

Growers of Organic Food Yukon
Chapter of Canadian Organic Growers
Annual General Meeting
November 30, 2008
Alpine Bakery Meeting Room

1) Attendance: Brian Lendrum, Susan Ross, Joanne Jackson Johnson, Simone Rudge, Tom Rudge, Cain Vangel, Enrica Nadalini, Matt Ball, Jodi Crewe, Cory Gordon, Allan Norberg, Joan Norberg, Tina Ratay, Claire Desmarais, Shiela Alexandrovich. Regrets: Leslie Peters

A special mention and thank you was given to Leslie Peters for organizing the Organic feed delivery last spring. It was suggested that Lance, at Matco Trucking, be thanked by means of a few culinary delights to accompany Leslie's turkey, for his gracious use of yard space and forklift.

2) Meeting was called to order at 2:10 pm by Chair Joanne Jackson Johnson.

3) Minutes of the last Annual General meeting were accepted as amended. Item 6 on 2007 AGM minutes had Joanne's name as being added as a signatory for banking, it should have said Joan Norberg. Claire moved and Shiela seconded the motion to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

4) Reports:

Joanne Jackson Johnson presented the president's report covering the last year and it is appended to these minutes. Joanne presented her report that spoke to a tough season due to poor weather. She outlined the tremendous work that has been accomplished by GoOFY in regard to projects such as the legume study, OFC outreach and also ongoing efforts with the poultry processors, the new entrants initiative and conferences. The fundraising effort at the Fireweed Community Market was recognized as well; it covers incidental costs of the Chapter.

Joanne moved her report, Simone seconded, motion passed and it will be appended to these minutes

Simone Rudge presented the treasurer's report covering the last year. Very similar to last year GoOFY should end the year in the black with a year-end balance of about \$3000.

Simone mover her report, Cain seconded, motion passed and it will be appended to these minutes.

Brian Lendrum presented the COG report outlining information about the National Organization. COG is discussing the idea of having a demonstration farm in Ontario and is dividing time between fundraising efforts, working on the organic standards and the

new regulations and supporting Organic agriculture through media interviews and ongoing presentations.

5) Election of Officers:

Brian Lendrum was appointed as chief election officer.

Joanne Jackson Johnson allowed her name to stand for the position of president. Brian Lendrum made 3 calls to the floor for further nominations. Joanne was acclaimed president for the next year.

Simone Rudge allowed her name to stand for the position of treasurer. Brian Lendrum made 3 calls to the floor for further nominations. Simone was acclaimed treasurer for the next year.

Tom Rudge allowed his name to stand for the position of secretary. Brian Lendrum made 3 calls to the floor for further nominations. Tom was acclaimed secretary for the next year.

6) Adjournment: Joan moved for adjournment at 3pm. The formal meeting was adjourned.

End of 2008 AGM

Subsequent to the formal meeting a 20-minute food and drink break took place followed by informal discussion and several presentations.

- | *Arlin MacFarlane talked about a new celebration of harvest and asked GoOFY for ideas and support for an informal idea she has for next growing season. GoOFY members were in support of the idea and will discuss further how best to move it forward. Ideas and some format should be firmed up by April 2009.
- | *Claire Desmarais gave a brief report on the Organic Federation of Canada that will be appended to these minutes. Matt Ball also talked about the same meeting he attended and is very supportive of the direction GoOFY is taking in regard to what appears to be happening nationally. He is going to continue to investigate the roles of the different levels of regulatory framework and have more clarification in the spring.
- | *Jodi and Cory gave a brief overview of their trip to Terra Madre (Slow Food gathering) in Turin, Italy. Sounded very inspiring although very exhausting as well. It was suggested to continue to support the movement and to promote others participating in the conference.
- | *Susan Ross gave a report on the Poultry Processors Group and this year showed a 43% increase in production/use of the equipment. The group managed to show a profit as well after all of the purchases and maintenance of the equipment. Hats off to the group.

Reports will be loaded onto the GoOFY website as soon as they are received.

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The next regular meeting is planned for December 28 at 1pm with the location being Joanne Jackson Johnson's. Directions to Joanne's and an agenda will be sent out prior to the meeting

Of note: please be advised that these minutes will be distributed via email to registered members only. They will however be posted online and Joanne will likely send them to any other interested individuals.