

FRIENDS OF HULLETT

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - HELD AT EXETER TOWN HALL 26 February 2019 7:30 PM

Present: Mike Cardinal, Bill Dineen, Ryan Bayne, Wade Beaudoin, Jim Bayne, Mat Shetler, Chris Ambrose, Wayne Hanson.

Absent: Duane Inkpen,

Guests: Scott Austin, Greg Urquhart

Meeting called to order by Mat Shetler: 7:25 PM

Review Minutes: Motion to accept with spelling corrections by Wayne, Seconded by Chris, all in favour.

Business arising from the minutes: There are no Vanessa Palmer Award applications yet. Scott has done his CPR and First Aid course refresher.

Treasurer's Report: The biggest item is that we haven't gotten our January Ag Cheque yet. Other than that, nothing out of the ordinary, everything checks okay. Tax items given to our accountant.

Marsh Report:

2. Memorial donation – we received a donation of \$230 donated. The donor's name will be put on the Memorial plaque. People who have done a lot for us, are often put on the plaque list. Do we need to set guidelines on what goes onto the plaque?

12. Pheasants – thoughts are to continue with the programme. The costs are up 15 cents a bird. Recommended that we continue with the same number of birds – 1000. Some conversation about the bird supplier we use who comes from Millbank. We wonder how much longer they will be in business. Did we have any issues with the birds last year? Not really. Suggestion; how about putting 20 birds in the field early in the season so they'll nest, and naturally propagate. Late June, early July would be a good time. A good spot could be behind the office. It could be a good experiment. We could mark these birds to see how they survive. We will stay with Uplands as a supplier. Cost for these 20 birds are \$6 per bird. Birds don't usually stick around the marsh historically. We could band them for identification. Motion by Jim, seconded by Mike...all in favour.

21. Talked about the Dinner menu. Some discussion on the menu. This is a high end dinner so the food should worthy as a quality menu. Some discussion on the menu and what would be best. Walleye has been suggested. Scott will look after the organization.

6. Workshop roll up door problem – it should go up all the way every time, and now it's only going half way. The door isn't in very good shape. One quote to replace - \$2715 plus labour. Power door would be another \$1500. There were other prices discussed too. Scott looked at it and maybe he could adjust the springs to make it work better. The door is certainly showing its age. Greg has three quotes for a door replacement. It is thought that a manual door is best for us. We will look at it more closely to see what could be needed to get it operational. Some of the foam insulation is bad so could be replaced at the same time.

19. Alarm system – faulty...so Scott called about this. The police were out to investigate false alarm. Scott talked about the incident. It could be that the strong wind shifted the trailer and set off the alarm. Someone from ADT Security to come out tomorrow afternoon to look at the alarm. Password is changed now.

20. Greg accepted to the course he applied for. He starts next Wednesday.

13. Internet sharing – a neighbour talked to Scott about linking to our signal and he would pay us. Our internet is password protected. He needs to give us a proposal. Discussed the possibility of him putting an aerial on our tower. We are not sure we're interested for liability reasons.

- We were approached by a fellow that is interested in tapping some trees between the goose barn and parking lot. We okayed it. The kids from his daughter's grade five class will do some educational visits.

4. Discussion on the potential Frog Study regarding Western Chorus Frog surveys. Tom Lobb is involved. The talked of coming pretty early – March. Permission was given. They need to notify us whenever they visit the property.

10. Turtle Nest Protection – Boxes have been built. We're waiting on the concrete connection forming stakes to weigh the cages down. They will be done by Friday. Scott asked if we need volunteers. He could put the word out. We will target some known nesting sites. Maybe start slow...with 10 cages to start. It will hard to monitor these regularly. Is there a way to broadcast this information to find more volunteers. We can make a presentation at the "AGM" to get people's interest.

- There was some discussion about speakers for the AGM.

- Operations Mtg schedule for the 9th of April, in Guelph. There will be one more BOD

meeting before the operations mtg. Pass this on for things that should be brought up at the next BOD meeting in preparation for the Operations Meeting.

- Website / newsletter and user guide – Greg spoke about what’s been done on this.
- Newsletter – Scott and Greg looking after this.
- User guide to be worked on after the AGM.
- Greg made a flier up for the dinner....It was passed around in case there is something else that should be on it.
- Jim – has two or three DU prints for the Dinner.
- Dinner agenda – we have one person registered. We have three guns for the dinner. Some discussion on the cost of the guns from last year’s Dinner. The budget for the Fund Raiser is \$15,000. Scott listed the costs of things already paid out. Ryan gave the amounts spent for last year’s fundraiser expenses.

New Business:

- Jim spoke saying that we’ve been looking for a roller packer. What do we want to spend on one so if he sees one, he can make the deal. Some discussion on how this should be done though the problem is having time to do this work with this equipment. Jim said the approximate cost is about \$500 for one he looked at. It could be used on our lawn as well. If it doesn’t work, it could be sold. Mat made the motion to spend \$500, seconded by Mike, all in favour.

Mat – Ag contract, and AGM....we need to review the old Ag Contract, and get going on that. Termination day is 31 December. We need to look at the contract again. We came up with \$155 and \$175 per acre. We haven’t done any increases for five years so we’re starting at a very low rate to begin with. \$170 would be the bottom rate today. We have to get moving on this. The sooner we can put it out the better.

AGM – Date set for 26 May.

Next Meeting, 26 March

Adjourned: 9:17 PM