:30	Joanne Bogart	Becky Hughes
	Bob Landis	Daniel Tassé
	Rhéal Bouillette	Albert Helin
	Ted Lindquist	

AGENDA

- Conference review
- Business from the annual meeting
- Summer tour?
- Other business
 - Directors' expenses
 - Summer projects
 - Fall meeting

Becky went through the attendance report from the 1996 conference (see attached document).

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

- Presented by Becky (see Income & Expense Statement as of May 1, 1996.)
- Recent Balance: +/- \$2,000 including \$887 from the sponsors

SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

- More time for speakers, sometimes rushed at the end
- Good attendance, even with the poor weather
- Invite OSCIA Board of Directors
- Dairy workshop - was good in 1996. Should have one similar next year.
- Forage & Seed Show: number of entries ? seemed good.
- Date for next year: February 21st & 22nd, 1997

SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR (cont'd)

- Advertisements via Milk Truck: missed Kap.-Cochrane - 10 copies (Bob Landis) and Powassan, 26 copies (Ted Lindquist)
- Send a letter of thanks to:
 - Rhéal Brouillette
 - Verner Co-Op Transport
 - Earlton Milk Transport
- Thank you letter to judges (check with Graham)
- Forage & Seed Show:
 - Chairperson - check with Graham for Dennis Jibb

If Denis does not accept, what do we do? Report at the fall meeting. Maybe Graham can find another chairperson.

FALL MEETING

- Review rules & regulations
- # of entries (report from Don Leggett)
- Teleconference 10:00 a.m., late September, early October

SUMMER TOUR

- 1997 - Nipissing. Plans are being made.
- 1998 - Cochrane North possibly will have one
- 1999 - Sudbury (to be confirmed by David Emiry)

SUCCESS STORIES

- Joanne Bogart:

For the past 8 years they've had a BBQ on farm in August. 175 people showed up in 1995 - tourists, farmers, politicians (farmers' olympics)

- Bob Landis:

- For the past 5 years they've had a picnic the 2nd last week of June. 60-70 people will show up. Rotated to a different farm every year.
- Farm safety night - evening - with demos.

DIRECTORS' EXPENSES

- \$500 North East travelling expenses
- Check for cost of teleconference if it can come
- Mileage coverage one way

PM: SUMMER PROJECTS

- Cochrane (Bob Landis):
 - Wood ash at Adrien Stryck
 - Manure application, rates, etc.
- Nipissing (Rhéal Brouillette):
 - Looking into sludge application on farm land from North Bay. Need 4,000-5,000 acres.
 - Small crop tour, early August (1st week +)
 - Planning summer tour 1997
- Sudbury (David Emiry):
 - Donald Poulin (potato grower) will try a new variety
 - Alfalfa variety demo - Agar
 - Barley variety demo
 - Major Grant - topsoil stripping in Sudbury (hired Tom Peters to look at a few sites). Topsoil Preservation Act.
- Cochrane (Albert Helin):
 - Hay day at Elmer Cook, with Ag Nor, Saturday, June 29th.
 - Agrow drill, pasture renovation
 - Barley varieties - demo
 - Limestone spreader for sale - \$7,500.00
- Muskoka (Joanne Bogart):
 - Project baling hay as a co-op for horses
 - Plastic, floating row cover on sweet corn at Walker Riley's
- Nipissing (Rhéal Brouillette):
 - Test plots, less OMAFRA \$
 - Verner will have to pick up more of the expenses - looking for sponsors and OSCIA Major Grant

** Weed infestations along highways and township roads. Weed Control Act maybe not being enforced.

SUMMER PROJECTS (cont'd)

- **Temiskaming:**

- Manure application, rates, analysis
- Nitrogen alfalfa

- **Research Station:**

- Update by Becky Hughes
- Plots, forages, spring grain, canola, flax, durum wheat OK for this year.
- Beef research:
 - 150 cows, split calvings
 - healthier calves
 - 300 ewes
- Horticulture:
 - tomatoes on mulch
 - sweet corn
- strawberries & raspberries

Manitoulin newsletter c/o Bill Orford - offered to all commodity groups

Adjourned 3:00 p.m.

Send 1996 Conference Proceedings to Albert Helin.

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NEOSCIA ANNUAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 22, 1997

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>DIRECTOR</u>	<u>DELEGATE(S)/ ALTERNATE</u>
Algoma	Tom Murdock	
Coch. North	Bob Landis	George Struyk Carolyn Struyk
Coch. South	Albert Helin	
Coch. West		
Manitoulin	Morden Leeson	
Muskoka	John McLaughlin	
Nipissing	Rhéal Brouillette	
Parry-Sound		Alana Stewart
Sudbury	David Emiry	
Temiskaming	Darren Gray	

NEOSCIA - ANNUAL MEETING
February 22, 1997 - 7:00 am - 10:00 am
OMAFRA Board Room - New Liskeard

PROPOSED AGENDA

- Vice-President's Comments - Bob Landis
- Minutes of 1996
- Treasurer's report
- Report from OSCIA directors
 - Graham Gambles
 - Glen Miller
 - Steve Mailloux
- Slide presentation from OSCIA executive
- Resolutions
- Summer tour update
- New business
- Project report, local association (time allowed)
- Directors meeting - 12:30 pm Mezzanine, (Award of Merit, Elections)

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NORTH EASTERN ONTARIO
SOIL & CROP IMPROVEMENT
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ANNUAL MEETING (18 people)

FEBRUARY 22, 1997

Breakfast meeting started at 8:10 a.m.

Bob Landis opened the meeting. Mentioned that he is filling in since August. President Ted Lindquist passed away last December.

MINUTES OF 1996

- Read by Daniel Tassé

Motion 1: David Emiry, Albert Helin

Directors will meet in the OMAFRA Boardroom shortly after the annual meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Presented by Beckey Hughes as of December 31, 1996

Received	=	\$4,542.00
Expenses	=	<u>2,655.00</u>
BALANCE	=	\$1,887.34

- Last year we went to other organizations to ask for sponsors for the speaker program. \$1,400 was received.
- Discussion re. affiliation fees. Should notify the local secretaries. Notices were sent out to the directors for 1997
- Books reviewed by a CGA this year for \$75.00.

- **Motion 2:** To accept the treasurer's report

Moved by Rhea Brouillette, Marcel Beatty.

OSCIA REPORTS

Graham Gambles:

- Sits on the Waste Utilization Committee
- He did not make it to the Waste Utilization Committee meeting in 1996, however he read a report from Ben Kampthoff (Thunder Bay).

Gerald Beaudry:

- Has been on for only 3 weeks
- Sits on the Ag in the Classroom committee

Steve Mailloux:

- Has now become the senior director of the North East
- Welcomed Gerald Beaudry
- OSCIA has a summer meeting (tour) ?? ^{WAS} at the 1st Vice (Jim Fisher 1996)
- Showed "Summary of the 1996 Annual Meeting" booklet. Lists all the various committees and people involved and results of resolutions, major grants (extra copies in Guelph) available
- Emergency Tubes - order forms are now available to rural fire departments

OSCIA COMMENTS FROM JIM FISHER

- Thanks for the opportunity for being up here to visit.
- Recognized the support of the OMAFRA staff (André & Daniel).
- Admires the bonding of the group, even with the great distances ; good representation from all over the North East.

RESOLUTIONS

Comments from Albert Helin re. Crop insurance coverage for hay. A lot of variation. Payments are being made even when there is a good hay crop. This is not the way it should be - there is something wrong with the formula. Discrepancy in the payouts in the same township. George Stryck mentioned they have the same problems in Cochrane. Comments that the coverage is for draught insurance: crop failure, excess moisture is not covered.

David Emiry mentioned that more ground work should be done probably at the local level if someone wants to look into it. Crop Insurance now under Agri-Corp. We have a director in the area (Ron Bailey) - maybe we should talk to him.

Motion 3

That 1997 NOSCIA invite to the spring meeting the Crop Insurance representative responsible for forage coverage to obtain some directions.

Moved by: Daren Gray
Seconded by: Bob Landis

Suggested by Morden Leeson that each local Soil & Crop Association (amendment to Motion 3 by Morden Leeson) send letter of concern to Agri-Corp/Crop Insurance prior to the NEOSCIA spring meeting.

Amendment to Motion 3 by Morden Leeson

Carried

(send a copy of the minutes to NEOSCIA directors ASAP)

SUMMER TOUR: RHEAL BROUILLETTE/GERALD BEAUDRY

Rhéal Brouillette commented that there will be a tour. He requested some input i.e. when, number of days.

- might be organized with the assistance of their local Economic Development office
- 1 ½ days, Friday p.m. and Saturday
- last week of July
- ideas: potato growers, fish fry, farms, museum, or boat tour
- keep it flexible
- everything in place by April / program via Agri-Source
- expecting between 50-90 people with a bus load from Eastern Ontario

1998:- Cochrane North & West

1999:- Invite Algoma or Parry Sound. Bring this up at the spring Directors' Meeting.
2,000 Cochrane South or Sudbury (have the list).

NEW BUSINESS

- top soil stripping report handed in by David Emiry
- Gerald Brouillette re. OMAFRA cut back

Motion 4

Since Northern Ontario has had its share of cost reduction last year, that the Ministry spare us for the coming round of downsizing.

Moved by : Gerald Brouillette, Bob Landis

Carried

Motion 5

- Send a letter to Minister Noble Villeneuve and Ken Knox (Bob Landis can sign).
- Ted Lindquist: - Albert Helin stopped in Powassan when returning from the OSCIA annual meeting to offer sympathies to the Lindquist family on behalf of NEOSCIA.
- Send a letter to Ted's family in appreciation of his contribution over the years.

Moved by: Morden Leeson, Steve Mailloux

Carried

AWARDS OF MERIT

To present the award at the banquet:

Sudbury:	David Emiry	CONRAD BRADLEY	To accept:	Steve Mailloux
Parry Sound:	Graham Gambles	Allen Skinner	To accept:	Gerald Brouillette
Muskoka:	Gerald Brouillette	William Rolhe	To accept:	Bob Landis

Two Awards of Merit received for 1998. To review we need 3 past presidents (David Emiry, Albert Helin & Steve Mailloux).

Cochrane North:	Hedley Blackburn
Temiskaming:	Roy Peters

Adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Moved by: George Struyk
Seconded by: Albert Helin

ELECTIONS

President:

Bob Landis
Nominated by: Morden Leeson
Closed by: Albert Helin

Accepted

1st Vice-President:

Morden Leeson
Nominated by: David Emiry
Closed by: David Emiry

Accepted

2nd Vice-President:

Albert Helin
Nominated by: Darren Gray
Closed by: Bob Landis

Accepted

Treasurer:

Becky Hughes
Nominated by: Bob Landis
Closed by: Morden Leeson

Accepted

Secretary:

Daniel Tassé
Nominated by: Albert Leeson
Closed by: David Emiry

Accepted

1997 Spring meeting will be held Saturday, April 26 at 10:30 a.m. at OMAFRA, Verner.

NEOSCIA Annual Breakfast Meeting , February 22, 1997

Morden Leeson, R.R. # 2, Manitowaning (Manitoulin Dist.)

Rhéal Brouillette, 740 Rainville Rd., Verner

Gérald Beaudry, 762 chemin Olivier, Verner

Mario Poirier, R.R.#1, Hwy 539, Field

Harold Rudy, 1 Stone Rd., Guelph (OSCIA)

Marcel Beatty , 931 chemin Betty , Verner

Lionel Séguin, Verner

Jim McWilliam, Box 63, Pickering L1V 2R2 (OSCIA)

George Struyk, Box 1201, Cochrane

David Emiry, R.R. #2, Massey P0P 1P0

André Lemay, Box 312, Verner P0A 1M0 (OMAFRA)

Steve Mailloux, Walford P0P 2E0 (Sudbury Dist.))

Jim Fischer, R.R.#3, Walkerton N0G 2V0 (OSCIA)

Darren Gray, R.R. #1, New Liskeard P0J 1P0 (Temiskaming Dist.)

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Albert Helin, R.R. #2, Timmins P4N 7C3 (Cochrane S. Dist.)

Graham Gambles, Box 586, Haileybury P0J 1K0 (Temiskaming Dist.)

Robert Landis, Hunta P0L 1P0 (Cochrane Dist.)

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DIRECTORS MEETING - APRIL 25, 1997 CALDWELL TWP OFFICE - VERNER

Meeting started at 10:45 am

Present: Rhéal Brouillette, Peter Tuinema, Albert Hélin, Becky Hughes, JoAnne Bogart
Graham Gambles, Gérald Beaudry, David Emiry, Claus Wand, Bob Landis and
Daniel Tassé

Bob Landis welcomed the group.

Becky's Treasurer's Report: same as the one presented at the Agricultural Conference (see attached document). Gross income \$4,542.00 - Expenses \$2,655.00 = \$1,576.19 balance as of end of April (less \$6.00 bank).

Moved by: Albert Hélin
Seconded by: JoAnne Bogart

To accept the treasurer's report as presented.

Carried.

Minutes of 1996

Daniel Tassé read the minutes of the directors meeting of May 2, 1996.

Bob Landis asked for some comments, follow-up on projects from last year.

- Albert Hélin, successful hay day.
- David Emiry, potatoes - new varieties tested (Chieftain) at Donald Poulin
- Bob Landis and Adrien Struyk - on going wood ash project

Moved by: Claus Wand
Seconded by: Rhéal Brouillette

That the minutes be adopted as read.

Carried.

- Claus Wand - Farm Rescue course in Powassan was the major event.
- David Emiry - Sudbury Top Soil Preservation Act went ahead. Good report went to the OSCIA, could help other regions of the province. However, nothing was changed, it is up to the municipalities to adopt the bylaws "Top Soil Preservation Act".

Conference Review - with Becky Hughes (see attached document)

- attendance - overall attendance 700 for the 2 days, slightly down due to the poor weather
- Speaker sessions - numbers were down
 - how do we get more locals out?
 - many farmers were busy blowing snow that morning
- 62 at the banquet, also down from +/- 90 in 1996
- Financial status (see attached document)
- Trade Show balance \$625.00 went to a Kemptville account, use to be gone at year end. Now will be different in 1997, since NLARS is part of the University of Guelph, can keep the surplus into an account.
- Sponsorship - did not ask for sponsorship this year. The Temiskaming Milk Committee sent \$150.00 anyway.
- Banquet - meals - lost some money, ended up paying for 76 (split between the caterer and us)
- total loss (\$656.63) to the NEOSCIA
- will claim the OSCIA grant of \$500.00

Becky asked the directors:

- 1) How do we get more people in the Speaker sessions
- 2) We must select a date for next year, 1998.

Suggestions/discussions from the group

- Verner farmers like to go just for one day (back and forth). Cash crop day use to be on the Friday in the past.
- time of the year, has been in February in the past due to the college students break, should we move it to the March break - good time for some, but a family week for others.
- first week of March was suggested (check re exhibitors to see if there are any conflicts)
- other suggestions for 3rd or 4th of April

Trade Show - Jim could check to avoid any conflicts.

Moved by: David Emiry
 Seconded by: Claus Wand

To look into having the conference moved to April 3rd and 4th for 1998.

Carried.

To report back in at the Fall meeting on the findings.

Banquet Speakers - different type this year, was not an entertainment speaker this year.

Ideas - banquet moved to a Friday night (people do not have to stay 2 nights)

Becky asked the group to think about it all Summer, all these changes, any hot topics.

Proceedings - are still very useful, consensus from the group, but it is hard to get a copy of the speeches.

1:30 p.m. - Mike Relf, Agri-Corp. reviewed the Forage Plan program. (see attached document)

Summer Tour - Nipissing

- update from Rhéal Brouillette
- July 24, 25 and 26 (Thursday to Saturday)
- 1-800-number for registration, meals, Sturgeon Economic Development
- 1:00 MacMillan Bloedel Sturgeon, wine and cheese
- supper and entertainment

Friday

8:00 am Tourist Info Centre/Sturgeon

- NLARS test plots, 15 minutes
- breakfast (Knights of Columbus)
- Dan Oliver & Norm Beaudry, Dairy, Canola fields, barley - split tour possibly
- Rhéal Brouillette, deer farm

1:00 pm - Sturgeon River House Museum

- tour of Museum
- Keystone Lodge Island (French River)
- Supper - fish fry

-10:00 Museum

9:00 - Leisure Farm, farm tour with breakfast, end up strawberries, raspberries and pumpkins

12:00 - departure

buffalo farm (optional)

- \$50 - \$75 per person, includes all the meals, boat trip
- accommodate up to 70 people
- deadline to be determined
- EFP project (should be viewed on farms)

Any other business

Forage and Seed Show - Peter Tuinema (see attached agenda)

- 1) Guftafson Grant - \$300.00 per show available
 - we have a lot of exhibits
 - would have to add breeder's seed classes
 - would have to approach Doug Wagner toward hall, judges and ribbons
 - add 3 seed classes and pedigreed seed (barley, oats wheat)

Moved by: David Emiry
Seconded by: Albert Hélin

That the necessary classes be added and to claim the Guftafson Seed Show grant for 1997 and 1998.

Carried.

- 2) Top Showman: person who shows grand Champion exhibits or on a point system?

Moved by: Claus Wand
Seconded by: JoAnne Bogart

To change wording "Showman" of the top 4 Awards to "Exhibits" to a points system (including potato Award)

Carried.

- 3) Keeper Plaque - supplied by every sponsor except TFA. Trophy of TFA is full.

Moved by: David Emiry
Seconded by: Albert Hélin

To look for a sponsor (other than TFA) for a new trophy with keeper plaques.

Carried.

Ideas - Co-op Régionale Sudbury - Nipissing

- 4) Potato Classes - 3 classes of table stock and 3 of seed potatoes

Moved by: Claus Wand
Seconded by: David Emiry

That seed potato classes be accompanied by a seed tag (Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada).

Carried.

Discussion on field size vs garden plots. Consensus, no restriction on the size of the field, same as other classes i.e.: barley.

5) Classes

- Round bale silage classes, do we need more classes compared to chopped silage.

Moved by: David Emiry
Seconded by: Rhéal Brouillette

That we add the class of round bale haylage without analysis.

Carried.

Graham promoted the Forage Masters Competition, minimum of 5 participants. Temiskaming is the only district in the north to participate.

Adjourned at 4:10 pm.

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North Eastern Ontario Annual Meeting - April 3, 1998

The meeting was held at the Mezzanine with 11 people attending.

7:20 a.m. Bob Landis called the meeting to order.

Present: Peter Tuinema, Graham Gambles, Darren Gray, Becky Hughes, George Stryck, Albert Helin, Gerald Beaudry, Bob Landis and Howard Quinton.

Minutes of February 22, 1997 were read.

Moved by: Albert Helin

Seconded by: Darren Gray

That the minutes be adopted as read.

Carried.

Discussion from the minutes, business arising from them.

Summer Tour:

Gerald said about 30-35 people attended. People were busy haying. Should also avoid conflicting dates i.e.: Temiskaming Soil and Crop tour was on the Thursday p.m., which might have had an effect on the attendance.

Crop Insurance:

- the representative was up at the Verner meeting to explain resolutions: none at the moment.

Forage & Seed Show - from Peter Tuinema

- added pedigreed seed classes (new for 1998) - will be able to claim \$300.00
- should be self supporting - will cover the ribbons
- rules "proof of pedigreed seed" was missing on the rules & regulations - must add a crop certificate.

Member:

- TFA - no keeper plaque. Peter asked Rhéal Brouillette to approach Co-op Régionale Nipissing-Sudbury. It will replace the TFA as of this year 1998.
- Tem Grain trophy, what will happen if the Co-op Régionale Nipissing-Sudbury takes over. Peter made the suggestion to replace the plaque. George mentioned is it fair to replace or change a plaque. Tem Grain doesn't exist anymore. Stores are owned by SEMSI.

Moved by: Albert Helin

Seconded by: Gerald Beaudry

That Peter approach the Co-op Régionale Nipissing-Sudbury to see if they want to accept the old trophy, change the plaque or if they would be interested in purchasing a new trophy with keeper plaques.

Carried.

(SEMSI, could be a back up if someone backs out).

Trophy Display

Albert mentioned that we should approach Ag Nor to have them on display. (approximately 8 trophies)

Moved by: George Stryck
Seconded by: Albert Helin

That Peter approach Ag Nor, Denis Trudel, to see if the NEOSCIA can have the trophies on display in his store.

Carried.

Becky mentioned the potato classes should be reviewed in the spring meeting, odd colour potatoes, Yukon gold etc.

Summer Tour (Gerald Beaudry)

- one more comment, deficit of only \$150.00. They are happy with this small deficit. Working with the local economic development.

Cochrane North (Bob Landis)

Have decided not to go with it for 1999. Now that they have a local Ag. Rep. in the area, they need more time.

- discussion on the changes, less full time farmers, no OMAFRA newsletter to advertise, less support i.e. secretarial support from OMAFRA
- now it is all volunteer work at the local level.
- George Stryck mentioned whoever decides to have a summer tour, organize something local and they invite outside farmers.
- Graham mentioned maybe we should skip 1998, no one is ready this year.
- 1999 possibly Cochrane North or Sudbury.

New Business

Affiliation fees from OSCIA sent to Temiskaming was \$250.00. Graham said sent \$75.00 with a letter of explanation.

Spring Meeting

To review the conference, do we have a conference call or meeting. Albert suggested to send a questionnaire to the directors to have it filled out and returned to Becky (self addressed envelope)

Moved by: Gerald Beaudy
Seconded by: Albert Helin

That the potato classes be changed as per Becky's recommendations following the judging of 1998.

Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 ~~a.m.~~ *pm*

Award presentation for 1998 at the banquet.

Presenter Bob Landis	-	to Hedley Blackburn
Presenter (George Stryck) need someone	-	to Henry Legault
Presenter Darren Gray	-	to Roy Peters

Nomination 1999

- Sudbury Soil & Crop - nominated George Emiry
- Muskoka Soil & Crop - nominated Gord Mitchell
(no write ups at the moment)
- Temiskaming Soil & Crop - nominated Rod Inglis
(no write up, to come)

Reviewed by Bob Landis and Albert Helin

Elections:

- only 3 directors
- no quorum
- same executive until fall meeting

(August 16th - end September 1998, Bob gone).

NEOSCIA DIRECTORS' MEETING
November 17, 1998 - OMAFRA Board Room

Present were: Walker Riley	Howard Quinton	Graham Gambles
Steve Mailloux	David Emiry	Gérald Beaudry
Becky Hughes	Bob Landis	Daniel Tassé

At 10:30 a.m., Bob Landis welcomed the group. He mentioned that it was nice to see more directors compared to the last meeting in April where only 3 showed up. (5 directors today). Bob asked the group to make a few comments on their growing seasons. Important to know was is happening.

The Agenda was approved.

Associations:

- Gérald Beaudry mentioned that it is difficult to keep the local association alive. Less farmers and the ones that are left are busier.
- Howard Quinton and Walker Riley mentioned that maybe some associations rely on the Agricultural Representative too much. Muskoka now has to go to Midhurst for an agricultural office. There are more part time farmers.
- Graham Gambles mentioned should NEOSCIA go back to the provincial level to ask to contract out soil and crop work, i.e. consultant.
- Maybe through NOHFC more members might come out, if they must be a paid member to their local association to participate.
- Muskoka, soil and crop is the only association left. Gérald Beaudry mentioned that at the provincial level there could be change, number of members represented, do we have 200 members in the North?

NEOSCIA

Mandate: advise in the conference planning
summer tour

- only organizations that covers all commodity groups
- good spin off from the conference, helps to keep the research in the north.

SUMMER TOUR

- Cochrane is out.
- Sudbury (David Emiry) is open to have a tour in 1999. Looking for suggestions. (Graham) should we advertise to town people that want to know more about production. Soil and Crop plus livestock aspect is important. (David) suggestions for dates.
- David will follow up with the dates of the Summer Tour.

The OSCIA annual meeting will be in Guelph on February 9th and 10th, 1999. (coincides with 125th anniversary of the University of Guelph)

New Business

Bank Account

Becky checked with Caisse Populaire	= .80/every deposit/cheque + \$15.00/year.
CIBC	= \$30.00/year

Moved by:	David Emiry
Seconded by:	Howard Quinton

That we stay with CIBC. Fees are competitive when compared to other financial institution.

Carried.

Forage and Seed Show

How to get more people in that competition. (corner)

Judge against the judge competition, prizes attached to it.

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EXECUTIVE - 1998

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1 st Vice-President	Morden Leeson
Secretary	Daniel Tassé
Treasurer	Becky Hughes

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NEOSCIA ANNUAL MEETING

April 9, 1999, 7:30 p.m.

NLARS Mezannine

7:30 p.m. Bob Landis called the meeting to order.
Great winter, mild, easy. Very little moisture.

Present:

Peter Tuinema	Howard Quinton	Steve Mailloux
Rheal Brouillette	Bob Landis	Becky Hughes
Darren Gray	David Emiry	Daniel Tassé
Albert Helin	Gerald Beaudry	Graham Gambles

Minutes of April 3, 1998 were read by Daniel Tassé.

Errors or emissions: None

Moved by: Darren Gray
Seconded by: Gerald Beaudry

That the minutes be adopted

Carried.

Review minutes of November 17, 1998 to refresh our memories

Moved by: Dave Emiry
Seconded by: Steve Mailloux

Carried.

Discussion on the resolution. Sent to OSCIA - no replies at this time.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Presented by Becky Hughes as of December 31, 1998

- Affiliation fees
 - Two associations since 1998 have not paid: Parry Sound, Sudbury.
 - Two missing since 1996: Manitoulin, Algoma.
- Two grants were in: \$500 + \$279 (Gustafson/Seed Show).
- Balance as per book: \$1,871.35.

Treasurer's Report cont'd

- \$800.00 coming from sponsors in 1999

Income & Expenses are split up three way every year:

Trade Show / Sponsors / NEOSCIA

- **Motion:** To accept the treasurer's report.

Moved by: Rheal Brouillette

Seconded by: Albert Helin

Carried.

OSCIA REPORTS

Gerald Beaudry:

- AgriCorp "forage" agreement between OSCIA and AgriCorp to set up and try a new system (new formulas being tested with farmers in Ontario).
- Some good years there is a payout vs. some bad years (when you need it, no payout)
- May 1st deadline for 1999

Steve Mailloux:

- Annual meeting, 60th anniversary of OSCIA. Combine with U of G.
- Was moved to Guelph. Very positive.
- Re-alignment of region mostly Ken, Essex.
- Membership fee of \$200.00 at the Provincial may seem like a lot but it opens up all the other grants to the local association.
- Another grant this year open to the first 10 applicants.
- Sponsors are available. Use them. (ie. Gustafson). Same with forage masters.
- Discussion on mission statement of OSCIA.
- Funding from OMAFRA - may have to look at some other sources of funding. May be asked eventually to add more to the memberships.

Gerald Beaudry:

- Northern Ontario associations are very small in number of members compared to the southern counties.

Albert Helin:

- Asked if a small association can pay what they can afford. It is possible but if an education is claimed the amount not paid could be deducted from the amount.

Steve Mailloux:

OSCIA is delivering good programs - high quality staff.

Peter Tuinema:

- Realignment could also mean less provincial directors for the north in the future. Must look at the number of producers serviced by the directors.

RESOLUTIONS

None at this time.

FORAGE & SEED SHOW

- discuss*
- TFA keeper plaque: new trophy from Sudbury-Nipissing Regional Co-Op.
 - Tem. Grain - nothing done yet. Facilities still exist. Trophy is still there with the keeper plaques up until 2000. Need something after.
 - Any other business that could supply the "Grand Champion Forage Exhibits" trophy? (ie. Pickseed could be approached).
 - Trophy display: Denis (AgNor) was interested for his John Deere day but must confirm. If Denis is interested he might want to have a say in the type of cabinet.
 - Another option would be new Tem Grain store.
 - Homestead Museum (new 1999) could be interested. Peter Tuinema will check the them to see what is available, shelf space, cost, etc.
 - Peter mentioned that now that he is involved with the Ontario Wheat Board as a director, he does not have the time to look after the Forage & Seed Show. He's swamped. Could be brought up at the next meeting.
 - David Emiry: some interest in having a TMR ^{class} ~~sample~~. Could be judged on particle ^{size} ~~size~~ (with a separation). Brian Bell has agreed to help set up this class if desired.
 - Peter Tuinema mentioned that the Chair of the Forage & Seed Show does not have to come from Temiskaming.

Motion:

Moved by: Darren Gray

Seconded by: David Emiry

- Institute a demo class of TMR samples, a sample criteria (David with Brian Bell)

Carried

SUMMER TOUR: DAVID EMIRY

- July 24, 25, 1999

AWARD OF MERIT

- Advertise to local SCIA
- 2000: one possibly from Nipissing (Gerald Beaudry)

Award presentation for 1999:

Presenter Howard Quinton	-	to Gordon Mitchell
Presenter Steve Mailloux	-	to George Emiry
Presenter Graham Gambles		to Rod Inglis

NEW BUSINESS

Darren Gray:

- Time of the annual meeting – breakfast vs. evening meeting.
- How to get more people out – maybe remind the local soil & crop to send a delegate and alternate.

Graham Gambles:

- Good annual meeting held by Guelph OSCIA.
- Lovely tour of U of G.
- Probably there also next year – lower cost.
- Strategy directions – cuts in provincial funding. What is in store for the future?
- OSCIA is looking at other things (ie. membership paid locally and a share to OSCIA).
- Summer OSCIA meeting in Thunder Bay.

David Emiry:

Move by David Emiry to have Becky Hughes to run election.

NOMINATIONS

President:

- | | | | |
|---------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| • Rhéal Brouillette | nominated by | David Emiry | Declined |
| • Albert Helin | nominated by | Rhéal Brouillette | Declined |
| • David Emiry | nominated by | Bob Landis | Volunteered – Accepts |

1st Vice-President:

- Rhéal Brouillette nominated by David Emiry

Accepts

Closed by Bob Landis

RE-APPOINTMENTS

Treasurer: Becky Hughes

Secretary: Daniel Tassé

Chairperson Forage & Seed Show: Peter Tuinema for this year however should try to find someone else.

PROJECT REPORTS

Graham Gambles:

- Forage Masters in Cochrane North & South

David Emiry:

- Forage Masters also in Sudbury. Now that the rules have changed could combine with other areas.

Gerald Beaudry:

- Forage Masters adding an educational
- Are looking at cost of production
- 16 participants
- Flax (12 growers)
- Could this be advertised on OSCIA's web site?

David Emiry:

- Flint corn project

Adjourned 10:00 p.m.

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Revised – Oct. 5/00

NEOSCIA ANNUAL MEETING – April 7, 2000
NLARS / Staff Room – 7:00 p.m.

Present at the meeting were:

Becky Hughes	Jean Pierre Beaulieu	John Oswald	Gérald Beaudry
Graham Gambles	Steve Mailloux	Jim Clarke	David Emiry
Daniel Tassé	Percy McNabb	Margaret McNabb	Darren Gray
Howard Quinton	Bill Megens	Daniel Olivier	

7:15 p.m. Meeting was called to order by President, David Emiry.
Glad to see representation from most districts.

Moved by: Becky Hughes
Seconded by: Percy McNabb

To accept the agenda presented.

Carried.

Moved by: Gérald Beaudry
Seconded by: Darren Gray

That the minutes of April 9, 1999 meeting be accepted as read.

Carried.

Treasurer's report presented by Becky Hughes (see enclosed document)

Book balance as of November 30, 1998 \$ 1,871.55

Receipts for 1999	Total \$3,445.98
Disbursements for 1999	3,307.82

Balance as per bank statement (Oct. 29, 1999) \$ 2,009.71

Affiliation fees \$25.00 (see enclosed document). Still to come – Algoma, Cochrane North, Cochrane South and Muskoka.

Becky presented the chart on the \$ contribution from various sponsors/organizations in the last 6 years (1995-2000). Discussion whether we should look for a sponsor for the banquet speaker. Travelling expenses for the banquet speakers are generally high because they are from outside the north. Should we approach someone like Nortel, a telecommunication company, to sponsor the banquet?

Moved by: Darren Gray
Seconded by: Gérald Beaudry

To accept the treasurer's report.

Carried.

Directors report (provincial directors OSCIA)

Graham Gambles

- Annual meeting for next year scheduled for Guelph, could be the last year in that location
- Forage Master still on, could be the last year.
- GutsFason grant no longer exists (was up to \$300).
- Sit on Ontario Agri-Food committee, reviewed in 6 months.

Steve Mailloux

- New grant structures from OSCIA.
- Sit on forage production and resolutions committee.
- Gate signs are available - \$10.00.

Gérald Beaudry

- Sits on the cereal committee and education in the classroom committee.
- Need more efforts to promote Ag in the Classroom since the farming sector is only 1.8% of total population Ontario.

Regional Communication Grant (see brochure from OSCIA) \$66,000 program (\$19,000 from OMAFRA)

Duties of a coordinator

- Steve Mailloux read the responsibilities of a coordinator, if hired, to look after this communication grant.
- Graham reported that they were asked to consult their membership and come back to this annual with some recommendations.
- From the consultations he reported 8 of the 9 districts would like news from other areas (districts).
- Would have to cover more than crops.

Distribution – How?

- Emphasis is on e-mail, internet, fax, there is no money for postage.
- How do we cover mailing cost (newsletter) – could be built in the membership cost.
- Maybe we need one or two regional sponsors, i.e. Dupont, banks, Tim Horton's etc.
- Mailing would go to memberships
- Maybe insert a coupon to make sure the members read it. Potential of 1,500 farmers across northeast.
- Looking for some recommendations

David asked for some feedback from the group.

Moved by: Daniel Olivier
Seconded by: John Oswald

To apply for the regional communication grant.

Carried.

Open for discussion

- Membership might be around 200 – 300 paid up members in the northeast to crop improvement associations.
- Suggestion of people i.e. Neil Tarlton, Julie Poirier
- How to advertise this job (coordinator) across the northeast. – newspaper

Moved by: Daniel Olivier

Seconded by: Darren Gray

To advertise in local newspapers in northeastern Ontario.

Discussion – what would be the cost to advertise in all the northern papers?

- Maybe we need to develop a list of potential candidates.
- Vote on the motion: defeated 14/0
- Need a short list of names.
- How many newsletters per year? 2, 3 or 4
- Will need a sponsor?
- Salary? Time of hiring?
- Other names – Morley Shepherdson, Gary Struthers

Moved by: Bill Megens

Seconded by: Percy McNabb

That for the communication grant, we compile a short list of candidates and advertise by other means for the position of a coordinator with clear guidelines of expectations and remuneration expected and that the present committee choose the coordinator by July 1st, 2000.

- Does the candidate have to be from the northeast?
- Thérèse Beaulieu could be another potential candidate.
- Discussion on the motion, job ad is out there
- Remuneration \$15.00/hr.

Carried.

Committee will look (define) the conditions of the motion.

Regional Partner Grant OSCIA

8 regional grants proposed by April 15, 2000.

Re: Evaluation of State of the Art Forage grass

Cochrane south	Ken Hopkins
Sudbury	2 cooperators – Claude Lajoie & J. Pierre Beaulieu
Muskoka	3 people interested (5 acres each) no one has 20 acres
Manitoulin	John Oswald
Cochrane	George Stryck – 17 acres
Temiskaming	Yes, looking for a cooperator
Nipissing	with Sudbury east

Algoma check with Murray Cochrane--yes, Thessalon Com. Pasture Apr.11/00
Parry Sound no interest

Moved by: Percy McNabb
Seconded by: John Oswald

That NEOSCIA apply for the Regional Partner Grant.

Carried.

Resolutions: none at this time.

Forage and Seed Show (Darren Gray)

- Only keeper plaques left are from Co-op Régionale Sudbury-Nipissing
- What do we do now?
- Maybe too late for this year.

Display

Gérald Beaudy reported that the Co-op Régional/Nipissing is willing to set up a display at their expense in Tem Grain (nine miles).

Moved by: Howard Quinton
Seconded by: John Oswald

That a cabinet be built and located at Tem Grain. Darren Gray and Denis Jibb to communicate with the Co-op.

Keeper Plaque for the future

- Try to get them for another 5 years from the various companies.
- Presenters for tomorrow.

Tem Grain - Gérald or Donald
Manitoulin - O.K.
Labonté Seeds - Bill
Scotia Bank - Graham
FeedRite - Steve or Norm Koch
CIBC - David or Monsanto
Golden Pitch - David

Summer Tour

- No one for this year
- Cochrane North possibly next year – setting up for 2001
- Percy McNabb will take it back to his local
- Who would be up next?
- 2002 possibly Manitoulin
- Temiskaming also has a plowing match for September 29th & 30th.

Award of Merit

Names submitted:	Temiskaming	- Mrs. Alacoque Ryan
	Nipissing	- Gérald Beaudry
	Sudbury	- Mario Séguin
	Cochrane South	- Jim Clarke (write-up submitted)
	Muskoka	- Howard Quinton

Other names should be forwarded to Daniel.

To be reviewed at the fall meeting.

New Business

- Becky presented the expenses allocation to the NEOSCIA (document # A).
- Need some funding to cover the expected deficit.
- Should we tap into Education grant (Form E) from the local district Soil and Crop.
- Could the secretary approach the districts that are not claiming this grant – encourage to applying.
- Steve will check with OSCIA whether we can do this.

April 25/00 – Steve Mailloux reported.

Local district can claim Education grant \$500.00, if not using it and apply balance to Agricultural Conference specifically for speakers to help support Ag. Conference.

Discussion on Affiliation Fees?

- Banquet meal \$15.00 seems low, should we go to \$20/person.
- Also increase floor space at the trade show.

Other New Business

(Percy McNabb), Ontario Horticultural Societies are looking for a partner to do a film on judging vegetables and fruits across the province. A proposal was presented at the Cochrane North Horticultural Society meeting (last spring meeting). Cost: about one hour \$8,000 - \$12,000. Could they tap into a major grant next year. Percy will forward a write-up to provincial directors (Graham, Steve and Gérald) and they will bring it up to OSCIA.

Sudbury:	Trefoil grass demonstration, blueberries under cultivation.
Muskoka:	some project in 1999, no project meeting yet.
Cochrane North:	will have a project meeting soon.
Manitoulin:	flint corn @ John Oswald – no project meeting yet.
Nipissing:	no project meeting yet.
Temiskaming:	major project on edible beans 5 carrot variety test (2 cooperators)

send information on beans to Temiskaming – yield, variety and acreage

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 by David Emiry.

Elections

Moved by: Jim Clarke
Seconded by: Percy McNabb

That the same executive be kept for another year.

Carried.

Adjourned at 10:20.