

## **FRIENDS OF HULLETT**

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

**25 June 2019 7:30 PM**

**Present:** Steven Zingaro, Bill Dineen, Ryan Bayne, Wade Beaudoin, Jim Bayne, Mat Shetler, Chris Ambrose.

**Absent:** Duane Inkpen

**Guests:** Scott Austin, Greg Urquhart

**Meeting called to order:** 7:27 PM

**All executive positions remain the same.**

**Review Minutes:** 30 April minutes – approved with one spelling correction.

26 May minutes – Approved as circulated.

AGM minutes, Correct Steven Zingaro's name spelling.

**Director Resignation:** Wayne Hanson resigned from the Board of Directors.

**Treasurer's Report:** Janice has some medical issues, so the report is not up to date. Ryan looked at the monthly bank statement and there is some increase in monies spent. Nothing important stood out as a concern. Account is a bit bigger than it was at this time last year. Scott did some of the banking duties, with Janice's direction.

Some discussion regarding expenses of directors as a whole. Ryan will follow up with Wayne regarding outstanding expenses. Ryan will check with Mike, as well.

#### **Current Business:**

Scott – Mowing is done, and repairs to mower are done. Unfortunately, Scott accidentally ran over a turtle while mowing. Next year, the mowing should be done earlier, and then again in the Fall. It's hard to know just how often to mow parking lots. It depends on the year. It is noted that there is also a danger to duck nests when mowing.

Kawi Mules – one is not running, and one overheating. Nothing done yet on this. We don't think they are worth very much.

Baiting permit signatures all done.

Ag contract – seven inquiries – and the end date for the sealed bidding is the 30<sup>th</sup> of June. Scott should contact the bidders when we approach the closing date.

Privy painting? – something light for the inside, not white. A grey for the outside would be good. Maybe just paint it the same as the other one. Power washer resistant paint is a good idea as well as mildew resistant -

Heat should be put in there to cure the paint. Maybe a leaf blower would be a good way to dry the paint, or maybe a propane heater would be better. Scott may buy a heater for this purpose.

5. East barn drainage – discussion on getting it done, as it's gone on too long.

- Water levels; Some discussion on how we are making out with our DU rep. A tour will be done to make sure the levels are correct. Our DU biologist has the water level slats too high, in our opinion. The board settings are too high with one indication being, the roads have been flooded. We are told to give levels by elevations, and not by where the boards are set. This is something we can't do that way, as we haven't had proper training for this process. We go by the board settings. We need their contractor, Rick Robb to install markers on all of our control structures. We asked Robb to do this. We've had no guidance or training from DU so it's difficult. When staff goes to a meeting, we need to take minutes and send that to DU so we have a record of what we do and what we are told. There is a danger of losing a dike as things stand.

- Dinner auction feedback. - maybe a date that is not a Sunday night, as that is not the best time. A Saturday would be better, or even another weekend. The dates are usually set in the Fall...but we could talk to the manager of the Golf Club now.

17. Capstone Grassland (40 acres west of the office). Scott thinks he could seal the deal at \$80. He wants to do it in September. Scott cut that parcel in under 11 hours. Scott can cut 4 acres an hour which works out to \$65 an hour. A lively discussion resulted on this subject. We believe they will not send a workman to do this work for less than \$100 per hour.

- 24. All of the turtle boxes are now out.

- Conservation bridge has been built up with several loads of stone.

- Hwy 8 sign. Price increase is up to \$400 X 2, plus taxes. Contract comes due in October. We can deal with it then.

- Discussion on banking issues – the advantages, disadvantages and checking with another bank with our savings accounts. Scott to look at all the advantages offered.

- fire extinguishers getting inspected tomorrow.

- Posters sent out to high schools, and have been getting a bit of response on this.

- MNRF, DU – No updates on this, as Lorraine is not here.

- Website, user guide. General regulations with water access discussed. Wondering about water access, as it is not allowed at certain times – do we want to add that the river is exempt from this? People have asked about this. Maybe it should be mentioned in the user guide. Greg to put this concern in a file and send it around to the board for us to consider.

- Ticks – it could be mentioned in our user guide. This should be prepared by the health unit rather than us, and then we need to clarify where the information comes from. Greg to send us a PDF for suggestions.

- next newsletter will be out in the Fall.

- Pheasant challenge and youth water fowl hunt. Preparations are in progress.

#### **New business -**

- We have considered asking Mike Cardinal to take the vacant position. Discussion on how this would be done according to our service terms. The consensus is that we should phone him...Mat to do this – (and he would serve for 2 years).

- Further discussion on the Ag Rentals – Scott to send an email around regarding our contract status after the closing.

**No further business, mtg adjourned at 9:07**