

OVSGA names new executive

OTTAWA — Kinburn pork producer and cash cropper Bruce Hudson is the new president of the Ottawa Valley Seed Growers Association (OVSGA), sponsor of the annual Ottawa Valley Farm Show.

Hudson, formerly first vice-president of the OVSGA, has begun a two-year term at the helm of the organization. He has assumed his leadership role at a time when the farm show is preparing to relocate from its traditional Lansdowne Park venue to the new CE Centre at Ottawa airport.

Hudson replaces Jim Arbuckle of Vernon, who'll remain on the board as past president. Joining the executive as second vice-president is Cecil Cass of l'Orignal, with John Roosendaal of Mountain moving to first VP. Mary Joynt of Smiths Falls and Tom Van Dusen of Russell were re-hired as part-time association secretary-treasurer and farm show manager, respectively.

Hudson noted that his family has always been closely linked to the association and the annual farm show, which he started attending as a youngster with his father, Graham, who served as president 35 years ago. His brother Brian is also part of the organization.

"I hope to lead in a worthy way," the new president said, pointing out that he was pleased to witness the transformation of the board of directors in recent years from an "old boys' club" with the addition

of several women, including Barb Keith of Perth who came on board at the annual meeting.

With additional expenses entailed in relocation to the Shenkman Corp. trade centre now under construction at the airport, the seed growers voted to raise the farm show booth rental rate from \$3 to \$4 a square foot — the first increase in several years. The admission price for visitors will move from \$8 to \$10 per adult, while children under 12 will continue to enter free of charge.

Sponsorship agreement, grant

In other business, the association has agreed to enter a new three-year farm show sponsorship agreement with Farm Credit Canada.

The OVSGA has also approved an agricultural society funding policy providing a \$300 grant to fairs which apply and which have a clearly defined educational component. The group also confirmed a \$250 donation to Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario for its annual meeting, will once again provide \$150 each to districts one and two of the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies for their whole-wheat bread competitions, and will sponsor the upcoming Prescott-Russell International Plowing Match for a total of \$6,500.