

**Friends of the Central Experimental Farm
Amis de la Ferme expérimentale centrale**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Wednesday, April 18, 2018, 7:00 pm
Neatby Building
Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa**

Welcome and Opening Remarks

**Approval of Agenda - MOVED by Shirley Ewen and Seconded by Donna Pape
THAT** the agenda be approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes of Annual General Meeting, April 19, 2017 - **MOVED by Shirley Ewen and Seconded by Eric Jones THAT** the minutes of the April 19, 2017 AGM be approved as presented.

President's Report – Judy Dodds

By-Laws Revisions – Proposed By-Laws (see end of the agenda **)

MOVED by Shirley Ewen and Seconded by Randy Taylor THAT the change to By-Law #7 be approved as proposed.

MOVED by Shirley Ewen and Seconded by Donna Pape THAT the change to By-Law #14 be approved as proposed.

Treasurer's Report – **MOVED by Randy Taylor and Seconded by Jeannine Lewis THAT** the FCEF 2017 Financial Report be accepted.

Appointment of 2018 Auditors - MOVED by Randy Taylor and Seconded by Shirley Ewen THAT Collins Barrow be appointed to perform a financial review of our 2018 accounts.

Long Service Recognition – Donna Pape

Election of Board Members

The Board members elected for 2017/2018 were Yvonne Ackerman, Judy Dodds, Shirley Ewen, Shari Haas, Kate Harrigan, Richard Hinchcliff, Matthew LaCompte, Jeannine Lewis, Blaine Marchand and Donna Pape, Mary Ann Smythe, and Randy Taylor.

Yvonne Ackerman stepped down during 2017. We wish to thank her for her many years of service. Thanks also to Mary Anne Smythe who also stepped down during 2017.

These departures created two vacancies on the Board. Deborah Higdon-LeBlond and Eric Jones have expressed a willingness to serve on the Board so it is **MOVED by Shirley Ewen and Seconded by Donna Pape THAT** Deborah Higdon LeBlond and Eric Jones be elected to the FCEF Board of Directors.

The terms of Judy Dodds and Kate Harrigan have expired but each has agreed to serve an additional term. **MOVED BY Shirley Ewen and seconded by Blaine Marchand THAT** Judy Dodds and Kate Harrigan be elected to the Board of Directors to serve a three year term ending 2021.

MOVED BY Shirley Ewen and seconded by Matthew LaCompte THAT the Board be granted the power to add an additional Board member prior to the 2019 Annual General Meeting.

Councillor Riley Brockington

Other Business

Guest Speaker –Dr. Paul Villeneuve is an Associate Professor in the Department of Health Sciences at Carleton University. His topic is “Environmental Impacts of the Farm.”

Adjournment

**** Proposed Revised By-Laws**

7. (1) At the annual meeting Directors shall be elected for a three year term. (*Only Directors retiring from the FCEF Board are replaced yearly and the number is not required to be one-third of the Board.*)
(2) No member shall serve on the Board of Directors for more than three consecutive terms.
(*As we have experienced some difficulty recruiting appropriate Board Members, this change is proposed so experienced Directors who wish to serve longer than six years may do so.*)
(3) This by-law will be eliminated.
(*A new Director would be elected for a full term at the next AGM.*)

The significant change in this by-law would be to allow a Director to serve 9 years rather than 6 years

14. (2) Any changes to remuneration shall be included as a note within the year-end financial statements presented at each annual meeting. Upon confirmation of the financial statements the change in remuneration shall be deemed to be in effect. Failing confirmation, the remuneration to such officers, agents or employees and committee members cease to be payable from the date of that annual general meeting. (*This change has been made so that the ongoing remuneration does not have to be voted on as a separate item at the general meeting.*)