

FRIENDS OF HULLETT

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - HELD AT EXETER TOWN HALL 29 January 2019 7:30 PM

Present: Bill Dineen, Ryan Bayne, Duane Inkpen, Jim Bayne, Mat Shetler, Chris Ambrose, Wayne Hanson.

Absent: Wade Beaudoin, Mike Cardinal

Guests: Scott Austin, Greg Urquhart

Meeting called to order: 7:25 PM

Review Minutes: Two typos noted, and one irrelevant item removed.

Treasurer's Report: Year's end in shape for Janice to look after. We are down in our assets balance sheet. The biggest change from last year is that our fundraising is more than last year. One of our greatest expenses as usual is wages. We have a slight deficit compared to last year. We had no big capital expenses. The charity dinner was more expensive as we did more this year.

Marsh Report:

- Discussion on Vanessa Palmer award - request sent to the schools for candidates. The best idea is a certificate presentation, as well as a plaque. We can design the certificate on the computer, and then get it professionally printed.
- Scott going to CPR and First Aid Course.
- Memberships are up.
- Guest speaker for the AGM - Nick Courtney will be asked by Duane. A cash honourarium will be presented to the speaker.
- Turtle cages are ready for pick up. Getting 20 boxes for the caging to be installed. Known nesting areas will be targeted.
- Spring fundraiser. Dinner committee discussed. Specific duties designated. Meals cost \$40 a plate. Scott spoke of how the tickets will be designed so they will double as an income tax receipt.

- Parking lot posts; looked at whether to use wood or steel. It will be easier to use wood and do them ahead in the shop. Then put them in, in the spring and have students paint them in the summer. Parking lots to be done are on Conservation Road, and the Sugar Bush.
- Greg circulated the protected lands organization, that we could join. We decided against it.
- Some discussion on East Barn Eaves troughs and drainage. There was some discussion on where the drain will dump.. We need a field visit to see how we are going to do this.
- Short discussion on the computer back up system we are using now.
- Landscape trailer now has had it's safety check.
- Survival training request - All they need is terrain to use. There are 65 people in this training. They just have to abide by our rules and regulations. We recommend the Main Viewing parking lot and overflow cars can go to parking lot across the road.
- Mat, Duane and Mike are up for election this year. There is an additional individual interested in running for election. He lives in Toronto.
- Course for Greg - \$795 plus taxes. Greg will be away approximately 14 days. Will discuss at the end of the mtg. Application needs to be in by the 14th of February.
 - Duane will be talking to Lorraine at the operations meeting to be in Guelph. OMNR/Ducks Unlimited meeting - Late April.
- Scott spoke of the brush clearing project. Every bit of the brush is completely gone. It's a very good machine. Some discussion on spots that could be done.
- Website newsletter discussion. Very well done.
- Cables went up on the rest of the roads today.
- Pheasant challenge. Record sales! Lots of tickets sold.

New business.

- Ag contracts - Duane talked to Lorraine regarding this. Our contracts are just straight forward land rentals. It's just a matter of getting them signed.
- Timber crews – We've not heard any more on that yet, but should be any time now.
- Andrew Barrie came today and talked about what we are charging per acre for our Ag Land now. Looked at how diverse our crops are. We have a good relationship with the renters so that is better than creating difficulties

by raising our rent and maybe losing out in the long run.

We looked at raising our rent - \$140 to \$150 per year. Average price is \$220 per acre. We decided that we will use rate of Low price \$155 and our high would be \$175 per acre. Duane will have the sit down with Flynn, and Mat will join the discussion. Should be done by the end of March. Duane will put together a document with the numbers discussed.

- There is an auction coming up in Mitchell in early April in case we're interested in buying a tractor or roller.

Regular mtg Adjourned - 9:11 PM