

FRIENDS OF HULLETT

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - HELD AT EXETER TOWN HALL

26 March 2019 7:30 PM

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

Absent: Ryan Bayne,

Guests: Scott Austin, Greg Urquhart

Meeting called to order: 7:26 PM

Review February Minutes: Some spelling corrections needed.

Treasurer's Report: The Ag money is missing from this report as it isn't settled yet. Diesel expense questioned: it was a small amount used to repair an air lock in a pump. Some big expenses mentioned and clarified. We are in the hole \$22,000 but once Ag cheques in there, we will be fine. Balance sheets gone over and we are sitting pretty good at this point. Financial statements were circulated...no questions on that.

Marsh Report:

-Greg has applied for Phragmites control grants under the Clean Water Project.

-There will be no Dog Trials this year. Even though we don't do it this year, we can let the licence expire and can renew it another year with no problems.

- bought another chain saw – good deal. Bought at cost.

- It was noticed when we go along Hwy 8 one of the signs has misspelled Hullett. Greg called them and it will be corrected.

- Second tractor – lease options are minimum 36 months and around here they don't do short term rentals. Best price was from Stratford Farm. Discussion on costs to purchase and the costs of putting the accessories on this machine what would be the best for our needs. There are not a lot of used machines around. Jim said maybe snow removal tractors that sit all summer would be a good avenue to find one to rent. We are not looking

for a second mower like the one we have. We are looking for something much less to do the small jobs and get into tight spots. Rental is looked at as short term where leasing is for longer terms. To be looked at further – maybe we can find a short term rental source.

- Discussion on the number of Board members. Yes, we can we have more than 9 board members according to our Constitution. In this context there was some discussion on how much certain individuals contribute volunteer work for us.

- Canada Helps.org – short explanation by Scott and Greg about this financial contribution to the Marsh.

Mtg with Nick Courtney – he's going to do a presentation for the AGM. The ministry wants us to go in on a salvage cruise – regarding the Ash, and assist us with the tender. Nick will help screen the tenders. Hopefully we will get the right people there. What do we expect from the logger? He's starting around the 18th. We did a cruise through the sugar bush after he marked the ash and cankered maple and basswood.

80% of the ash is marketable in the Sugar Bush.

- meeting with Mr. Flynn and a rep of Flynn Farms. Talked about our relationship and how things are. Steve has no issues or complaints regarding the contract. Only access to fields was the question he had. At the end of the meeting we stated what we would like per acre. He will get back to us. We said that we looked at getting some fields tilled but we don't have the funds to do this at this time. We can talk another time on this. We have 850 acres available for him to rent. He will get back to us by the end of the week.

- We have a DUC Operations meeting on the 9th of April in Guelph Head office.

- The new control in Greenwing – discussion on this. It was discussed at the last operations meeting and it is going to be that it remains at same level as the river flow. All the boards are coming out.

- Water levels - Bluewing to Whistler – This needs to be discussed at the Guelph mtg.

- The timber should be on the agenda. Scott will make a map for our timber removal around the dykes.

- Discussion on the building removal by the Ministry – items such as the lane way graded, drainage made to work properly, etc.
- Do we still send our BOD nominations to Lorraine – Yes. It's not known if Lorraine will be at our AGM. The Ministry Representative runs our elections.
- For the meeting on the 9th, It is felt that some of our pools are extremely high though, they normally are high in the winter.
- Website, newsletter, user guide – Greg has updated and posted notifications about closed roads. Newsletter submissions deadline – 25 April.
- User guide advertising, we need this for June deadline.
- Pheasant Challenge – birds purchased. Gun being donated by Savage. Same draw as last year.
- Some discussion on promotional things and organizational items for the Dinner.

New Business:

None

Adjourned 8:56 PM