

**FRIENDS OF THE CENTRAL EXPERIMENTAL FARM
AMIS DE LA FERME EXPERIMENTALE CENTRALE**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Dianne Caldbick, Lois Burrows, Christina Fiedorowicz, Heather Webster, Elizabeth Atkinson, Liz Lumsden, Eric Jones, Yves Garcia, Shirley Ewen

ABSENT: Linda McLaren, Mark Vigder, Bill Joyce (office manager)

GUEST: David Baker

AGENDA:

- **MOVED by Liz and SECONDED by Heather THAT the agenda be adopted as revised. APPROVED.**

MINUTES:

- **MOVED by Lois and SECONDED by Elizabeth THAT the minutes of the September 2025 meeting be approved with revisions. APPROVED.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Dianne

- Dianne suggested that a working group be set up to present a proposal for the AGM. Shirley, Elizabeth and Yves have agreed to be part of the group and Dianne would like a couple more volunteers. The proposal will be presented at the November meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Heather

- Heather presented the September financial report and FCEF financial position is good. The bills from the Wegman peony garden are outstanding and the arbour for the rose garden has stalled as a contractor is required. Liz has a contact.
- **MOVED by Heather and SECONDED by Christina THAT the September, 2025 Financial Report be accepted. APPROVED.**
- Changes to the 2025 Budget for the amount of \$650 to cover copies of Our Farm in the City, Quickbooks charges, photocopy charges, and some offices supplies were presented.
- **MOVED by Heather and SECONDED by Lois that the 2025 Budget be increased by \$650 to cover these expenditures. APPROVED.**
- Heather reviewed the questions that she will be asking during the special meeting on October 22 at 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. with our RBC financial advisor to discuss FCEF investments. All Board members are invited to attend. During a second hour the Board will make decisions regarding the investment policy so that the 2016 Investment Policy can be revised.
- Heather has requested input for the 2026 budget.

ITEMS FOR BOARD DECISION

- **David Baker** introduced himself and explained why he would like to become a member of the FCEF Board.

- **MOVED by Christina and Seconded by Eric that David Baker be elected to the FCEF Board for the position of Events Director. APPROVED.**
- The proposed dates for the 2026 FCEF events were discussed and revised. Lois will forward this document to AAFC so that the Neatby Building and other locations will be reserved for FCEF events.
- **MOVED by Lois and seconded by Elizabeth that the list with the revised dates for the 2026 FCEF events be presented to AAFC. APPROVED.**
- Dianne proposed a Peony Festival for 2027 and, with the Board's concurrence, will speak with Blaine Marchand about collaborating with the Canadian Peony Society on it.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- Yves presented the proposed ADVANTAGES for FCEF membership. There is agreement that the wording on the website must be changed as it is outdated. Further discussion is required on whether the Newsletter should be restricted to members vs posting it for non-members and the discounts for members on selective events. Eric and Richard Hinchcliff should be consulted regarding the distribution of the Newsletter.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- Twenty-three trees were available this year for the CelebriTree program and they were sponsored within four minutes of availability. There has been a very enthusiastic response to this program as fifty-four people responded. During the duration of this program fifty-nine trees have been sponsored.

OTHER BUSINESS

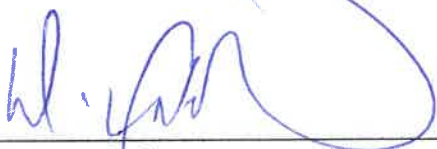
- Henry Phlan has indicated his intention to resign from the position of Director at Large.

ACTION ITEMS

- Yves will continue to work on the membership file.
- Dianne will present a greening of the organization.
- Work will continue on the Winter Event.
- Board members to attend the October 22 meeting with our RBC financial advisor.
- Committee working on the Advantages for FCEF membership to continue.
- Dianne to set up a meeting for the working group on the AGM.
- CelebriTree committee will gather information from the successful donors.

NEXT BOARD MEETING – November 19, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.



 Dianne Caldbick, President



 Shirley Ewen, Secretary