

**Grey County Federation of Agriculture
Executive Meeting Minutes**

The Grey County Federation of Agriculture (GCFA) Executive met on Wednesday December 30, 2015 at 10:00am at Grey Ag Services, Markdale

Present: Michael Ryan, President; Keith Reed, Paul DeJong 2nd Vice President; Hugh Simpson 1st Vice President; Kevin Raszmann; Jackie Pennings

Summer Social/Car Tour: Several ideas were discussed as to what event should be hosted in 2016. Purpose of the event to be member engagement with current members as well as young farmer interactions to entice more interest to the federation. Also wanting to bring the non farming community together with farmers to educate. Hugh has some contacts with some local chefs as does Keith. They will contact them and report back at next meeting.

SVCA Meeting: After lengthy discussion regarding this meeting, Mike, Hugh and Kevin agreed to attend to gather information to keep the federation informed. The meeting is being held on Jan 11 at 9:30 am in Formosa.

FAB Award Nominations: Several names were discussed to send in as nominations. Grey County 4-H, Chesley Agri School, Ray Robertson. Jackie will check who the previous winners are and then we can determine who we would like to nominate.

Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority: NVCA contacted Mike that they are looking for representation on their board from GCFA. The executive recommendation to the board is to appoint Hugh Simpson with Mike are the alternate. CARRIED

4 County Planning: Hugh made a motion seconded by Paul to sign the memorandum of understanding to get the survey results from this organization. CARRIED
Survey is open for the month of January so everyone please fill out the survey. Jackie will check with Joanne to have a reminder email sent out to all members from OFA.

Politician Meeting: Scheduled for March 19th in Elmwood. Executive will meet with BCFA executive to put together questions.

Tommy Cooper Evening: Jackie will book Elmwood, April 15 is our first choice second would be April 22.

Other: There are currently some other boards in Grey County that should have representation from GCFA; ALUS, Dufferin Pasture, and SVCA. At the next regular directors meeting we should discuss to have board appointed representation as needed.

Hugh moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:00pm.

President: _____ Office Administrator: _____