

## FRIENDS OF HULLETT

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

30 April 2019 7:30 PM

(Corrected)

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

**Guests:** Scott Austin, Lorraine Moir (MNRF), Greg Urquhart

**Meeting called to order:** 7:26 PM by Duane

**Review March Minutes:** Corrections noted

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Ryan, spoke of our decrease in income. Public expenses are up. Our chequing and savings accounts have more at this time. Things are going out earlier than usual but nothing really different from last year.

Scott reports that in our books, our memberships are twice as much as last year.

#### **Old Business.**

-Vanessa Palmer award – Some discussion on this. Wade wondered if we could split the award between two. Motion from Wade that we pick two this year; Julia and Kayla to share this award.

#### **- Marsh Report:**

6. Tractor situation – Rental - some questions about the two tractors looked at. The 70 HP - \$2000 per month for 3 months we discussed. We need to make sure the one we choose will do everything we need it for. The big machine will be used for the heavier things we need done. Do we need a bucket on it? Yes. Do we feel we would have three months of work this season? We would use it as much as possible to save our own tractor. We don't know if we can get it for less than three months. It may be more expensive to go this way. Some discussion on how we'd use it. We need a work plan on how much work this machine would do, so we get the best

use of it. Scott to look at renting for a shorter rental time. We will talk more about it again in June.

25. AGM – brief discussion on our breakfast, and going to Bartliffs this year for the breakfast.

18. Agricultural Contract Tender - Any questions about this? Greg spoke of where we could advertise. We can post it in several places to get better circulation. Maybe put it in bi-weekly for a month. Facebook was suggested. Scott to report how much this will cost to the board.

- Discussion about a letter sent to us regarding a commercial enterprise selling tours of the Marsh for the purpose of harvesting our natural vegetation food sources. Our rules are, we cannot run a commercial project at Hullett. Land Use property rules were discussed. Lorraine suggests we send this issue to her and she'll deal with it. She'll go to the land use policy. Scott to reply to the concerned user, that the Ministry will deal with this situation.

Scott took our DUC representative, to see our water concerns and he didn't seem to be concerned about the flooded roads. Lorraine said she'd look into what should be done. Duane mentioned that some things are more urgent as a road could be washed out. Scott said that there is a concern that there could be a risk that the Bluewing dike structure could be compromised. Lorraine to check what is being done and what their plans are. High water is our biggest concern. Staff is very concerned by the water levels this year.

- Greg took some DUC representatives to tour some of the phragmites areas. There were about 30 people in this tour. Lots of comments on what we are doing and what DUC are doing. They were quite complimentary with what we are doing.

- Scott – Scott needs glasses as they were destroyed in a mishap in the shop so will max out his clothing allowance.

- Lorraine wants to talk about the forestry projects. She's had some guidance on what we should do with "Authorizing the Harvest of Killed or Damaged Forest Resources (salvage)". The licensed area is less than 25 hectares to be under this directive. We may have to work through it to see what the areas are to be done. There is a renewal charge. Someone would

come in to see what the damage is. The renewal charge is according to how how things are sold. We need a forest licence. Right now she needs to find out the grade of trees being harvested. A Scale Licence is needed. She spoke of how the monies were applied to our project. The whole issue is quite complicated. We will be hearing from Lorraine when she has all the information. There will be a cost for some of these things.

- Our Annual General Meeting is at the end of May and we have four applications for serving on our Board of Directors.
- Newsletter is not done yet. It will go out before the AGM..at least a week before.
- Final details for the fund raising dinner. Talked about the ticket draws at the dinner. Maybe a survey of the people attending about how to make the draws more interesting. Maybe send an email out regarding this so people have time to think about their suggestions before the the Dinner.
- Pheasant challenge – we have another over/under shotgun donated.

**New Business:**

- AGM ad, Agenda and plans. Lorraine will be there for the elections.
- Danica: we need to get her an appreciation knife.
- The Agenda will be sent out by Duane, financial items, speaker will be Nick Courtney,
- Wayne - Five people out of 20 have responded about the turtle nesting project.

**Adjourned 8:47 PM**