

MEET THE MAHF 2008 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TRUDY HEMSTAD VICE PRESIDENT

It all started for Trudy with the fateful call to action from a former Ag Hall of Fame director - Brian Cotton. When Brian mentioned that they were looking for new Directors, a recently retired Trudy thought this was her chance.

Previously, she had attended a Manitoba Agricultural Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony when friends and family were installed. Impressed with

the ceremony and appreciating the cause, Trudy took this opportunity to assist in the promotion of our agricultural heritage.

Agriculture has always been a part of Trudy's life and she can genuinely value what the life of a pioneer must have been like. The farm industry must be full of free spirits and creative thinkers with a tenacity to achieve their goals that know no bounds. Imagine if you will, what kind of people it took to continue on in the harshest of conditions and in the face

of all forms of adversity.

Besides the historical promotion, Trudy would like to ensure that her tenure will assist in increasing the awareness and visibility of the Hall of Fame. She would like to initiate tours and increase the awareness of the Hall of Fame location within the walls of the Keystone Centre.

Trudy hopes that through her participation more people, of all ages, will come forward and do their part to make the Manitoba Agricultural Hall of Fame a "Must Visit" destination.



BOB ANDERSON TREASURER

Bob always had an interest in the Manitoba Agricultural Hall of Fame. To hear him tell the story, he jokingly admits to being somewhat guided into the position by his long-time friend and neighbour, Norm Edie, who was stepping down as director.

Farming has been a way of life for Bob since the beginning of time. His farm is located just east of Winnipeg

in the Dugald area. Bob started farming with his father in 1963. He still owns six quarters, most of which he rents out, one he farms himself and another, much to his pride and maybe their better judgement, is farmed by his son.

Bob's commitment to the Manitoba Agricultural Hall of Fame stems from his long-standing belief that you should recognize the contributions of those who have come before you. Bob also believes in doing something. If

he was not involved with the MAHF, then he would be involved with something else.

Bob, in his capacity as Treasurer, is quick to point out that it is only a title. He feels that any contribution is never the work of one individual alone. Thankfully, Bob feels fortunate to stand amongst equals with respect to his committee. He looks forward to assisting with the processes needed to guide the sustainability of the MAHF.



JULIE BAIRD SECRETARY

Growing up on a farm in the Marquette - Elie area. Julie was one of seven children. Schooling in St. Eustache and Elie, Julie has been passionate about agriculture since she was a wee girl.

Her career choices have also reflected her commitment to agriculture. Firstly, she was employed with the Faculty of Agriculture, and now, is currently an

executive assistant for the Manitoba Pork Council.

Facetiously, Julie would joke with her husband about becoming a Manitoba Agricultural Hall of Fame Board Member when she retired. She had already attended many induction ceremonies and held her membership for several years. Little did she know that while jokingly mentioning to Brian Cotton, former MAHF Director, about her future wish to be a director that he would call her the minute new board members were needed.

Julie's passion for agriculture is evident in all that she does and everything that she says. During her tenure, as Julie assists with the governance aspects of her Secretary position, she also hopes to ignite a spark within future participants and members of the Manitoba Ag Hall of Fame.

For Julie, she is pursuing a life-long commitment to agriculture and the pioneers who came before us. She would like to ensure that we all understand the value of heritage.



Recognizing the Past... Funding the Future!



Thanks to a grant of \$2,500 received from the Brandon Area Community Foundation and the generous support of its own members, the Manitoba Agricultural Hall of Fame has purchased additional display cases to exhibit the plaques honouring the inductees of the Hall of Fame. A special thanks also to the Building Construction students from Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School, along with their instructor, Cam Hotel for their hard work in the construction and installation of the cabinets.