



BEAUMONT & DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER

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Celebrating 30 Years!

January 11, 1990! Official date of formation for Beaumont & District Agricultural Society (BADAS). The Certificate of Organization lists 90 area residents that applied to Associate Minister of Agriculture Shirley McClellan for ag society status under The Agricultural Societies Act. The '90' will always be known as the Charter Members of BADAS.

Early on, BADAS supported the BRAC facility in Beaumont, started *Town & Country Daze* with a horse show and parade, and helped support local youth groups and the library. In 1996, BADAS obtained provincial funding to help build the Beaumont Firehall, in return for office space and use of the Training Room for monthly meetings. In 2000, BADAS purchased a 71-acre parcel at the west edge of Beaumont where it began developing equine and gardening facilities. The mortgage on this Fairground parcel was retired in 2011. In 2009, the Beaumont Cross-Country Course, designed and built over the previous 3 years by *Friends of Alberta North Region Pony Clubs*, was turned over to BADAS. The community gardens, started in 2003 and named the Gerry Patsula Community Gardens in 2009, has grown to nearly 100 plots.

Many events have been hosted at the Fairground since about 2003. The list includes Beaumont Open Horse Show, Beaumont Horse Trials, Beaumont Clinic/Derby, Wild Pink Yonder, and the Klondike Classic. In recent years, Rural Roots Fair and the RCMP Musical Ride were added. Come join us on January 11, 2020, for the **30th Anniversary Gala & AGM**.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL! ■

Development Committee

GOBEIL HERITAGE BARN PROJECT NEWS

Work on the Gobeil Heritage Barn (GHB) Project moved slowly in 2019. After being moved to a new foundation and re-roofed in 2017, the Barn was bolted to the foundation and partially stabilized in 2018. An internal steel stabilizing structure, still to be added, will provide structural support for both upper and lower floors while allowing for clear-span space on the lower floor. Engineering specs for this internal skeleton were checked and modified in 2019; permits are being sought for installation.

On the funding front, BADAS received an Alberta Agriculture & Forestry (AAF) grant for energy efficiency upgrades. We chose to spend it on windows and doors; successful application to the Beaumont Community Grant Program raised the total to \$25,000 for the upgrades. A Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) grant from the provincial government is now being adjudicated. If approved, BADAS funds will be matched by provincial grant monies to undertake major interior and exterior renovations and refurbishment required to upgrade the Barn for future programs. One of the most exciting features of the GHB renovations will be the installation on the upper loft level of a spring-style horsehair floor – meaning that the floor itself is suspended on wrapped and compacted horsehair bundles, giving the floor excellent dancing and sporting 'spring' to your steps. This horsehair floor will be one of only three such floors in Canada, and the only one built in the last 80 years. It promises to be a unique attraction and feature of the GHB. ■

NEW HISTORICAL RESOURCES COMING TO BADAS

Negotiations and fundraising are ongoing to preserve another historically important building by moving it to the BADAS Fairground and refurbishing it to serve as programming facility. The Gobeil Grain Elevator has been graciously donated to BADAS by its current owners, Marcel and Juliette Gobeil, along with funds to build a new foundation and move the unique structure to the Fairground. The Elevator was hand-built by Marcel's family in the mid 1900s and was used for decades to store and process grains and animal feeds on the Gobeil farm. Once at the BADAS Fairground, the building will be positioned near the Gobeil Heritage Barn and used as a landmark educational piece to interpret operations of rapidly-disappearing grain elevators from prairie landscapes; for much-needed storage space; and likely as an environmentally-friendly composting washroom/toilet facility for the Fairground. We would greatly welcome donations of your time and labour or funds to support these community development initiatives. Let us know where your interests lie – we'd be glad to sit down with you and talk about options for your involvement and the benefits we can offer to you by way of tax receipts. Give us a call. ■

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Finance Committee

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

Revenue for BADAS fluctuated greatly over the years, depending on grant and Casino income. Last fiscal (2018-19), we recorded an 'above normal' year of revenue (*see* Treasurer's Report on page 4). Main sources of revenue were:

- ❖ Alberta Agriculture & Forestry program grant – \$27,798.
- ❖ Alberta A. & F. energy efficiency grant – \$14,480.
- ❖ Casino Revenue (July 2018) – \$20,971.
- ❖ Facility fees – \$15,240, much lower than previous 3 years.
- ❖ Leduc County & Beaumont operating grants – \$10,000.
- ❖ Special Events – \$49,807 – Derby, Musical Ride & RRF.

Operating expenses fluctuate less than revenue but were substantially higher (\$99,572) than the 10-year average. Fundraiser and Event Expenses accounted for 38% of the total; adding Fairground Operations, Labour Payroll/WCB costs, and Contract Staff expenses doubled the proportion to 77%.

Capital outlays in 2018-19 totaled \$30,425. These included down payments for a Massey Ferguson 1759 (59 hp) tractor with loader and pallet fork and a Kubota Z122EBR zero-turn mower. A second water pump was purchased for GPCG; purchase of a finishing mower to use with the new tractor was offset by trading in the old rototiller and selling the New Holland MC22 (blue) mower. Finally, repairs to Cross-Country Course jumps were begun, and a solidly built 'hay' wagon was built. ■

Operations Committee

Operations Manager Dennis Madu, along with volunteer help, performed most of the maintenance and grounds-keeping work. Sand rings were groomed, nuisance pocket gophers were exhausted, supplies and services were monitored/ordered, garbage and manure were cleaned up, grass and weeds were mowed and trimmed, equipment was repaired and serviced, and buildings and Cross-Country jumps were maintained. With volunteer help, the grounds looked in top shape through the summer season, despite all the rain! Many thanks to workers and volunteers for keeping the Fairground in amazing condition.

Major events held at the Fairground in 2019: Beaumont Derby (May 19) preceded by cross-country and stadium-jumping clinics (May 18); Francophone Seniors Walk BBQ Supper (May 25); Beaumont Horse Trials (June 1-2); AHTA 101 Clinic (June 9); Strathcona Pony Club Clinic (June 15); ANR Pony Club Tetrathlon (June 16); Beaumont Blues & Roots Festival RV Camping (June 21-23); RCMP Musical Ride (July 21); and Rural Roots Fair (RRF 2019, August 24-25).

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 2019 – **95**; 8% fewer bookings than in 2018. 29 were cancelled.
- ❖ Logged **rider-days** (sessions) for the year – **835**; 26% fewer equine rider-days than in 2018.

Eight equine events (clinics, competitions, testing) were booked in 2019; none were cancelled. Estimated rider-days for events (522) were about 17% lower than in 2018. We also have figures

on the number of X-Country rider-days (49% of total); on sand ring rider-days (24% of total); and on multiple-facility rider-days (26% of total).

Equine use started at the beginning of May in 2019. May had the most bookings (33%), September (9%) and July (14%) the lowest. There were 2 bookings in October; 1 was cancelled.

Bookings and user numbers fell drastically, and cancellations rose, after mid-June. Very wet weather conditions had a devastating effect on equine usage of the grounds. Also, many CVPC members had their horses quarantined for most of the summer, reducing their usage of the Fairground significantly.

One canine group – Hound Sense – used the Fairground twice for tracking classes in 2019.

Rural Roots Fair (RRF) – The 4th annual RRF, held August 24-25, was bigger than ever. 2,365 visitors were counted entering the Fairground gates 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 2,500 for the weekend. A revised format and attraction layout had visitors spread more evenly around the venue. Highlights for kids included the Jumpy Castle, Pony Rides and the Petting Zoo. All folks enjoyed the wagon rides and equine and canine demonstrations. ■



Promotions and Membership

TOWN & COUNTRY DAZE: Once again BADAS partnered with the City of Beaumont's Promotions Committee to stage another successful *Town & Country Daze* weekend June 14-16. BADAS focused on hosting the parade (June 15). Despite levying a \$10 entrance fee for the first time, registrant numbers stayed high (60 entries), spectators were everywhere, the weather was nice, and everyone had a great time!

MEMBERSHIP: BADAS membership is consistent, once again ending the year with 190 members – 150 Full (adult), 18 Junior (12-18 years old), and 22 Lifetime. **Renew your membership for 2019-20** 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 about membership. Visit the new BADAS website to be launched in 2020. Or find us on Facebook! ■

LAST YEAR'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Charles Fensky	President
Mary-Ann McDonald	Secretary
Lois Watson	Treasurer
Grant Tolley	1 st Vice-President
Loretta Martin	2 nd Vice-President
Alan Knowles	Past-President
Raven Anaka	Director
Richard Ferguson	Director
Rod Ingram	Director
Mona Kuzemchuk	Director
Adelle Madu	Director
Sally Olson	Director
Terra Pombert	Director
Linda Robinson	Director
Natalia Teplova	Director
Harry Zuzak	Director

Your Ag Society thanks the Councils and Administration of Leduc County and Town of Beaumont for their contributions in 2019! Many thanks to departing President Charles Fensky and Past-President Alan Knowles for their volunteer service to BADAS and its Board of Directors. ■

GERRY PATSULA COMMUNITY GARDENS

(GPCG) NEWS – by Richard Ferguson

I would like to thank the many volunteers that help make the community gardens work. The huge volunteer effort is a good indicator of a successful and vibrant community garden! In particular, we send our gratitude and thanks to Charles Fensky and Zyre Aubrey-Herbert for their many years of dedication and tireless efforts as GPCG coordinators. Life has become very busy for them and they are unable to continue as garden coordinators. We have a team of nine gardeners to replace them led by Richard Ferguson. Your garden team is Philip Arsenault, Jim Nesom, Terra Pombert, Rose Reid, Jim Ryan, Wanda Splawinski, Ron Villetard and Harry Zuzak. Thank you!

Gardening in 2019 was challenging due to all the rain we received over the summer. Our desire is for less rain and more sun for 2020. Improvements planned for the garden in 2020 include: leveling and grading, adding compost (we have 5 truckloads to spread in the spring), and adding gravel to the west access corridor. We look forward to seeing you in the 2020 garden season. Hopefully there will be a lot less rain!

The online garden plot application system will open the first week of March 2020. Questions or comments? Please email Richard Ferguson at gpcgadmin@beaumontagsociety.com. ■

REPORT ON RCMP MUSICAL RIDE

Some 5 or so years ago, Beaumont's Community Events office put in a request with the RCMP to host the RCMP Musical Ride. That request was all but forgotten when they were contacted in the fall of 2018 with the news that the RCMP Musical Ride was in fact coming to Beaumont. The date – July 21, 2019. Not having a suitable venue, Angela Tom and Cheryl Baxter from Beaumont's Community Events office contacted BADAS for assistance in planning and hosting this event.

A team with 5 people from BADAS and 2 from the City was formed to plan and organize the event. The Team arranged ticket sales, added attractions, bus transportation to/from Beaumont, mobile power, an announcer, EMT services, food trucks, extra seating (bleachers), portable toilets and volunteers.

The biggest issue to overcome was the incessant rain and very wet conditions in July. Through the persistence of Mark Fairley and Operations Manager Dennis Madu, the sand rings were dried out and groomed to near perfection for the event. ■



CLEARWATER VALLEY PONY CLUB – 2019

Clearwater Valley Pony Club (CVPC) celebrated our 51st year as a branch of the Canadian Pony Club. We also celebrated our 13th Annual Beaumont Horse Trials at the Beaumont & District Agricultural Society (BADAS) Fairground on June 1-2, 2019. This event drew 133 riders from BC, Alberta and Saskatchewan that competed in each 3 disciplines for Horse Trials: Dressage, Show Jumping and Cross Country. With the help of 50+ volunteers, the weekend was a huge success.

CVPC also combined with BADAS to host the annual Beaumont Clinic and Derby on the May long weekend. It was very well attended with 28 registrants for Clinic and 44 for Derby. In 2020, Clinic & Derby are on May 16 & 17; Beaumont Horse Trials is scheduled for June 6 & 7.

CVPC had 11 active members and 7 Horsemasters who had a busy year competing in Beaumont Clinic & Derby, Beaumont Horse Trials, and CVPC Testing Day. We would like to thank BADAS for their continued support for our members and for the use of their fabulous facilities. ■

MAJOR EVENTS COMING IN 2020

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

JANUARY 11 – 30TH ANNIVERSARY GALA AND AGM

MAY 16 – CROSS-COUNTRY & STADIUM JUMPING CLINICS

MAY 17 – BEAUMONT DERBY

JUNE 6-7 – BEAUMONT HORSE TRIALS

JUNE 12-14 – BEAUMONT TOWN AND COUNTRY DAZE WEEKEND

JUNE 13 – TOWN & COUNTRY DAZE PARADE, HOSTED BY BADAS

AUGUST 22-23 – RURAL ROOTS FAIR (RRF) 2020 ■

Treasurer's Report & Budget

The Treasurer's report for fiscal year 2018-19 (Actual \$) and general budget (Budget \$) for 2019-20 are presented below. Financial reports (Actual 2018-19, Budget 2019-20) 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	71	50
AAF Annual Op Grant	27,798	28,450
Municipal Op Grants	10,000	10,000
Casino Income	20,971	0
Special Project Grants	14,480	10,000
Capital grants (e.g. CIP)	0	75,000
Membership	2,140	2,200
Facility Rentals/Fees	15,240	19,000
Fundraisers/Special Events	49,806	60,000
Donations	422	5,000
Exp. Recovery/Misc.	623	1,000
Op. Revenue Subtotals	\$141,522	\$210,700
<i>GST Rebate (not income)</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>8,742</i>
<i>Effective bank balance*</i>	<i>(2,570)</i>	<i>2,329</i>
<i>Capital Reserves – Partners</i>	<i>See donations</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Loan or Line-of-Credit</i>	<i>9,396</i>	<i>40,000</i>
Revenue TOTALS	\$148,378	\$261,771
Expenses:		
Land Improvements	0	10,000
Fairground Operations	12,565	17,000
Labour Payroll/WCB	15,695	17,500
Contract Staff	10,000	10,000
Office Supplies/Postage	807	800
Telecom	0	3,000
Website Maint. / Dev.	2,343	4,500
Advertising & Promotion	3,123	6,000
Feasibility/Planning Study	500	750
Edu/Aware/Leadership	1,000	1,500
Member/Staff Courses	235	300
Bank Charges/Interest	1,195	1,050
Membership (AAAS)	300	300
Accounting Fees	3,420	3,500
GST 50% add back	1,587	3,800
Legal Fees	0	500
Insurance (liab./prop.)	3,786	5,000
Fundraiser/Event Expenses	38,199	22,000
Volunteer/Casino Expenses	1,881	1,900
AAAS Convention/Mtgs	2,015	3,000
Awards/Prizes	345	1,000
Room/Space Rental	415	700
Misc./Donations/Bad Debt	160	200
Op. Expenses Subtotals	\$99,572	\$114,300
<i>Fairgrounds Development</i>	<i>30,425</i>	<i>91,500</i>
<i>Loan principal payments</i>	<i>12,281</i>	<i>15,550</i>
Expenses TOTALS	\$142,278	\$220,850
Operations Net (Subtotals)	\$41,980	\$96,900
Combined Net (TOTALS)	\$6,100	\$40,921

EFFECTIVE BANK BALANCE* AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2019:

Net Amount Available – all bank accounts	2,329
Total	\$2,329

*Effective Bank Balance, or Cash-On-Hand, is the sum of all bank account balances PLUS outstanding Accounts Receivable, LESS outstanding Accounts Payable at year-end, LESS balance owed on the cash flow loan (excluding equipment loans).



Fairground Development Financial Report

	Actual	Budget
Maintenance Equipment (net w/trades)	639	0
Garden Equipment	1,374	0
Gobeil Heritage Barn Project	0	75,000
Gobeil Elevator/Magnan House	0	2,800
Buildings/Structures/Bleachers	1,736	1,500
X-C Course jumps	3,844	10,000
Electrical/Electronics	0	2,200
Tractor w/ loader (~60 hp) (dwnpymt)	21,500	0
Other Structures/Equipment	1,333	0
TOTALS	\$30,425	\$91,500

Notes: In 2019, BADAS purchased 2014 MF 1759 tractor with loader and pallet forks, Farm King finishing mower, Kubota Zero-Turn mower, 2nd water pump for GPCG, steel skid structure for 1 set of bleachers, start on Cross-Country jump repairs/replacement, and a ride-on wagon for use at RRF and other events.



Fairground Operations Financial Report

	Actual	Budget
Utilities (power, toilets, garbage, water)	4,198	4,300
Fuel/lubricants	2,536	2,500
General maintenance	990	500
Maint./repair – buildings & structures	293	2,700
Maint./repair – GPCG	1,053	1,500
Maint./repair – Equipment	1,554	3,000
Equipment rental	140	500
Non-cap. equipment, supplies, sundries	1,801	2,000
TOTALS	\$12,565	\$17,000

Notes: Total actual 2016-19 expenses and budget amount for 2019-19 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: 2019-20

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! «SiteNotes»

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):** _____ «Date»«Roll»«Photo»
Mailing Address: **Box/Street:** «SurfExp» _____ **City:** _____ «Aspect»
 _____ **Postal Code:** _____
Email (Main): _____ **Telephone (Main):** _____

Renewal **New** **Revision**

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 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

And

30th Anniversary Gala Dinner and Dance



Join together to celebrate the outstanding efforts of BADAS volunteers and their commitment to our community over the last 30 years!

When: Saturday, January 11, 2020

Where: Le Centre Communautaire Beaumont Community Center

Time: 6:00 pm-12:00 am

RSVP: Tickets on Eventbrite \$10 each (limited quantity available)

Or Contact Bruce Walker: admin@beaumontagsociety.com

Evening Schedule: doors open at 6:00 pm (beer, wine and other refreshments available), dinner at 6:30 pm, AGM at 7:30 pm, followed by socializing and dancing until midnight; some displays will be on hand.

DJ Services Provided by: **Big J Sounds and Entertainment**

Catering by: **Eagle's Nest Catering**