

FRIENDS OF HULLETT

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

28 January 2020 7:30 PM

(Corrected)

Present: Mike Cardinal, Bill Dineen, Duane Inkpen, Jim Bayne, Mat Shetler, Chris Ambrose, Steven Zingaro

Absent: Wade Beaudoin, Ryan Bayne

Guests: Scott Austin, Greg Urquhart

Meeting called to order: 7:26

Review November Minutes: adopted as read

Treasurer's report:

We are down about \$15,000 due to fund raising monies. Expenses about the same, but income was down from other years. Our monies are growing nonetheless.

Scott to Meet our accountant this Thursday.

Greg got a price for a new lazer jet printer....looks like about \$750 plus tax.

We will try to keep the one we have going for another couple of years.

Marsh report.

1. Dinner committee – With some planning we can make less work at the Dinner. Right now Scott needs to know who will be at the dinner. Duane, Jimmy, Chris, Bill, Greg, Scott's daughter, and Jason.

We need to get canvassing. Scott has contacted the Ashwood Inn and will give us a 15% discount on rooms. Some discussion on things for prizes. Meeting for the first part of February. Scott has a list of places to canvas.

4. Pheasant challenge funding for 920 birds. If there was more money generated, we could release more.

5. Buck Show – Duane to be there.

9. Dog training event...they want to use the barn. They're going to have footage made which may be on TV in the spring. Duane to help out that day.

10. Has there been any trapping at all? It should be mentioned to the trappers as we will be removing the beavers another way. If others approach us to trap, we can replace the trappers that aren't trapping. The CO does the review with the new trappers and he give them the permit to trap. Trappers have to trap and report to us to stay in good standing with the Marsh. Scott to pull out the agreements so we can look at this again.

13. Ontario Hydro will be doing some on the property later...do we have concerns with the tree trimming they will do? They were looking for permission. All okay.

16. AGM Guest Speaker? We'll consider the turtle people. Maybe talk to Christian Watt. Maybe write up that people can sign up to do turtle work at the AGM.

17. Scott reports on the account balances, as of 25 January. We will start making interest on the money invested.

Tentative date for heritage day 19th Sept, duck season openers on the 26th. Maybe we could get the Anglers and Hunters Association, to look into what they can do to help in the decision about heritage day being moved to a different date. Maybe the youth hunt could be a week after opening day? That could be difficult with other hunters in the marsh. We probably should know the opener day no later than July. As another option, the youth hunt could be altered to be something else?? Another option would be to do the youth hunt in a different area than we do traditionally.

We'll have to wait till we know what the dates will be. This will have to be told to the people who will be partaking in the youth hunt.

22. Rate of pay for the new hire was discussed prior to the meeting. Board members agreed on the amount. Will we keep the present clothing allowance? We will go with what we've been already doing.

Bell Canada – the rate has been going up so much each year! What about, if we could, keep the same number, and get a cellular phone. Call the alarm place – how is it fed? Do we need to use their line? We need more information.

All the roads in the marsh are closed down due to the soft roads. All the owl boxes are done and all the data updated to the spreadsheet.

Jim asks, if we hire a new person, would Greg come in sometimes to train a new employee? Greg agrees with this.

No word from DUC. Scott went with DUC rep and looked at some water levels. There will be a gradual draw down, Bluewing and Butterball. Scott went on the Greenwing with the snowmobiles. There has been a lot of water on some of the fields. There doesn't appear to be any damage. There had been some serious high water levels. Website, user guide, everything up to date. Some people haven't been getting the newsletter. We haven't figured out why.

New business.

- Jim, discussion on prize schemes at the Fund Raiser Dinner.

-Greg, thanks the BOD for all we have done for him. It's an exciting opportunity to move on but a tough adjustment.

- Mike complimented Greg's contribution to the Marsh.

- Duane, over the Fall had conversation with our neighbour Jamie Riley and brought up twice in our contract and a certain amount of the fields be left for wildlife feeding areas. He would like to see us doing some feed plots throughout the marsh. Duane agreed. He's offered the use of his small tiller that would go onto our tractor. Duane thinks this is a good idea. We could put some habitat plots near trails and we could sign it as that for user's knowledge. We believe this is a very good idea..! A lengthy discussion on how to do that, and what to plant. Duane to talk to Lorraine about this.

Mtg adjourned 9:10 PM