

2020 – Annual General Meeting

President's Report – by Trent Wirsig

Yes, it is finally 2021!! As I sit here trying to think on *how* to write this year's presidents report I cannot help but feel a bit lost, lonely, and somewhat confused.

To all of you reading this, please let me explain.....

2020 started off with a great bang and a feeling that it would be an even better year for the Breton Ag Society & our community we so graciously call Breton, we were on a roll and personally I felt great. With the event of Dueling Pianos put on by the Playschool, who would have thought that would have been the last large community event to be held in our old community hall because of COVID-19.

From the end of March till now we have performed only at an operational status with little happening at the hall. We are glad that Christmas Wishes was at least able to perform their service for the benefit of the community.

Why I feel lost is simple, I just do not know where to go and how to get there (I know many of you would like to tell me BUT that is not what I am getting at). I think that there are many of us that are feeling lost and lonely due to restrictions imposed on us. I have a great family and believe that our friends and community is a huge part of who we are. The restrictions have impacted this and leaves many lonely and confused.

The Government has taken every aspect of what a community is and locked it away (I am not saying this is right or wrong, I am not looking for an argument) all I am saying is it is very tough for a community to survive and thrive under these conditions when you cannot visit inside or out. The fact that a person can break the law so innocently whether you mean to or not is a hard pill to swallow.

Going forward it is especially important to reach out and talk to your neighbor, friend, or even the person you do not know. We need to be a networking Ag Society, with the ability to look forward. Our Ag Society is strong and has been like all others, brought to the point where it is very crucial to have the will to survive and say "we will be here long after COVID". Looking to the future I truly do believe rural communities like Breton are going to be stronger and more wanted than ever before.

With our new hall hopefully being ready by spring and with the melting of the snow, lets all hope that we can move forward with extreme optimism and get back to the true meaning of community. I would genuinely like to thank all of you for having me as your president for the past 2 years.

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