



BEAUMONT & DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER

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28 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 across 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 our 27th annual newsletter to see that BADAS really does walk the talk! ■

Annual General Meeting

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2017

It has been another amazing year in which enthusiasts interested in horses, dogs, gardening, and carriage driving honed their interests at the Fairground. And our gates are open to new users and events, just like the First Annual Rural Roots Fair held in 2016. Our AGM is a great opportunity for established and new users to do what they do best – learn more and have fun! And this year BADAS will be presenting awards recognizing the significant contributions of community-minded folks. Details on the location of 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. It was parked in a temporary location near the stables, and is still there sitting on wheels and massive beams. In May and June, earth was moved from the barn footprint area, some of it being used to expand the gardens. In July, the Concession Trailer and old green bleachers were relocated to make room for the barn. Next steps are to install piles and the foundation for the barn. 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. ■



NEWS FLASH!

BADAS TO TRY ONLINE REGISTRATIONS!

With 214 members in 2016, about 68% of which are affiliated with the Gerry Patsula Community Gardens (GPCG) in some way, a more efficient system of handling membership and garden plot registrations hit the BADAS wish list. In the past, the General Manager has been handling memberships with MS Access, and the GPCG Coordinator logging garden plot registrations with MS Excel. An online registration service called *Karelo.com*, based in Vancouver, BC, caught the eye of the GPCG Coordinator. After checking out the possibilities with *Karelo.com* staff, the BADAS Board has elected to try the system. We are just beginning to set it up. Watch for more information and links on the BADAS website. If you prefer to stay with the old system, that will also work. Just fill in the 2016-17 Membership Form (see page 5) and submit it by to BADAS. An administrator will do the online registration for you. ■

Finance Committee

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

Revenue for the 2015-16 fiscal year was the highest ever due mainly to two large grants, some generous donations, and receipt of the bleacher insurance claim (*see* Treasurer's Report on page 4). Main sources of revenue were:

- ❖ Alberta Agriculture & Forestry – \$21,154 operating/top-up grant; \$38,154 AIP (capital upgrades) grant.
- ❖ CIP Grant for Gobeil Heritage Barn Project – \$75,000.
- ❖ Donations from Gobeil Family & others – \$34,310.
- ❖ Expense Recovery (insurance, easement) – \$50,016.
- ❖ Facility fees – \$16,985, slightly higher than last year.
- ❖ Leduc County – \$3,200 operating grant.
- ❖ Special Events – \$13,665 from Clinic/Derby & RRF.

Operating expenses for the 2015-16 fiscal year, at \$109,066, were considerably higher than in previous years, but included CIP (Gobeil Heritage Barn) and AIP (capital upgrades) grant expenditures. In fact we planned on spending more on those projects but weather and other factors interfered.

Capital outlays in 2015-16 were \$58,873 for perimeter fencing along east and west boundaries, a video surveillance system, and 3 sets of new bleachers that we will need to assemble. ■

Operations Committee

Maintenance and grounds-keeping were handled as in previous years. Students Aaron Fensky, Sydney Schiewe, and Taylor Schiewe, along with General Manger Bruce Walker, performed most of the work, starting in mid-April. The employees looked after the sand rings, trapped nuisance pocket gophers, monitored/ordered supplies and services, cleaned up garbage and manure, mowed and trimmed grass and weeds, and took on painting and general maintenance of buildings and Cross-Country jumps. With the help of sizable volunteer effort, the grounds generally looked in top shape, despite early season dryness and late season wetness. Many thanks to all workers and volunteers for helping keep our Fairgrounds in great condition.

Major events held in 2016 were: Beaumont Derby (May 15) preceded by cross-country and stadium-jumping clinics (May 14); Beaumont Horse Trials (June 4-5; *see report on page 3*); AHTA Beginning Eventers Clinic (June 11); Strathcona Pony Club clinics (June 12, July 30); Dog Agility Trials (July 1-3); Rural Roots Fair (RRF, August 6-7); Klondike Carriage Classic (August 13-14); and AMHYC Charity Horse Show (August 20).

FACILITY BOOKINGS

Dynamo Dog Sports group continued using the “front lawn” area of the Fairgrounds as an outdoor practice facility in 2016. It is involved in agility trials and competitions for all kinds of dogs. Dynamo Dog Sports also hosted, over the July long weekend, a *Dog Agility Trial* event for the first time at the Fairgrounds.

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 2016 – **125**; 16% more bookings than in 2015.
- ❖ Logged **rider-days** (sessions) for the year – **1,193**; 10% more equine rider-days than in 2015.

While overall booking and rider-day totals were higher than in previous years, routine schooling and riding lesson figures were down from 2015 due to inclement weather after the May long weekend, and to lower member numbers in participating clubs. The numbers of participants at the new Rural Roots Fair (RRF) event really helped swell the rider-day totals.

Eleven events (clinics, competitions) were booked in 2016; 1 was cancelled. Estimated rider-days for events (744) were about 20% higher than in 2015. We also have figures on the number of X-Country rider-days (51% of total); on sand ring rider-days (18% of total); and on multiple-facility rider-days (31% of total).

Equine use started in mid-April in 2016, almost a month ahead of the usual opening date. Bookings typically taper off significantly in September. May had the heaviest use (26% of bookings), July the lowest use during the summer (17%).

These figures underscore the importance of BADAS Fairground as a **destination attraction** for equine enthusiasts in north-central Alberta. Our Equine Cross-Country Course is the only such facility in the capital region; many area clubs and stables use our facilities. But it also attracts users from areas as far away as Drayton Valley, Edson, Bonnyville, and Calgary.

Rural Roots Fair (RRF) – The first annual RRF was held August 6-7. About 1,500 spectators and nearly 150 horses and exhibitors took in the event. We provided over 150 pony rides, and saw children of all ages partake in a variety of crafts and activities. Our two big-top tents held 23 booth vendors, and our 2 food trucks had a fabulous time serving the community. The Breed Battle hosted 6 breeds in a fun-filled competition. ■



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 17-19. BADAS focused on hosting the parade (June 18). Numbers of registrants (61) and spectators were very high, the weather was nice, and everyone had a great time!

MEMBERSHIP: BADAS ended 2015-16 with a total of 214 members – 164 Full (adult), 33 Junior (12-18 years of age), and 17 Lifetime. **Renew your membership for 2016-17** either online (*see* the website) or by filling in the **form on page 5**, and returning it with the appropriate funds, to the Ag Society. Please pass the word around to help increase our membership. Folks can visit www.beaumontagsociety.com, go to the Contact and Join Us page, and download a copy of the membership form. You can also visit us on Facebook. ■

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 |
| Jim Hiley | Past President |
| Raven Anaka | Director |
| Kerri Bauer | Director |
| Sylvia Cheverie | Director |
| Rod Ingram | Director |
| Sarah Lyle | 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 2016! Many thanks to our departing Directors for their volunteer service: Jim Hiley and Sylvia Cheverie. ■■

WHO ARE OUR FRIENDS AND SPONSORS?

Visit our *Friends and Sponsors* website page to find out more!
www.beaumontagsociety.com ■■

IMPORTANT! PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

BADAS by-laws have not been updated since 2011. Not only have some of our procedures changed since then, but the Government of Alberta also revised the Agricultural Societies Act, which is the guiding document for Ag Societies. In 2017, the BADAS Executive is proposing several by-law changes, so many in fact that a **separate document** will be distributed with the 2016 Newsletter, most by email, a few by regular mail. ■■

MAJOR EVENTS COMING IN 2017

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

- JANUARY 7 – BADAS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)
- MAY 14 – CROSS-COUNTRY & STADIUM JUMPING CLINICS
- MAY 15 – BEAUMONT DERBY
- JUNE 3-4 – BEAUMONT HORSE TRIALS
- JUNE 16-18 – BEAUMONT TOWN AND COUNTRY DAZE WEEKEND, INCLUDING BEAUMONT BLUES & ROOTS FESTIVAL
- JUNE 17 – TOWN & COUNTRY DAZE PARADE, HOSTED BY BADAS
- JULY/AUGUST DATE TBD – RURAL ROOTS FAIR (RRF)
- AUGUST 12-13 – KLONDIKE CARRIAGE CLASSIC
- SEPTEMBER 23 – FAIRGROUNDS FALL CLEAN-UP (TENTATIVE) ■■

GERRY PATSULA COMMUNITY GARDENS (GPCG) NEWS

Thank-you to the many volunteers that made the community gardens a success this year. 2016 saw us significantly expand from 58 to 84 plots to accommodate increased demand for community facilities. We also introduced raised beds. This pilot project had mixed success; in the future we will allocate one gardener per bed. Feedback received was positive; however we will be taking action to address issues on water pump reliability, how to be conscientious for your gardening neighbours, and reducing vole damage.

In 2017 we will be implementing online registration for garden plots. And for events or work bees that require lots of volunteer support, we will be using a web-based volunteer coordination system to allow everyone to contribute to our community gardens. Volunteers will be needed for garden tasks and for fairgrounds events during the year. For additional information, contact Charles Fensky via the gardens email account – badasgardens@live.ca. ■■



CLEARWATER VALLEY PONY CLUB – 2016

Clearwater Valley Pony Club (CVPC) hosted the 10th Annual Beaumont Horse Trials at the BADAS Fairgrounds on June 4 & 5, 2016. This event drew 178 competitors competing in each of the 3 disciplines included in Horse Trials: Dressage, Show Jumping, and Cross Country. With the help of 60 plus volunteers, the weekend was a huge success. CVPC also combined with BADAS to host our annual Beaumont Clinic and Derby in May, which had a fantastic turnout once again.

CVPC members had a very busy year competing in Regional Quiz, Beaumont Clinic & Derby, Beaumont Horse Trials, and the Regional Dressage and Show Jumping competitions. We also had 3 members competing in Canadian Pony Club Nationals, with Taylor Schiewe representing Albert North Region (ANR) in Dressage Nationals, Sydney Schiewe representing ANR in the Grooms competition, and Amanda Hughes representing ANR at the National Quiz competition. We would like to thank BADAS for their continued support for our members competing on both the Regional and National levels. ■■

Treasurer's Report & Budget

The Treasurer's report for fiscal year 2015-16 (Actual \$) and general budget (Budget \$) for 2016-17 are presented below. A financial report (Actual, 2015-16; Budget, 2016-17) for Fairground Development and a budget (2015-17) for the AIP Capital Upgrade Grant are also presented. Review engagement year-end financial statements prepared by an accountant will also be presented at the AGM.

Treasurer's Report

| GENERAL ACCOUNT: | ACTUAL (\$) | BUDGET (\$) |
|------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Revenue: | | |
| Interest | 102 | 100 |
| AARD Annual Op Grants | 21,154 | 21,000 |
| Municipal Op Grants | 3,200 | 3,300 |
| AIP Maintenance Grant | 38,154 | 0 |
| Casino Income | 0 | 0 |
| Capital grants (e.g. CIP) | 75,000 | 0 |
| Membership | 1,590 | 1,600 |
| Facility Rentals/Fees | 16,985 | 17,000 |
| Fundraisers/Special Events | 13,665 | 14,000 |
| Donations | 34,310 | 2,000 |
| Exp. Recovery/Misc. | 50,016 | 5,000 |
| Op. Revenue Subtotals | \$254,004 | \$64,000 |
| <i>GST Rebate (not income)</i> | <i>3,334</i> | <i>4,700</i> |
| <i>Bank balances</i> | <i>49,653</i> | <i>135,725</i> |
| <i>Capital Reserves – Partners</i> | <i>0</i> | <i>2,000</i> |
| <i>Short-term financing (LOC)</i> | <i>0</i> | <i>0</i> |
| Revenue TOTALS | \$306,991 | \$206,425 |
| Expenses: | | |
| Land Improvements | 46,017 | 45,850 |
| Fairground Operations | 20,451 | 14,000 |
| Labour Payroll | 4,664 | 6,000 |
| Contract Staff | 13,559 | 18,000 |
| Frgd Maint. Upgrades (AIP) | N/A | 46,710 |
| Office Supplies/Postage | 415 | 400 |
| Website Maintenance | 295 | 880 |
| Advertising & promotion | 340 | 360 |
| Edu/Aware/Leadership | 1,950 | 2,000 |
| Member/Staff Courses | 0 | 100 |
| Bank Charges/Interest | 10 | 0 |
| Town & Country Daze | 928 | 1,000 |
| Membership (AAAS) | 300 | 300 |
| Accounting Fees | 2,500 | 3,500 |
| GST 50% add back | 3,348 | 4,700 |
| Legal Fees | 0 | 500 |
| Donations | 0 | 100 |
| Insurance (liab./prop.) | 2,816 | 3,000 |
| Fundraiser/Event Expenses | 7,423 | 8,500 |
| Volunteer/Casino Expenses | 459 | 500 |
| AAAS Convention/Mtgs | 2,320 | 2,300 |
| Long-service awards | 871 | 500 |
| Miscellaneous | 320 | 100 |
| Op. Expenses Subtotals | \$109,066 | \$159,300 |
| <i>Fairgrounds Development</i> | <i>58,873</i> | <i>45,857</i> |
| <i>Loan principal payments</i> | <i>6,500</i> | <i>1,083</i> |
| Expenses TOTALS | \$174,439 | \$206,240 |
| Operations Net (Subtotals) | \$144,938 | \$(95,300) |
| Combined Net (TOTALS) | \$132,552 | \$184 |

BANK BALANCES AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2016:

| | |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| General Account (Chequing) | 111,867 |
| Plan 24 Account | 602 |
| Casino Account | 23,206 |
| Accounts Receivable | 100 |
| Total | \$135,725 |



Fairground Development Financial Report

| | Actual | Budget |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| Maintenance Equipment | 0 | 0 |
| Garden Equipment | 0 | 0 |
| Gobeil Heritage Barn Project | 0 | 45,857 |
| Buildings/Structures/Bleachers | 56,060 | 0 |
| Stabling | 0 | 0 |
| Electrical/Electronics (e.g. surveillance) | 2,813 | 0 |
| TOTALS | \$58,873 | \$45,857 |

Note 1: BADAS received a \$75,000 CIP grant for moving and repairing the Gobeil Heritage Barn. Some facility "enhancements" are eligible for an AIP Capital Upgrade Grant (see box below).

Note 2: A perimeter fence, replacement bleachers, and surveillance equipment were purchased in 2016.



AIP Capital Upgrade Grant

BADAS Executive applied to Alberta Agriculture and Forestry for this matching grant in 2016. A grant of \$38,154 was received; \$15,180 has been spent to-date on fencing, X-Country jump repairs, paddock landscaping, and GST 50% add back.

| | Budget (2015-17) |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Front Entrance – major upgrades | 28,650 |
| Road & ditches – maintain & improve | 11,900 |
| Paddock – complete landscaping | 8,900 |
| Perimeter Fencing (both E & W sides) | 8,470 |
| X-Country Jumps – repair & upgrade | 4,000 |
| GST 50% add back (expense) | 1,682 |
| Volunteer labour/Donated materials | 12,705 |
| Total | \$76,307 |

Beaumont & District Ag Society — Membership Form

Membership (Fiscal) Year: 2016-17

Contact Information: Please provide contact information, under one or two names (e.g. Jones, Bob & 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!

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) – \$10.00
- Junior membership – \$5.00
- Family rate (3 or more family members) – \$25.00

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 7, 2017; 6:00 PM

Where: Looma Hall, Looma

RSVP: admin@beaumontagsociety.com

This Year's AGM Major Topic –

Presentation of the BADAS Lifetime Achievement Awards



In the nearly 30 years that BADAS has been responding to the needs of residents in Beaumont, Leduc County and the greater Edmonton region, we've been blessed with volunteers who have "gone above and beyond". To recognize extraordinary and sustained commitments from these special folks, BADAS created our Lifetime Achievement Award. The 'Hubie' (named after our official Mascot, a stubbornly persistent donkey) has been awarded to 17 individuals prior to 2016. We are excited to announce that 5 more Hubies will be presented to deserving folks at our AGM on January 7. Come out and meet the latest group of volunteers who make sure that life really is better in Beaumont and District!

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.