



BEAUMONT & DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER

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29 Years of Community Service!

BACKGROUND

Your non-profit society was registered in January, 1990, under the Agricultural Societies Act of Alberta. Along with nearly 300 other Ag Societies throughout the Province, BADAS offers agricultural, recreational and cultural opportunities to our district and Alberta's Capital Region. This exceptional organization fully owns the 71-acre Fairground parcel just west of Beaumont. Our Vision is to strengthen rural roots in Alberta's Capital Region. Our Mission is to support and enhance the quality of life of residents in the Town of Beaumont, Leduc County and the surrounding communities through the advancement of agricultural, recreational and cultural opportunities. Read the 2017 newsletter to see that BADAS really does walk the talk! ■

Annual General Meeting

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2018

What an amazing, crazy year! While enthusiasts were busy using the Fairground to pursue interests in equine, canine, gardening, carriage driving, and rural roots fair activities, the Board and its managers were taking on facility improvements and development. Our AGM is a great opportunity to learn about the year just passed, and plans for the coming year. Don't forget about interacting with other members, and the good food! Focus this year will be on development plans for the Gobeil Heritage Barn. Details on the AGM are on the back page of the newsletter. ■

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Development Committee

GOBEIL HERITAGE BARN PROJECT NEWS

The Gobeil Heritage Barn (GHB), an architecturally and historically significant heritage resource, was moved from its original location about 3.5 km northwest of the Town of Beaumont to the Fairgrounds on April 26, 2016. Preparation of the final site for the GHB began in 2016, and continued in earnest in 2017. Earth moving and leveling, drilling for and pouring concrete piles, and building the foundation were completed by mid-October. Final move of the barn commenced in late-October; it was temporarily stabilized on the foundation by the end of November. Re-roofing began in early December and will be completed by the time this Newsletter is distributed. The project is a joint 3-way effort involving the Gobeil Family, Beaumont & District Agricultural Society; and Beaumont & District Heritage Society/Société d'Histoire de Beaumont. When completed, the GHB will serve as a noteworthy venue to promote agricultural, recreational and cultural programming for community and other organizations in our District. ■



PROJECT SPECIFIC GRANTS COMPLETED IN 2017

All that work on the Gobeil Heritage Barn Project, Phase I, was funded with a \$75,000 Community Initiatives Program (CIP) grant, plus matching BADAS dollars and volunteer time. A second grant, the Agricultural Initiatives Program (AIP) grant, was also completed in 2017. The AIP grant, which brought in \$38,154 to be matched by BADAS funds plus volunteer time, was used to upgrade some existing infrastructure and facilities. Here is brief list of work completed under the AIP grant:

- Perimeter fencing enclosing the entire Fairground;
- Repair and upgrade of Cross-Country Course jumps;
- Road repairs with new gravel and improved approaches;
- Secondary power run to stable, GHB, and arena tower;
- Earth work to move topsoil from the GHB site to the paddock, community gardens and other areas. ■

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee oversees budgeting, grant applications, fundraising efforts, and review of financial activity for BADAS.

2016-17 fiscal year revenue returned to 'normal' (*see* Treasurer's Report on page 4) after the previous year's record high due to 2 grants and an insurance claim. Main sources of revenue were:

- ❖ Alberta Agriculture & Forestry program grant – \$25,044.
- ❖ Donations from BDHS and others – \$2,780.
- ❖ Expense Recovery (easement reclamation) – \$5,356.
- ❖ Facility fees – \$19,875, slightly higher than last year.
- ❖ Leduc County – \$3,250 operating grant.
- ❖ Special Events – \$23,477 from Clinic/Derby & RRF.

Operating expenses for the 2016-17 fiscal year, at \$136,903, were considerably higher than in previous years, but included non-capital CIP (Gobeil Heritage Barn) and AIP (capital upgrades) grant expenditures. Other expense items that were notably higher included accounting fees, fundraiser/event expenses, volunteer expenses, and awards/prizes.

Capital outlays in 2016-17 were \$73,597 for perimeter fencing along the north boundary; running secondary power to the UFA Stables, GHB and arena announcer's stand; installing lights and outlets in the UFA Stables; constructing the foundation for the GHB, including concrete for piles; buying cedar shingles and roofing supplies for the barn; and getting the barn re-roofed. ■

Operations Committee

Maintenance and grounds-keeping duties were handled mainly by casual seasonal staff and volunteers. Super Volunteer turned Fairground Ops Manager Dennis Madu, along with student Aaron Fensky and General Manager Bruce Walker, performed most of the work, starting in early May. They groomed the sand rings, discouraged nuisance pocket gophers, monitored/ordered supplies and services, cleaned up garbage and manure, mowed and trimmed grass and weeds, repaired and maintained equipment, and took on painting and general maintenance of buildings and Cross-Country jumps. With volunteer help, the grounds generally looked in top shape despite excessive wetness through much of the season. Many thanks to all volunteers and workers for helping keep our Fairgrounds in beautiful condition.

Major events held at the Fairground in 2017 were: Beaumont Derby (May 14) preceded by cross-country and stadium-jumping clinics (May 13); AHTA Clinic (May 26-27); Beaumont Horse Trials (June 3-4; *see report on page 3*); ANR Pony Club Tetrathlon (June 25); Klondike Carriage Classic (August 13-14); Rural Roots Fair (RRF, August 26-27); Dynamo Dog Sports Agility Trials (September 1-4); AMHYC Charity Horse Show (September 9); and CVPC Testing Day (September 10).

FACILITY BOOKINGS

Equine use of the Fairground generates the most bookings, user numbers and rental/fee revenue. BADAS collects booking and user information that reveals how the equine facilities are used.

- ❖ Total number of equine bookings in 2017 – **110**; 12% fewer bookings than in 2016. 17 were cancelled.
- ❖ Logged **rider-days** (sessions) for the year – **1,078**; 10% less equine rider-days than in 2016.

Fourteen equine events (clinics, competitions) were booked in 2017; 2 were cancelled and 1 postponed from August to

September. Estimated rider-days for events (681) were about 8% lower than in 2016. We also have figures on the number of X-Country rider-days (49% of total); on sand ring rider-days (20% of total); and on multiple-facility rider-days (31% of total).

Equine use started in early May in 2017, about 2 weeks later than in 2016. There were no bookings after September 11; conditions were often too wet and miserable. May had the most bookings (35%); September (5%) and July (15%) the lowest.

The lower equine user numbers in 2017 mostly reflect the much shorter season compared to 2016, and the high frequency of inclement weather throughout the summer. Seventeen known booking cancellations were logged in 2017 compared to 12 over the longer 2016 season. Riding fees were increased a little in 2007; this might have been another factor in the lower numbers.

Dynamo Dog Sports group occasionally used the "flag-pole lawn" area of the Fairground as an outdoor practice facility in 2017. They also hosted, over the September long weekend, the second annual *Dog Agility Trial* event.

Rural Roots Fair (RRF) – The 2nd annual RRF, held August 26-27, was much larger than the first. Nearly 1,900 visitors were logged into the Fairground over the 2 days. In addition, roughly 25-35 of a total volunteer force numbering about 50-55 were on the grounds at any time. Add exhibitors, clinicians, judges, ride operators and support staff, food service staff, competitors and followers, and clinic participants, total numbers easily swelled to over 2,000 for the weekend. Highlights of the event were the Breed Battle, Farrier Competition, and several demonstrations including agility dogs. ■



Promotions and Membership

TOWN & COUNTRY DAZE: Once again BADAS partnered with the Town of Beaumont's Promotions Committee to stage another successful *Town & Country Daze* weekend June 16-18. BADAS focused on hosting the parade (June 17). Numbers of registrants (55) and spectators were very high, the weather was nice, and everyone had a great time!

MEMBERSHIP: BADAS ended 2016-17 with a total of 192 members – 147 Full (adult), 23 Junior (12-18 years old), and 22 Lifetime. **Renew your membership for 2017-18** either online (*see* our website) or by filling in the form on page 5 and sending it with fees to the Ag Society. Sign up family members, and please pass the word around to help increase our membership. Visit us www.beaumontagsociety.com, go to the *Contact and Join Us* page, and click on links to join BADAS online or download the membership form. Or find us on Facebook too! ■

LAST YEAR'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Alan Knowles	President
Megan Yu	Secretary
Beth Holland	Treasurer
Lois Watson	1 st Vice-President
Charles Fensky	2 nd Vice-President
Raven Anaka	Director
Zyre Aubrey-Hebert	Director
Kerri Bauer	Director
Rod Ingram	Director
Adelle Madu	Director
Loretta Martin	Director
MaryAnn McDonald	Director
Sally Olson	Director
Don Schiewe	Director
Grant Tolley	Director
Harry Zuzak	Director

Your Ag Society thanks the Councils and Administration of Leduc County and Town of Beaumont for their contributions in 2017! Many thanks to departing Director Zyre Aubrey-Hebert for her volunteer service to the BADAS Board.

IMPORTANT! BORROWING RESOLUTION

BADAS began the 2017-18 fiscal year with a deficit of just over \$4,500. Since most of BADAS's annual income doesn't arrive until May and later, the operating deficit will continue to grow over the first half of the year.

Also, the Gobeil Heritage Barn (GHB) must be outfitted with a stabilizing internal framework before any other development can proceed. Weather proofing the barn can also begin.

With these operating and capital development expenses in mind, the Board of Directors is preparing a **Borrowing Resolution** that will be presented for approval at the AGM on January 6. This Resolution **authorizes the Society to borrow up to \$50,000 over a maximum 10-year term, with an open repayment option, from a local banking institution** (e.g. Beaumont Credit Union). For a copy of the Resolution, contact Bruce Walker (admin@beaumontagsociety.com).

MAJOR EVENTS COMING IN 2018

FOR UP-TO-DATE DETAILS, CHECK OUR EVENTS/BOOKINGS CALENDAR AT www.beaumontagsociety.com

JANUARY 6 – BADAS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

MAY 19 – CROSS-COUNTRY & STADIUM JUMPING CLINICS

MAY 20 – BEAUMONT DERBY

JUNE 2-3 – BEAUMONT HORSE TRIALS

JUNE 15-17 – BEAUMONT TOWN AND COUNTRY DAZE WEEKEND, INCLUDING BEAUMONT BLUES & ROOTS FESTIVAL

JUNE 16 – TOWN & COUNTRY DAZE PARADE, HOSTED BY BADAS

AUGUST 11-12 – KLONDIKE CARRIAGE CLASSIC

AUGUST 25-26 (TENTATIVE) – RURAL ROOTS FAIR (RRF)

SEPTEMBER 29 (TENTATIVE) – FAIRGROUNDS FALL CLEAN-UP

GERRY PATSULA COMMUNITY GARDENS (GPCG) NEWS

Once again thank-you to the many volunteers that made the community gardens possible this year. 2017 saw further expansion from 84 to 96 plots to deal with increased demand for community facilities. To facilitate expansion and to fill low-lying areas in the garden, topsoil was transferred from other fairground locations. Some of the added topsoil contained too much clay, which hampered plant growth. Work started this fall to improve this soil problem.

In 2017 we also used a new online process that greatly improved the application and registration procedure. As can be expected, there were growing pains with the new online system. We thank you for your patience and support as we continue to work to resolve both the soil and registration issues. The GPCG continue to be a local gem that allows many families to grow organic food and grow the community.

There will be no significant changes in 2018; focus will be to enhance the garden and community experience. For more information, email Charles Fensky at the gardens email account gpcgadmin@beaumontagsociety.com.



CLEARWATER VALLEY PONY CLUB – 2017

Clearwater Valley Pony Club (CVPC) hosted the 11th Annual Beaumont Horse Trials at the BADAS Fairground on June 3-4, 2017. This event drew 172 competitors competing in each of 3 disciplines included in Horse Trials: Dressage, Show Jumping, and Cross Country. With the help of 60+ volunteers, the weekend was a huge success. CVPC also combined with BADAS to host the annual Beaumont Clinic & Derby in mid-May. Watch for this event on the May long weekend in 2018.

CVPC had 10 active members and 7 Horsemasters who had a busy year competing in Beaumont Clinic & Derby, Beaumont Horse Trials, CVPC Testing Day, and the Regional Dressage and Show Jumping competitions. One member, Taylor Schiewe, represented Alberta North Region (ANR) and competed in both Show Jumping and Dressage at the Canadian Pony Club Nationals. We would like to thank BADAS for their continued support for our members competing at both the Regional and National levels.

CVPC will celebrate its 50th Anniversary as a Pony Club in 2018!

Treasurer's Report & Budget

The Treasurer's report for fiscal year 2016-17 (Actual \$) and general budget (Budget \$) for 2017-18 are presented below. Financial reports (Actual 2016-17, Budget 2017-18) for Fairground Development and Fairground Operations are also presented. Review engagement year-end financial statements prepared by an accountant will also be presented at the AGM.

Treasurer's Report with Budget

GENERAL ACCOUNT:	ACTUAL (\$)	BUDGET (\$)
Revenue:		
Interest	95	100
AARD Annual Op Grants	25,044	21,000
Municipal Op Grants	3,250	6,600
Farm Safety Prog. Grant	0	10,000
Casino Income	0	20,000
Capital grants (e.g. CIP)	0	0
Membership	1,460	1,700
Facility Rentals/Fees	19,875	20,000
Fundraisers/Special Events	23,477	20,000
Donations	2,780	10,000
Exp. Recovery/Misc.	5,356	1,000
Op. Revenue Subtotals	\$81,337	\$110,400
<i>GST Rebate (not income)</i>	<i>3,348</i>	<i>4,252</i>
<i>Effective bank balance</i>	<i>125,584</i>	<i>(4,515)</i>
<i>Capital Reserves – Partners</i>	<i>See donations</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Loan or Line-of-Credit</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>50,000</i>
Revenue TOTALS	\$210,269	\$160,137
Expenses:		
Land Improvements	27,500	2,000
Fairground Operations	30,844	17,000
Labour Payroll/WCB	6,390	15,000
Contract Staff	16,350	10,000
Farm Safety Program	0	10,000
Office Supplies/Postage	710	500
Website Maintenance	857	900
Advertising & promotion	825	800
Feasibility/Planning Study	20,231	0
Edu/Aware/Leadership	750	1,250
Member/Staff Courses	0	100
Bank Charges/Interest	66	1,642
Town & Country Daze	698	750
Membership (AAAS)	300	300
Accounting Fees	3,500	3,500
GST 50% add back	4,251	1,700
Legal Fees	0	500
Donations	0	100
Insurance (liab./prop.)	3,096	3,100
Fundraiser/Event Expenses	12,824	13,000
Volunteer/Casino Expenses	2,156	3,000
AAAS Convention/Mtgs	1,855	1,900
Awards/Prizes	3,554	3,600
Miscellaneous	145	100
Op. Expenses Subtotals	\$136,903	\$90,742
<i>Fairgrounds Development</i>	<i>73,597</i>	<i>40,000</i>
<i>Loan principal payments</i>	<i>1,083</i>	<i>3,021</i>
Expenses TOTALS	\$211,583	\$133,764
Operations Net (Subtotals)	(\$55,566)	\$19,658
Combined Net (TOTALS)	(\$1,314)	\$26,374

EFFECTIVE BANK BALANCE* AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2017:	
Net Amount Available – all bank accounts	(4,515)
Total	(4,515)

Notes: *Effective Bank Balance, or Cash-On-Hand, is the sum of all bank account balances LESS outstanding Accounts Payable from the previous time period not yet cleared by the bank.



Fairground Development Financial Report

	Actual	Budget
Maintenance Equipment	1,899	0
Garden Equipment	0	0
Gobeil Heritage Barn Project	57,804	40,000
Buildings/Structures/Bleachers	7,594	0
Stabling	6,300	0
Tractor w/ loader	0	0
TOTALS	\$73,597	\$40,000

Notes: In 2017, BADAS purchased 2 water/trash pumps; shingles plus re-roofing of the Gobeil Heritage Barn (GHB); concrete and lumber for construction of the GHB foundation; north boundary fencing; secondary power to UFA stables, GHB and arena tower; lights and outlets in the UFA stables.



Fairground Operations Financial Report

	Actual	Budget
Utilities (power, toilets, garbage)	4,681	5,000
Fuel/lubricants, general maintenance	2,137	2,200
Maint./repair – buildings & structures	2,291	4,000
Maint./repair – Cross-country Course	14,839	800
Maint./repair – GPCG	1,941	2,000
Maint./repair – Equipment	1,839	1,500
Equipment rental	1,536	500
Non-cap. equipment, supplies, sundries	1,580	1,000
TOTALS	\$30,844	\$17,000

Notes: Total actual 2016-17 expenses and budget amount for 2017-18 transferred to 'Fairground Operations' line in the Treasurer's Report. Payroll, Contract Staff, and Insurance are separate line items in the Treasurer's Report.

Beaumont & District Ag Society – Membership Form

Membership (Fiscal) Year: 2017-18

Contact Information: Please provide contact information, under one name (e.g. Smith, Betty) for mailings, telephone, and email contact. Individual member names (family list) will be linked to the family name via the telephone number. Individual email addresses can be used for email messages if requested.

Please PRINT CLEARLY & avoid follow-up calls/emails!

ONLINE MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION OPTION
 Refer to the BADAS website – www.beaumontagsociety.com on the *Contact and Join Us* page for guidelines and a live link to our membership registration form on *Karelo.com*.

Family Name: _____ **First Name (main contact):** _____

Mailing Address: Box/Street: _____ City: _____
 Postal Code: _____

Email (Main): _____ **Telephone (Main):** _____

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Club Affiliation: _____

Membership Type (Age Group) – each member:

- **Junior** – Youth (age 12 to 18) OR
- **Full** – Regular (adult over 18)

Membership Fees:

- Full (Adult) – \$15.00
- Junior membership – \$10.00
- Family rate (3 or more family members) – \$30.00

Individual Members:

Individual (Family Member) Name		Membership Type (Required*)	Individual Email Address (Optional)	Office Use Only
Surname	First Name			
		Full <input type="checkbox"/> 	Repeat main contact name on first line; list family members on following lines	
		Full <input type="checkbox"/> or Junior <input type="checkbox"/>		
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Payment Details:

Enclosed/attached: Cheque Cash/Coin **Amount:** \$ _____

Delivery Information: Return this completed form, along with the correct fee, to an official of the Ag Society, or mail to:
Beaumont & District Agricultural Society
 5010A – 52 Avenue
 Beaumont, Alberta T4X 1E5

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Board of Directors names and contact information are supplied on paper to the Agricultural Societies Program, Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development.

Office Use Only: Membership Fee Received by _____
 Date Received: _____ Date Logged: _____ Payment Processed:

BEAUMONT & DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

When: Saturday, January 6, 2018; 6:00 PM

Where: Looma Hall, Looma

RSVP: admin@beaumontagsociety.com

**Come Enjoy a Delicious Supper and a
Presentation on the Gobeil Heritage Barn**



The Gobeil Heritage Barn (GHB) is a large (80' x 30'), hipped-gambrel roofed structure that served as a dairy barn. Built almost 80 years ago, the barn represents the agricultural heritage of the Beaumont area and was donated by the Gobeil Family. The Gobeil Heritage Barn Project, a joint project of BADAS, Beaumont & District Heritage Society, and the Gobeil Family, was launched to move and restore the barn. In April, 2016, GHB was moved to a temporary site on the BADAS Fairground. It was finally moved to its permanent location this fall. Now on a solid foundation and with a new roof, what's next?

Where is Looma Hall? [From Beaumont](#), take Secondary Highway 625 east to Highway 21; turn north (left) on #21 for 1.9 km; turn left into Looma on Township Road 505A; drive almost 0.5 km to the Hall on the right. [From Edmonton](#), take Anthony Henday to Highway 14 East to Highway 21 South; drive south on #21 for about 10 km; turn right into Looma.