

**AFMC**  
**Annual Meeting Minutes**  
**March 2, 2014**  
**1:00 P.M. Saranac Town Hall**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Dick Crawford called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm at the Saranac Town Hall.

**ATTENDING:**

Jane Desotelle, Tony Corwin, William Herrick, Mary Herrick, Michael Brewer, Christine McCauliffe, Richard Crawford, Russ Lewis, Linda Therrien, Kirby Selkirk, Regina Agoney, Yvonne Jock, Donnie Jackson, Jo Ellen Saumier, Bonnie Gonyo, Adam Hainer, Cindy LaMay, Sue Abbott-Jones, Sandra Weber, Erik Wilson, Jeffrey Gavaletz, Ian Ater, Asa Thomas-Train, Lise Arsenault, Margot Brooks, Alex Eaton, Patrick Arsenault, Ellen Beberman, Rich Brandt, Lucas Christianson, Mike Agoney, Janet Burl, Victoria Rayl, John Eick.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Kirby moved and Asa seconded to approve the 2013 Annual Meeting Minutes. All were in favor and the minutes were accepted as written.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jo Ellen Saumier

Jo Ellen presented the Treasurer's Report. She reviewed the December Balance Sheet. Her report was accepted with thanks and Dick Crawford extended appreciation for Jo Ellen and Gina's hard work.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Jane Desotelle gave the Executive Director's Report. She discussed rack cards and her work with other organizations. She talked about Rapid Market Assessment and a possible new project "Adopt a New Farmer", a mentor program. The Executive Director's Report was accepted with thanks.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Dick Crawford.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Audit Committee:** Jo Ellen talked about the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee looks at the books and makes recommendations regarding sound financial practice. The Audit Committee was Michele Asselin, Adam Hainer and Ken Gadway. Jo Ellen never convened the meeting. Patrick Arsenault volunteered to work on Audit Committee because Adam was a board member and could not serve.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**2014 Budget:** Jo Ellen proposed and presented in detail, the 2014 budget. She also explained to members that AFMC is an Agricultural Cooperative that is very strictly governed by NY State. An Agricultural Cooperative is formed to service the members.

Jo Ellen moved and Linda seconded to accept the 2014 budget as presented. The motion was accepted unanimously.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Market Report:** Market Managers recapped the 2013 Market Season.

**ELECTION OF DIRECTORS:**

There were 4 positions open for the AFMC Board of Directors. There was a slate of 5 names, Dick Crawford, Ellen Beberman, Janet Burl, Bonnie Gonyo, Asa Thomas-Train. From the floor, Ken Gadway nominated Richard Lamoy and Adam Hainer nominated Lucas Christianson. Russ Lewis nominated himself. Jo Ellen moved that nominations be closed and Linda seconded. A written ballot was filled out by the membership that was present. Ellen Beberman, Dick Crawford and Asa Thomas-Train were elected to the Board of Directors. The votes for Bonnie and Janet were tied and ballots were put out for another vote. Bonnie Gonyo was elected to the Board of Directors.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Asa moved and Sue Abbott Jones seconded to adjourn and the Annual Meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted  
Victoria Rayl  
AFMC Secretary