



The Grand Forks Farmers Market Society Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

October 1, 2025 at 6 pm

Item		Action Taken
1.	Meeting Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.	
2.	Elect a Chair of the meeting: The President Angie Morris introduced Terry Doody who the Board agreed to have chair the meeting.	
3.	Call for a Quorum: 26 voting members	
4.	Chair Introduction: Melissa Maltais, BCAFM and Peter LeBlanc, BCAFM who were on video link; also, Catherine Speechley-Pell and Vickie Thom who will be the Election Scrutineers. The Chair stated that the meeting will be recorded. There is a full Agenda to get through, no interruptions please. Raise your hand to be recognized, stand once recognized by the Chair. State your name and speak clearly and with respect. <i>The Chair has the authority to enforce the rules, which can include calling attention to irregularities, warning members, or even removing individuals who continually behave inappropriately.</i>	
5.	Approval of Agenda: A motion to accept the agenda was made by Pat Zone and seconded by Gord Dietz.	CARRIED
6.	Approval of Minutes from Previous AGM: The minutes of the previous AGM were not available and will be tabled until the next meeting.	Board
7.	Business Arising from Previous Minutes: 1. Linda Lavigne - Highway signage: The highway signs are now up.	
8.	Market Manager's Report: The report was prepared by Geneva Blair and read by Courtney Rudy and is attached as Annex A.	



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9.	Treasurer's Report: The treasurer Sharon St Onge prepared the report and is attached as Annex B. It was noted that the financial statement was not dated. Pat Zorn asked for a copy of the previous year's statement. It will be included at the next meeting.	Sharon
10.	Motion to appoint an Auditor: A motion was made by Pat Zorn and seconded by Linda Lavigne that they wave the appointment of an auditor.	CARRIED
11.	President's Report: The report will be attached as Annex C.	
12.	Election of Executive: The Chair opened the floor for nominations. The election results are as follows: President: Matt Stevenson Vice-President: Linda Lavigne Secretary: Josie Lee Treasurer: Courtney Redding Directors (3): Jacqueline Jones, Blair Lodder and Katie Monteith. The President has the name of the two directors in waiting.	
13.	Motion to have the scrutineers destroy the ballots: A motion was made and seconded to have the ballots destroyed.	CARRIED
14.	New Business: Blair Lodder asked for an item to be added to the agenda. 1. Question regarding John Slater: It was asked if anyone knows who John Slater is? It was determined that no one present knew of this individual. 2. To change the Grand Forks Farmers' Market Society 2011 Constitution: This item was entered onto the agenda in error. 3. To change the Grand Forks Farmers' Market Society 2011 Bylaws: Courtney Rudy spoke on this matter. It was determined that this item would be tabled to the next meeting. The new Board will review and if the Bylaws need to be changed then the proposed changes will be sent out to the members for	



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	their review and comments. A Special Resolution Meeting will be called to have the changes accepted to be able to send out to the Society for their approval.	Board
15.	4. To change the existing Co-op Agreements policy: Courtney Rudy spoke on this item. The Chair stated that this is an internal matter and the new Board should decide if any changes are required after thorough discussion with all the members.	Board
16.	Next Board Meeting: The Chair asked the new President Matt Stevenson if he has a date in mind for the next Board Meeting. He stated that there would be a meeting at the conclusion of the AGM.	President
17.	Adjournment: The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting; a motion was made by Gord Dietz. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.	CARRIED

Minutes taken & prepared
By Chair Terry Doody

Matt Stevenson , President

Dated: October 7, 2025

Approval Date:



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Annex A
To Minutes of AGM
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Market Manager's Report

It has been a successful season so far with an increase in season and drop in vendors at the market, successful special events, great music and new food vendors.

- 34 Season vendors (minus 3 from last year)
- 22 drop-in vendors (minus 11 from last year)
- 16 new vendors
- 17 Farms/Ranches/Orchards, 34 Artisans, 10 Community Groups, three Bakers, two food trucks, one distillery

Biggest markets: July and August

Tuesday attendance: Average of 21 vendors (16 in 2024) Until September with an average of 12 vendors. On average eight farms/ranches, 11 artisans and two customer appreciation days (one in June, one in September)

Most vendors: 25 (July 22)

Least vendors: 11 (5 markets Sep-Oct)

Friday attendance: Average of 35 vendors (33 in 2024)

Usually nine farms/ranches, 19 artisans and three community groups

Christmas in July (July 25): 35 vendors

Boundary Pumpkin Festival October 10th (coming up)

Most vendors: 39 (August 15)

Least vendors: 21 (October)

Market Assistant: Vlad Tanasescu throughout June; Chloe Flodell throughout July and August; assisted with tent setup/tear down, directing vendors to their spots, Facebook and Instagram postings and manning the market table, weekly vegetable fun facts, sharing recipes.

Musicians: Clay Brown, Jacob MacMillan, Jim Raho (raising funds for the Fall Fair), "This girl and Earl" (4 times), Paris Pick (4 times), Jack J (2 times), Gabe Mann (1 time)

Interesting things you might have missed: Bylaws have been updated and procedure policies have been created to help counter any issues that arise and make things black and white.

Challenges: Tuesday markets in September and October are getting harder to fill with the cold and slower markets. Opinions vary on whether we should continue with Tuesday in September/October or just do Fridays. Musicians on Tuesdays are hard to find (especially in September/October as fewer people=less tips) but after talking to some musicians spreading the \$75 to both days wouldn't be beneficial.



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Treasurer's Report

GENERAL ACCT	
OPENING BALANCE	\$19,489.02
Vendor fees	\$15,382.90
Rental fees	\$ 75.00
Donations	\$ 3,224.65
Market coupons	\$ 750.00
Bank credit	\$ 5.78
Canada summer jobs	\$ 7,315.00
Reimbursement BCAFM	\$ 200.00

TOTAL	\$46,442.35
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EXPENSES:

Payroll:	
Summer students	\$ 7991.06
Market manager	\$14,045.99
CRA	\$ 3,762.68
WCB	\$ 43.59
Porta Potty	\$ 833.00
Bank fees	\$ 71.25
Insurance x2	\$ 750.00
Business license	\$ 75.00
Society	\$ 30.00
BCAFM	\$ 250.00
Musician	\$ 1,275.00
Market coupon reimburse	\$ 360.00



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Legion rental	\$ 1200.00
Legion cleaning	\$ 210.00
Sundry	\$ 204.26
Highway signs	\$ 1,206.16
Manager wagon expenses	\$ 31.32
Donation women's center	\$ 50.00
Deposit into scholarship acct	\$ 300.00
Vendor refunds	\$ 612.00
Inclusion day	\$ 102.91
TOTAL	\$13,038.13
CLOSING BALANCE	\$13,038.13
	\$0.00



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GFFM 101 ACCT (COUPON PROGRAM)

OPENING BALANCE	\$15,433.90
Donations	\$29,500.00
BCAFM	\$40,000.00
Total	\$84,933.90

EXPENSES:

Bank fees	\$ 100.15
Coupons purchased	\$12,960.00
Inclusion sign	\$ 257.60
Vendor payout	\$26,782.00

Total	\$44,834.15
Closing balance	\$44,834.15

\$0.00



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SCHOLARSHIP ACCT

Opening balance	\$1,925.52
Coffee sales	\$ 893.00
Bank credits	\$ 13.75

Total	\$2,832.27
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expenses

Purchase coffee	\$1,018.80
Scholarship	\$1,000.00

Total	\$ 813.47
Closing balance	\$813.47

\$0.00



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Annex C To Minutes of AGM Dated October 1, 2025

President's Report, GFFM AGM, October 1, 2025

I want to thank everyone for coming out for this AGM.

Thank you to Sharon for doing an excellent job as treasurer. For running the nutrition program and getting the extra funds needed for this. 190 families were supported, including folks from the food bank, babies best chance, and the seniors program.

Dennis Thome again helped us as Santa with Christmas in July this year. We went through quite a few popsicles that day. All in all it was a successful day.

And a very special thank you to Terry Doody and Bud Alcock for your help with this AGM.

Now to the things not so fun. We had a customer complaint against the Grand Forks Farm regarding some items they carried. The customer apparently came back and again complained. The farm had co-ops in place and was vetted by our committee for who and what they could carry. Soft fruits are not really grown in our area. Fruit farmers from the Okanagan need help with their fruit as the co-op packing house has shut down and there is nowhere for their fruit to go. Myself and quite a few customers rely on these products being brought in.

Grand Forks Farms has new owners, "the boys" as I call them. This being their first year, us seasoned vendors should have taken a bit better care of them. Being a farmer, I know farmers should help farmers, and they shouldn't be cut off at the knees.

The boys are young agrarians and we need them to take our place. The welcome we have given them..... I have no words. 24 hours notice to comply is not supportive or sufficient time to respond to an email.

So then the boys had to go behind the pharmacy where they had permission to set up. But someone from the board and vendors went over and told the pharmacist they will be boycotting his business to shut them down there. I find this unacceptable by any board member.

A few of the vendors that Grand Forks Farms carried as a co-op have been at this market for years and were also asked to leave.

These events were noticed by customers and other vendors and now there is a hostile atmosphere at the market. I sincerely apologize to these vendors for having to go through this.

In new business there are proposed changes to the constitution, by-laws, and co-op agreements. The co-op agreement has worked for 5 years until this year. The Constitution and by-laws have worked since 2011.

My recommendation is to let the new board go through this and put forth recommendations for the following AGM, from old wording to new wording.

I have enjoyed working for the Grand Forks Farmers Market but it is time for the younger ones to take over. Thank you to all the vendors for your support.

Angie Morris