

# Wellesley Apple Butter & Cheese Festival

## Minutes

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 – 7:00 p.m. – Wellesley Community Centre

**Voting Members Present:** Jamie Reid, Ronald Bisch, Mike Moser, Katie Reid, Cathy Koch, George Poole, Theresa Bisch

**Voting Members Absent:** Derek Brick, Alecia Henderson, Dave Zyta

**Auxiliary Members Present:** Tim Leis, Maryanne Perry, Pauline Bevers

**Staff:**

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1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.
2. **Disclosures of Pecuniary interest:** None
3. **Adoption of Minutes: Motion** to adopt the minutes of the December 12, 2023 meeting as printed: Cathy Koch, seconded by Ron Bisch. Carried.
4. **Presentations/Delegations/Communications:**
5. **Unfinished Business:**

O/S - Deep Fryers: Sharing or purchasing for further investigation. Jamie Reid has reached out to Terry Gerber from the Mennonite Relief Sale regarding either renting some fryers from them or if they need more for their event, having the ABC Festival purchase some to share with them. Outstanding for a future meeting.

O/S - Location of the 2025 ABC Festival: Since the ABC Festival will be held at the new recreation complex in 2025, we will need a detailed site map of the facilities. Options were discussed regarding setup, etc. and it was decided to position the booths on the grounds of the new complex. George Poole will determine electrical needs and look for rental/donated generators for use the day of the festival. Mike Moser will investigate borrowing covers for the ice surface from another arena, unless there is a plan from the Township for this. i.e. cost, etc.

If the new complex is open by the February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, we will hold it there and tour the facility to get a better idea of logistics for the 2025 Festival.

O/S – Katie Reid suggested we assign one person from the Festival committee to solicit donations. More discussion needs to happen on this item.

6. **New Business:**

A motion was made by Mike Moser to accept the budget as presented. Seconded by Cathy Koch. Carried.

Theresa Bisch will send the draft budget to council for approval.

Signage on arena wall – Nobody in attendance was in favour of it.

Verbal reports from Festival Committee:

Jamie Reid reported that other sausage makers would like a chance to have their product used at the Festival. A discussion ensued. Jamie Reid will ask Pym's if they can accommodate the sausage needs for the Lions Club booth.

O/S item - Each booth would like to order their own product, but since Derek Brick, the Street Mall co-ordinator was not present this will be left for a future meeting.

Katie Reid reported that the updated vendor application form should be on the website by next week.

Katie Reid also found a new Fry Pie maker who may be able to supply the Snack Shack booth. (Karen's Kitchen in Milverton)

Cathy Koch asked if it was possible to use the kitchen in the existing Community Centre for 2024 for washing the equipment for the breakfast booth. Jamie Reid will check with the Township.

7. **Financial Report:** Theresa Bisch reported that the bank balances are currently \$62,062.45 not including interest income for November and December.

8. **New Business:**

9. **Next Meeting:** February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 7 p.m. (potentially at the new rec complex)

10. **Adjournment:** 8:20 p.m. Ron Bisch made a motion to adjourn, seconded by George Poole. Carried.