

# Wellesley Apple Butter & Cheese Festival

## Minutes

Tuesday, February 13, 2024 – 7:00 p.m. – Wellesley Community Centre

**Voting Members Present:** Ronald Bisch, Theresa Bisch, George Poole, Cathy Koch, Alecia Henderson

**Voting Members Absent:** Jamie Reid, Derek Brick, Dave Zyta, Mike Moser, Katie Reid

**Auxiliary Members Present:** Terry Gerber, Pauline Bevers, Michael Fritz, Cassandra Smyth, MaryAnne Perry, Mike Barker, Tim Leis, Carrie Siewert

**Staff:**

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1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.
  2. **Disclosures of Pecuniary interest:** None
  3. **Adoption of Minutes: Motion** to adopt the minutes of the January 9, 2024 meeting as printed: Cathy Koch, seconded by George Poole. Carried.
  4. **Presentations/Delegations/Communications:** None
  5. **Unfinished Business:**

O/S: Deep Fryers: Terry Gerber has been in touch with the Mennonite Relief Sale committee and they own enough fryers for their own use. They are willing to let us use them again. It was determined that the Lions booth needs 2 fryers and the fritter booth used 4 fryers. Mike Fritz is investigating prices on new fryers and expects them to cost around \$1500 each. We will discuss this matter further at a future meeting.

O/S: Transition to new Rec Complex for 2025. We still need site plans and to do a walkaround of the new facility. More discussion on this at a future meeting.

Soliciting donations. MaryAnne Perry, Pauline Bevers and Carrie Siewert will work together to solicit donations for the Festival. They are looking at Program sponsors and food sponsors.

Each booth ordering their own supplies: The pancake breakfast booth will order their own sausage and syrup. Tim Leis will take care of getting donations of maple syrup again this year. Derek Brick will need to order the supplies for the Lions Booth and each booth will estimate what supplies they need and co-ordinate with Derek Brick for ordering.

Washup Area for Pancake Breakfast booth: The old community centre will not be available for Festival 2024; however, we can book the kitchen at the new rec complex. Cathy Koch would like to use the kitchen on the Thursday evening prior to Festival day, Friday during the day, all day and evening Saturday, and Sunday morning until noon. Ron Bisch suggested that Cathy Koch purchase enough bowls and other equipment for her booth, so they don't have to wash anything throughout the day on Festival Day. That way, they can just take all the used equipment to the new rec complex at the end of the festival day and wash it all at once. Theresa Bisch will see if we can book the kitchen for the requested days and times.

Sausage from Pym's for the Lions Booth. Jamie Reid indicated that Pym's has the capacity to provide up to 400 lbs of fresh linked sausage for the Lion's booth. Before moving forward with this option, we need pricing.

6. **New Business:**

Contacting the Township: It was decided that the Secretary/Treasurer, Theresa Bisch would be the point of contact for anything to do with the Township. This includes special events permits, booking the facilities, road closings, arranging insurance for the tractors, etc.

Verbal reports from Festival Committee:

Carrie Siewert is currently updating the website.

Cathy Koch is reaching out to Baden Coffee hoping to get them to provide all the coffee for Festival day and prepare it, etc.

Cassandra Smyth is looking at using the information booth shed for storage the day of the festival. Their booth would also like smaller containers for the bulk products they use, such as applesauce and maple syrup.

Tim Leis is still deciding on the featured antique equipment for 2024's festival.

Michael Fritz will have issues with the Arena Cider Booth if he cannot use the refrigeration facilities in the community centre. It was suggested that perhaps we could move the coolers from the community centre to the arena and use them there.

Otherwise we will need to rent a cooler trailer or something with enough capacity.

Jamie Reid or Theresa Bisch will speak to the Township to see if there is anything available.

Terry Gerber asked for details of what the fritter booth used for ingredients and supplies in 2023. Theresa Bisch will provide whatever information she has on this. We have excess bleach, etc. on hand due to past reordering.

A question was raised about the availability of the washrooms in the arena for the 2024 Festival day. This will be a question for the Township.

7. **Financial Report:** Theresa Bisch reported that the township reserve currently has a balance of approximately \$63,700 as of February 12, 2024.

8. **Next Meeting:** March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 7 p.m. at the upstairs meeting room of the new rec complex.
9. **Adjournment:** George Poole made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Cathy Koch. Carried.