

FRIENDS OF HULLETT

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

25 February 2020 7:30 PM

(Corrected)

Present: Bill Dineen, Ryan Bayne, Duane Inkpen, Wade Beaudoin, Jim Bayne, Mat Shetler,

Absent: Chris Ambrose, Mike Cardinal, Steven Zingaro

Guests: Scott Austin,

Meeting called to order: 7:37 PM

Review January Minutes: As circulated with some minor alterations.

Treasurers report. We could not make a complete report as not all of the Ag Contract data was in yet. There was some discussion on Ag Contracts, and some discussion on the wages of employees.

Discussion followed on getting a plan together for monies regarding A Zone liability. Motion by Duane to move \$13,000 dollars, seconded by Jim, to move the amount of \$13,000 to the A Zone allotment. All in favour.

We're squared away for years end financials.

Marsh report:

Discussion on the new employee, and we think it's a good move. CPR and 1st Aid training should be the first thing we put our new man through, chain

saw certification to be done later. Scott to make sure he's up on all the training he needs to have.

Scott to have himself done for the Vulnerable Sector check. Scott to also look at whether any of our volunteer activities which involves youths should have these volunteers go through this police check. Volunteers do not get charged for this check.

Volunteer speaker for the AGM will be Cristen Watt of the Huron Stewardship Council. She will focus on turtle conservation and will tie into our new turtle nest protection programme. This will be a power point presentation.

Hydro bill – There has been a nice reduction in our hydro bill. We think it is because of the new washroom heater.

We talked about the OFAH and Heritage Day which is to be moved to a different date - All Scott can do is to put it out that the programme could be cancelled due to which date duck season opening day may be moved to.

New Trapper agreement has been sent out to us. Some discussion on the restrictions on the traps used as well as the dealings with our active and inactive trappers. Trappers need liability insurance for trapping.

4-H Club User Guide Donation – and as they want to promote us, we have given them a quantity of last year's user guides. Also, if they want to do a draw for a membership, we can do that for them too.

Snowshoe event on the 7th of March discussed. We are happy that our snowshoes may get some use this year.

Buck show – doors are open at 9:00, Duane will attend this.

Canada Summer jobs – 2 positions were applied for in January 2020.

Greenwing Pool Sign – looks good. Where will we want the sign put? It is 3' X 5' – in size. They can put the sign in the parking lot at the end of Front Road near the entrance to Greenwing.

Dinner – update on sales , we have 62 tickets sold now. Is there a budget for this? No, at this point. What did we buy last year? Some discussion on a pig roast as a possibility.

Some discussion on things we bought last year and how profitable that was. Also discussion on ideas of how to auction off the items. The card draws are quite profitable for us. We talked about changing how we do the silent auction after hearing a few criticisms. It seems the key is to make sure people clearly know when the time ran out on these. Several ideas were put forward as to how to run the gun auction. Question – is there any other games we could introduce during the evening that would generate some more money?

MNRF – Still waiting on logging permits from the MNRF. It appears the logging may not happen as soon as we had hoped for.

Newsletter – good feedback.

AGM – Some ideas were brought forward in addition to our guest speaker. One idea that was put forward was to put up pictures of our past employees in recognition for their contributions, as well as their achievements while at the Marsh.

New Business:

Whitetail – short discussion on the water levels.

Wade spoke on what Norfolk County has done regarding their pheasant programme. It's ended there due to them losing their funding. A fish and game club wants to take that programme over. They are looking for support and Wade suggests that maybe Hullett could send a letter of support to the Norfolk County council. Who should write this letter? Wade can put something together on behalf of the Chairman of the Board..

Scott – Workshop overhead door is getting pretty shaky. Should we get some quotes on new doors? Yes, and we should go either electric, or a chain on a pulley.

Duane – He would like to go ahead with wildlife food plots in a few areas in the marsh as a test to see how it could benefit the wildlife. How much money would this take? It would be good politics for our neighbour relations too. Some spots were suggested.

Mtg adjourned 9:21

Ryan, Jim, and Wade up for election at the AGM.