



BEAUMONT & DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER

December 2018

Entering 30th Year in the Region!

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 brings the benefits of Ag Societies to our district and Alberta's Capital Region. This remarkable organization fully owns the 71-acre Fairground parcel at the west edge 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 Beaumont, Leduc County and the surrounding communities through the advancement of agricultural, recreational and cultural opportunities. Catch up on 2018 activities in this newsletter! ■

Annual General Meeting

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 2019

Wow can you believe it! We just wrapped up our 29th year and are starting our 30th. While looking more like a small business with the Board and managers focused on facility improvements and development, enthusiasts use the Fairground to pursue equine, canine, gardening, and agricultural heritage and cultural activities. The AGM is a great opportunity to learn about the year just passed and plans for the coming year. You can also interact with other members while enjoying good food! Get a glimpse into future development plans for the Fairground. 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 was moved onto its permanent foundation in November of 2017, and a new roof of red cedar shingles was installed shortly thereafter. Through the winter and spring of 2018, the Barn was bolted to the foundation and the structure was stabilized. Planning started for a steel internal stabilizing structure which will be built in the lower level, to replace the original angled stall supports on the main floor. The steel framework will provide structural support, will provide adequate support for the upper floor, and will allow for a clear-span space on the lower floor. The clear-span space will provide space for multiple activities, including farmers' markets, trade fairs, agricultural demonstrations and exhibitions, community volunteer organization meetings, community celebrations and events, barn dances, music festivals, family reunions, theatrical performances, indoor sports training classes and events, dance training, weddings, wedding receptions, banquets – it will truly be a multi-use facility. ■



GOBEIL HERITAGE BARN PROJECT – PHASE II PLANS

The Phase II Project Plan for the barn has commenced this fall, which will provide details for the refurbishment and restoration of the Barn, outside and inside. Phase II will involve: affixing the milk-house to the main barn and reconstructing the milk-house interior; exterior repairs, windows and doors, pump-house door entry construction, and painting the Barn anew – white; utility services installation; stairway and handicap access to the upper floor; new upper floor installation; new ground-level concrete floor installation; insulation and renewed interior finishes; and many more amenities that will provide for a top-notch public gathering place. Under current financial plans, the Phase II projects will begin in 2019 and carry into 2020, with the goal of opening the Barn to the public by the time of the Rural Roots Fair in August of 2020. ■

Finance Committee

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

BADAS recorded another 'normal' year of revenue in the 2017-18 fiscal year (see Treasurer's Report on page 4). Main sources of revenue were:

- ❖ Alberta Agriculture & Forestry program grant – \$27,061.
- ❖ Donations, mainly from individuals – \$18,150.
- ❖ Expense Recovery (Casino & National Rally) – \$2,394.
- ❖ Facility fees – \$22,661, slightly higher than last year.
- ❖ Leduc County – \$3,300 operating grant.
- ❖ Special Events – \$23,493 from Clinic/Derby & RRF.

Operating expenses returned to 'normal' levels (\$88,671) after 2 years of much higher expenditures that included non-capital grant expenditures under the Community Initiatives Program (Gobeil Heritage Barn) and Agricultural Initiatives Program (capital upgrades). Reports to complete these grants were done by March 31, 2018.

Capital outlays in 2017-18 totaled \$6,653 for activating power in the GHB and Announcer's Tower, for additional foundation materials for the GHB, and for purchasing a larger hand-steered rototiller for the community gardens. Plans for 2019 include stabilizing the GHB, and perhaps to purchase a newer tractor. ■

Operations Committee

Super Volunteer Dennis Madu, hired on as Fairground Ops Manager for 2018, performed most of the maintenance and grounds-keeping work, along with some volunteer help. 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 usually looked in top shape through the summer season that ended suddenly in September. Many thanks to all workers and volunteers for keeping our Fairgrounds in beautiful condition.

Major events held at the Fairground in 2018: Beaumont Derby (May 20) preceded by cross-country and stadium-jumping clinics (May 19); Beaumont Horse Trials (June 2-3); AHTA 101 Clinic (June 10); ANR Pony Club Tetrathlon (June 17); Sturgeon Valley Pony Club Clinic (June 23-24); ANR Pony Club National Rally (August 13-15); Rural Roots Fair (RRF 2018, August 25-26); and Strathcona Pony Club Testing Day (September 2).

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 2018 – **103**; 6% fewer bookings than in 2017. 16 were cancelled.
- ❖ Logged **rider-days** (sessions) for the year – **1,122**; 4% more equine rider-days than in 2017.

Nine equine events (clinics, competitions, testing) were booked in 2018; none were cancelled. Estimated rider-days for events (629) were about 8% lower than in 2017. We also have figures on the number of X-Country rider-days (39% of total); on sand ring rider-days (20% of total); and on multiple-facility rider-days

(42% of total).

Equine use started in early May in 2018, at about the same time as in 2017 but 2 weeks later than in the benchmark year, 2016. There were no bookings after September 12 and the last 2 bookings were cancelled. Conditions suddenly became too winter-like (wet and miserable). May had the most bookings (33%); September (10%) and July (15%) were the lowest.

The lower equine user numbers in 2017 and 2018 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 2018 compared to 17 in 2017 and 12 over the longer 2016 season. Riding fees were increased a bit in 2017 but seems not a factor.

No canine groups used the Fairground in 2018. *Hope Heels Service Dogs* intended to start a 5-km obstacle course event as a fundraiser, but ran out of time and resources to get it organized.

Rural Roots Fair (RRF) – The 3rd annual RRF, held August 25-26, was larger than both previous versions, despite inclement weather. Over 2,100 visitors were logged into the Fairground over the 2 days. In addition, roughly 25-30 of a total volunteer force numbering about 45-50 were on the grounds at any one 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 2,300 for the weekend. Highlights of the event were the Farrier Competition and several equine and canine demonstrations. ■



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 15-17. BADAS focused on hosting the parade (June 16). Registrant numbers were high (55 entries), spectators everywhere, the weather nice, and everyone had a great time!

MEMBERSHIP: BADAS ended 2017-18 with 190 members – 146 Full (adult), 22 Junior (12-18 years old), and 22 Lifetime.

Renew your membership for 2018-19 either online (see our website after Jan. 1) 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 membership. Visit us at 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
Kerri Bauer	Secretary
Beth Holland	Treasurer
Lois Watson	1 st Vice-President
Charles Fensky	2 nd Vice-President
Raven Anaka	Director
Rod Ingram	Director
Adelle Madu	Director
Loretta Martin	Director
MaryAnn McDonald	Director
Sally Olson	Director
Don Schiewe	Director
Grant Tolley	Director
Megan Yu	Director
Harry Zuzak	Director

Your Ag Society thanks the Councils and Administration of Leduc County and Town of Beaumont for their contributions in 2018! Many thanks to departing Secretary Kerri Bauer for her volunteer service to the BADAS Board. ■

NOTICE! 2019 BY-LAW CHANGES

The by-laws governing BADAS, initially based on Agricultural Societies Act guidelines from the 1990s, have long had a clause that notionally limits the Term of Office of volunteer Board members to 5 years. In reality, and in order to maintain a strong Board of Directors through time, this clause has basically been ignored. So it is time to change it.

VII. TERM OF OFFICE:

1. Each Board member will be elected for a term of one year. An individual may serve for up to five (5) consecutive terms, but must then take leave from Board duties for at least one year.

This clause to be replaced with:

1. Each Board member will be elected for a term of one year. An individual may serve for up to five (5) consecutive terms, but **should** then take leave from Board duties for at least one year, **unless otherwise specified by the membership at the Annual General Meeting.** ■

MAJOR EVENTS COMING IN 2019

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

JANUARY 5 – BADAS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

MAY 18 – CROSS-COUNTRY & STADIUM JUMPING CLINICS

MAY 19 – BEAUMONT DERBY

JUNE 1-2 – BEAUMONT HORSE TRIALS

JUNE 14-16 – BEAUMONT TOWN AND COUNTRY DAZE WEEKEND, INCLUDING BEAUMONT BLUES & ROOTS FESTIVAL

JUNE 15 – TOWN & COUNTRY DAZE PARADE, HOSTED BY BADAS

AUGUST 24-25 – RURAL ROOTS FAIR (RRF) 2019

SEPTEMBER 29 (TENTATIVE) – FAIRGROUNDS FALL CLEAN-UP ■

GERRY PATSULA COMMUNITY GARDENS

(GPCG) NEWS – by Charles Fensky

I would like to thank the many volunteers that help make the community gardens work. In 2018 we had more volunteer help than ever before – a good indicator of a successful and vibrant community garden! Soil improvement work done in 2017 was effective, and soil conditions were significantly improved in 2018. Even with challenging weather conditions, the gardens were amazing. Hot and dry conditions did put a strain on the water system; we thank all affected gardeners for your patience during repairs. In 2019 we are budgeting for a 2nd high pressure pump to give more redundancy to the water system. Also in 2019 we plan to add gravel to the west-side roadway to improve accessibility in wet conditions, and to implement an online waiver system for garden users.

I want thank the other garden Coordinators Richard Ferguson, Joanne Urlacher and Zyre Aubrey-Hebert who have really helped with administration duties; also Fairground Operations Manager Dennis Madu, who worked tirelessly to keep the water system and machines operational.

The online garden plot application system will open the first week of March, 2019. Questions or comments? Please email Charles Fensky at gpcgadmin@beaumontagsociety.com. ■



CLEARWATER VALLEY PONY CLUB – 2018

Clearwater Valley Pony Club (CVPC) celebrated its 50th Anniversary in conjunction with the 12th Annual Beaumont Horse Trials at BADAS Fairgrounds on June 2-3, 2018. This event drew 176 riders from BC, Alberta and Saskatchewan that competed in each of 3 disciplines for Horse Trials: Dressage, Show Jumping, and Cross Country. With the help of 70+ volunteers, the weekend was a huge success. Being a special year, we had a live band and catered dinner on June 3 for competitors, alumni and CVPC families.

CVPC also combined with BADAS to host the annual Beaumont Clinic and Derby on the May long weekend. In 2019, Clinic & Derby are on May 18 & 19 and Beaumont Horse Trials is being held June 1 & 2.

CVPC had 11 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. Member Nessa Ingram represented Alberta Central Region and competed at Canadian Pony Club National Rally, which was held at BADAS Fairgrounds in August. We would like to thank BADAS for their continued support for our members. ■

Treasurer's Report & Budget

The Treasurer's report for fiscal year 2017-18 (Actual \$) and general budget (Budget \$) for 2018-19 are presented below. Financial reports (Actual 2017-18, Budget 2018-19) 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	49	50
AARD Annual Op Grants	27,061	27,000
Municipal Op Grants	3,300	8,350
Casino Income	0	21,000
Capital grants (e.g. CIP)	0	0
Membership	1,980	2,000
Facility Rentals/Fees	22,661	23,000
Fundraisers/Special Events	23,493	80,000
Donations	18,150	5,000
Exp. Recovery/Misc.	2,394	1,000
Op. Revenue Subtotals	\$99,088	\$167,400
<i>GST Rebate (not income)</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>5,782</i>
<i>Effective bank balance</i>	<i>(4,515)</i>	<i>(2,570)</i>
<i>Capital Reserves – Partners</i>	<i>See donations</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Loan or Line-of-Credit</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>35,000</i>
Revenue TOTALS	\$94,573	\$205,612
Expenses:		
Land Improvements	8,156	10,000
Fairground Operations	13,118	16,000
Labour Payroll/WCB	11,735	15,000
Contract Staff	9,998	10,000
Office Supplies/Postage	528	600
Telecom	0	3,000
Website Maintenance	668	6,000
Advertising & promotion	626	1,000
Feasibility/Planning Study	0	0
Edu/Aware/Leadership	0	1,000
Member/Staff Courses	0	100
Bank Charges/Interest	1,411	950
Town & Country Daze	596	750
Membership (AAAS)	300	300
Accounting Fees	5,500	3,500
GST 50% add back	1,530	4,300
Legal Fees	0	500
Donations	0	100
Insurance (liab./prop.)	3,084	3,200
Fundraiser/Event Expenses	19,348	20,000
Volunteer/Casino Expenses	2,840	1,300
AAAS Convention/Mtgs	1,855	2,000
Awards/Prizes	1,880	1,900
Miscellaneous	5,496	100
Op. Expenses Subtotals	\$88,671	\$101,600
<i>Fairgrounds Development</i>	<i>6,653</i>	<i>97,500</i>
<i>Loan principal payments</i>	<i>3,570</i>	<i>12,250</i>
Expenses TOTALS	\$98,895	\$211,350
Operations Net (Subtotals)	\$10,417	\$65,800
Combined Net (TOTALS)	(\$4,321)	(\$5,738)

EFFECTIVE BANK BALANCE * AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2018:

Net Amount Available – all bank accounts	(2,570)
Total	(2,570)

*Effective Bank Balance, or Cash-On-Hand, is the sum of all bank account balances PLUS outstanding Accounts Receivable, LESS outstanding Accounts Payable from the previous time period not yet cleared by the bank, LESS balance owed on loan.



Fairground Development Financial Report

	Actual	Budget
Maintenance Equipment	0	0
Garden Equipment	850	1,500
Gobeil Heritage Barn Project	4,108	75,000
Buildings/Structures/Bleachers	1,795	0
Stabling	0	0
Tractor w/ loader & grooming mower	(\$100)	21,000
TOTALS	\$6,653	\$97,500

Notes: In 2018, BADAS purchased a Troy-Bilt, rear tine, walk-behind, garden tiller; various foundation and structural materials for the Gobeil Heritage Barn; a 20 by 40 foot, steel-framed, party tent; and exchanged a malfunctioning 3200-watt Champion generator for another of the same model and size (but at \$100 lower cost).



Fairground Operations Financial Report

	Actual	Budget
Utilities (power, toilets, garbage, water)	5,205	5,200
Fuel/lubricants, general maintenance	1,874	2,000
Maint./repair – buildings & structures	155	2,000
Maint./repair – Cross-country Course	514	3,000
Maint./repair – GPCG	645	1,000
Maint./repair – Equipment	3,033	1,000
Equipment rental	300	300
Non-cap. equipment, supplies, sundries	1,393	1,500
TOTALS	\$13,118	\$16,000

Notes: Total actual 2017-18 expenses and budget amount for 2018-19 transferred to 'Fairground Operations' line in the Treasurer's Report. Payroll, Contract Staff, and Insurance are separate line items.

Beaumont & District Ag Society — Membership Form

Membership (Fiscal) Year: 2018-19

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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		Full <input type="checkbox"/> or Junior <input type="checkbox"/>		

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

Privacy Policy: Membership data collected and held by the Beaumont & District Agricultural Society will be used only for contacting and informing members regarding Ag Society matters. The Board of Directors and administrative staff/volunteers will make all reasonable efforts to protect digital copies of the membership database, and not distribute or supply same to outside individuals or organizations.

Board of Directors names and contact information are supplied on paper to the Agricultural Societies Program, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, and Canada Revenue Agency.

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

BEAUMONT & DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

When: Saturday, January 5, 2019; 6:00 PM

Where: Looma Hall, Looma

RSVP: admin@beaumontagsociety.com

Come Enjoy a Delicious Supper and a
Presentation on Plans for the Fairground and GHB



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 in 2017. 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.