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## **SEED GROWERS PROVIDE SEVERAL GRANTS TO SPECIAL CAUSES**

The Ottawa Valley Seed Growers Association was in a generous mood when it met in Kemptville April 28, approving cash grants for several organizations including the annual Beef Debut in Carp, two 4-H causes, and the Super Ex Pure Country Pavilion.

Association directors also confirmed that CHEO will be getting \$5,000 in net proceeds from the annual Prestigious Pedigreed Seed Sale held in March as part of the Ottawa Valley Farm Show. Director Lynda McCuaig will make the presentation during the annual CHEO Telethon in June; to date, the sale has raised \$70,000 for the hospital.

OVSGA President Bob Dick was pleased to hear that all bags of seed donated to the sale and bought back by Farm Show exhibitors were then donated to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank which has a booth at the show.

Upon the recommendation of director John Joynt, a \$5,000 grant from Farm Show proceeds was awarded to the Central Canada Exhibition Association to help cover the cost of a relocation study. Joynt suggested it would be a good idea for the OVSGA to be involved in the study because it's also looking at relocating the Farm Show from Lansdowne Park.

Coming up in June, the Beef Debut was given \$1,500; Pure Country will receive \$750 to support its programming during the Super Ex; the 4-H Regional Championship Show to be held at the Metcalfe Fair Oct. 4 was granted \$1,500; and the 4-H Clipping and Showmanship Clinic at Richmond Fair Grounds May 3 got \$300.

In other business, director Jim Arbuckle reported that the second Seed Judging Workshop supported by the association and held in February at Carp Fairgrounds was a tremendous success. He thanked Barry Dean for organizing the event.

Finally, directors had a freewheeling discussion about the 2008 Farm Show, offering several suggestions on improving it next year. The 2009 Ottawa Valley Farm Show will be held at Lansdowne Park March 17-19.

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