

## MINUTES OF

National Farmers Union  
Region 1 Convention  
Milton, PEI  
Monday, August 7, 2017

The annual NFU Region 1 convention was held on Monday, August 7, 2017 at the Milton Community Hall in Milton, PEI. The meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m. by Regional Co-ordinator Reg Phelan. He introduced convention chairs Neil Gordon and Doug Campbell and welcomed the convention delegates.

Barb Somerville moved for adoption of the agenda, seconded by Urban Laughlin and carried.

Doug Campbell assumed the chair of the meeting.

Edith Ling moved that Committees be ratified as presented. Seconded by Brian Dyck and carried.

The minutes of the 2015 Region 1 Convention held in NB were read by Barb Somerville. Barb Amos moved for the adoption of the minutes as read, seconded by Shannon Jones and carried.

Regional Co-ordinator, Reg Phelan presented his report:

- issues dealt with over the past year included water use and land ownership
- was involved in a trade justice coalition
- youth involvement has increased lately
- there are concerns over the proposed new Food Security Act
- a copy of Reg's report is attached to these minutes

The Women's Advisory Committee Report was given by Shannon Jones:

- a Women Farmer's retreat was held in NS this past winter
- topics discussed included farming as a woman, work-life balance and the problem of equipment not being designed for women
- has talked with FCC representatives regarding women not being taken seriously by their organization
- a Women's meeting was held at National Convention where how to increase diversity within the NFU was discussed.
- Shannon would like to have a National Women's retreat
- NFU membership in NS is low because the Federation of Agriculture is the only recognized general farm organization and it is mandatory for farmers to be a member of the Federation to access provincial funding. Shannon must pay \$375 per year to the Federation and \$195 to the NFU
- National President, Jan Slomp, met with the NS Deputy Minister of Agriculture to request that the NFU be accredited as a general farm organization but this request has so far been denied.