

Friends of Hullett

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

(Zoom)

25 August 2020 7:30 PM

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

Guests: Scott Austin, Alex Morrow, Lorraine Moir

Meeting called to order: 7:33 PM

July minutes approved as circulated.

Treasurer's Report: The report was summarised by email, and, as last month, income is a little less but our Ag Contract income makes it up somewhat, due to those small increases to our bank account month to month.

Marsh Report:

- Our next Zoom meeting will be Tuesday 22 September at 7:30.
- Scott spoke of some of the work done in the marsh, mowing, etc.
- Storm Damage - Scott reported on the insurance going on - replacement radios, etc.
- Scott reported an incident regarding two individuals driving past 4 No Trespassing signs. OPP was called and charges were laid.
- Jeff Crete will be visiting the Marsh during the first week of September. Lorraine will visit as well. The best days for this visit will be 3, 4, or 5 September.
- Opening Day - Plan received from Wade. Initial comments are that the plan looks good, other than the parking issue. We will make sure provincial protocol will be followed.

The reason for the draw for hunting stakes is to stop the hunters having a conflict over who gets specific hunting stakes.

Discussion followed regarding the physical distancing in the parking lots and our parking situation. We have 52 spaces for parking.

Some people bring more than one vehicle. We need a list of who is in the parking lots. Maybe we should just post a sign that says, "Use at your own risk"?

Are we opening our washrooms for the public? More discussion was had on what other places do and the social distancing issue regarding parking.

Mat - If we don't do anything, is that good enough? Discussion followed - - We cannot enforce anything legally. - Where will we put other vehicles if we restrict the number of spaces?

Mat thought we should buy some lumber to have available in case we need it for areas to be restricted access.

Scott said that he needs wording of what we are going to do for his social media communications to the public.

From there, we went to Wade's page for Opening Day. Discussion followed regarding this document.

- Discussion on staffing and when they will be on-site.

- also, how will information be processed on-site.

- Washrooms - will we have them serviced?

- Mat feels we should just go ahead in planning and decide our final decisions close to Opening Day.

- Record keeping will be important for the Opening Day procedures.

- Wade's motion to tweek our original procedure document and then send that to the Ministry for approval, thus our procedure will be subject to the Ministry's approval.

Seconded by Jimmy, all in favour.

- Pheasant Opener - Scott's plan discussed.

- User Guide - A couple of corrections to be made were noted by board members.

- Horse Event - Scott reported on this event - there will be some mowing done to accommodate this event.

- Phragmites - Discussion on the money being spent on this and where we will be when the money is spent. It appears that it may come in "under" the estimated cost. Butterball Pool is cleaned out of phragmites pretty good. The Phragmite patches are turning yellow already. There will be two more days of spraying. Ryan thought there may be one more day after that. He thought that if there is any money left, more spraying should be done beyond what was planned.

- Motion by Duane, to approve another \$4000 for the spraying if it can be done this year. All in favour.

- Mallard nesting tubes - Reporting that there were 12 successful tubes discovered and 6 possible successful, plus a lot more were used.

- Gypsy Moth spraying - The board has no objection to this spraying to take place.

Jim asked if we are permitted to spray for pests on our property? Lorraine confirmed that we are permitted this.

- Lorraine reports that things are opening up and more things are being scheduled.

- Lorraine asked if we are still using any of the pheasant pens near the barn regarding removal of things when the barn comes

down. Scott replied, that yes, we use one small section for our pheasants for our pheasant releases.

- Our Marsh Newsletter will be going out prior to Opening Day.
- Wade suggested to Scott that he should keep our gates shut if no access is permitted.
- Short discussion regarding how the Duck Hunters can renew their memberships this year due to physical distancing.
- Youth Waterfowl Hunt will not happen this year.

New Business:

- Jim thinks we should rent a porta potty soon, to make sure we can get one. We decided that if we need one, we could do that by the Friday if it is needed.

No further business being brought forward, meeting adjourned 9:24 PM