

FRIENDS OF HULLETT

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

27 August 2019 7:30 PM

Present: Mike Cardinal, Bill Dineen, Ryan Bayne, Duane Inkpen, Mat Shetler, Chris Ambrose.

Absent: Wade Beaudoin, Steven Zingaro, Jim Bayne

Guests: Scott Austin, Greg Urquhart

Meeting called to order: 7:35

Review Minutes: one item – wrong word used.

Treasurer's Report:

Compared to last year, our financial report is a little down, but close to being in line in assets and expenses two years ago. Some discussion on whether or not we should change where we have our bank account. Maybe Scott could pose the question to our bank. Some research should be done.

Question posed as to whether our accountant should send the financial report to all board members, as well as Ryan. We feel it is a good idea.

Marsh Report:

- Greg has the Pheasant Challenge tickets for us to sell.
- Item 8. The Bluebill Pool Launch dock is deemed to be unsafe, and the decision is to get rid of that dock. It will be removed tomorrow.
- Scott had to purchase new tractor tires.
- Item 9. Youth Waterfowl Clinic. We still have our ten mentors, and we have two back up mentors. It was mentioned about some students coming to help out to do some work relating to the duck hunt. Most of the gifts for the kids are ready.

Some talk about what will be going on for the youth programme. We are purposely leaving some of the Mallard tubes for the youth to work on. This was a good year for duck box success. The better the habitat, the less the Mallard tubes are used, as natural nesting sites are used more.

- Turtle nests – Question; we thought the nesting boxes were going to be pulled out soon? We are going to check to see if they could be removed soon. There have been some nests predated a few weeks after they were laid, indicating that raccoons can still find the nests after a period of time. Only one box has been pulled up as of today.

- User Guide – draft is ready and to be checked over prior to printing.

- The Monroe Honey owner has requested other places to put his bee hives. Scott made a suggestion. He wants something reasonably flat to keep grass cut and for vehicle access.

- The Ausable, and Huron Stewardship council is having a turtle release on Thursday. It Starts at 11 AM at the Morrison Dam which Cassie Eveland attended.

- Our new CO, Vanessa Rukas is to replace Dean. Her details are in the guide. She will be working opening weekend.

- OMRP – called Al Murray, and he is going to hook us up to the new stewardship lady who works out of Vineland. She's going to contact us for a possible tour. There is another lady looking after the operations contracts. The agreement is due in October.

- no updates from DUC.

- the HUG is almost ready to go. They need our input before they print them.

- Our website – Are we getting as many hits as we used to? It has gone down a bit since October last year.

- We have started on the newsletter, and it should be out before opening day.

- Youth waterfowl hunt – Scott says things are pretty much ready to go.

- Scott wrote a document on hunting in Hullett to educate the public with Hyper links to regulations, etc. It will evolve to include more pertinent things that the office staff is often asked. This should reduce staff phone time answering questions called in. It will also ensure correct information given to users.

- Duane – We'd like to see something come back to us from the Waterfowlers. We have some money, and need to know what they may need us to do for them...what projects do they want this money to go to? It could be that the money we have would only be enough for what it would cost to design a project at this point.

- Duane – we just signed a contract with Mr. Flynn. We talked about tiling some fields. He thinks we should tile the whole thing. We think that he will be with us for a long time. If we could put something together regarding doing some tiling, and come up with an amount to see what his thoughts would be on this. As this is a newly signed contract, it would be a good idea. Is there a consultant that we could get for the tiling? If we could get a tile plan in place that we could pick off some fields to tile over the next few years, that would be good. Some discussion on the cost of tiling, and what we could handle. It would be very expensive. Or, on the other hand, would we be better off improving access and wild land over-hang in these fields? Our renter would like the turkeys removed because of the damage they cause to crops.

No further business being brought forward,

Adjourned 8:59