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Centennial Annual General Meeting Porquis Agricultural Society

The Porquis Agricultural Society (PAS) held its 100th Anniversary Annual General Meeting and elected its new Board of Directors for its special year of operation and celebrations. Leonard Riopel, Provincial Representative of the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies (OAAS), conducted the elections.

Newly elected Executive Directors are: Betty Dupuis - President, Jennifer Fry - 1st VP, Diane Tremblay - 2nd VP, Mona Liznick - Secretary and Françoise Curtis – Treasurer, along with 10 other Board Directors.

Newly Elected 'Centennial' President, Betty Dupuis, thanked the previous century of noted Presidents and volunteers, including past 2017 board members, for all contributions, and highlighted many current family members still residing in Porquis that are still active in Porquis Ag. that are decedent from local families, over the century.

She went on to announce some celebratory plans for 2018, including

- Annual Valentines Dinner Sat. Feb 10th,
- Easter Tea on Sunday March 25th,
- Mother's Day Breakfast in May.
- Antiques & Education Day for school children in June.
- Western gaming horse show on June 1st & 2nd
- Fathers Day breakfast.
- Falls Fair in August special activities and tributes.
- Centennial Celebrations with a dinner in October.
- Christmas Tea at the end of November.
- Also included special draws, a history and cookbook, ...and more

Then, the official unveiling of the newly approved logo, was uncovered by, Mrs. Sandra (Balloid) Smith, the granddaughter of the founding President Arthur Balloid from 1918. The Porquis AG revamped branding and new century look was endorsed by the Board and welcomed by all in attendance.

Secretary Director, Mona Liznick, also a chicken farmer, then went on to detail the fact of raising 'back yard chickens' as recently approved by Town By-law.

All in all a very successful AGM, with plenty of food afterwards, but now the work begins on the many planned events. A message by many is the need for new blood to continue the tradition. So for anyone looking to join the oldest volunteer group in Iroquois Falls call Betty or anyone of the other directors. The town is focused on an agriculture strategy, so Porquis Ag would be a great start.

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