

FRIENDS OF HULLETT
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – ZOOM
24 November 2020 7:30 PM

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

Absent: Wade Beaudoin

Guests: Scott Austin

Meeting called to order: 7:35 PM

Review October Minutes: One correction in wording altered (Treasurer's Report).

Treasurer's Report:

Stemming from last meetings discussion on parking spaces and improvement costs, we talked about the CO and hunting regarding parking spot numbers. There are a number of parking lots to support the flow of people. Many people break the rules. We should send this to Lorraine and that's for her to deal with. Lorraine was called and this was presented to her. Nothing can be done unless we see hunters with guns in hand. This issue should be between the CO and Lorraine.

Ryan: the big one from last week is the surplus tracking for the last five years - MNR expenses to actual earnings. The breakdown is that we made less but also spent less. There has been a decrease in MNR monies, so we spent a lot less this year. We haven't done any capital projects this year. The profit and loss is based on what MNR spends and what we spend.

Some explanation on what our expense list means. Further discussion on individual items were reported on, as well.

Are we going to carry on with our existing budgets? We did discuss capital expenditures already. Some items were discussed with the amounts allocated. There may be funding available due to the pandemic.

Discussion on what we will pay Alex's replacement. Decided, it will be the same.

Anything we need to buy? Maybe a small used tractor?? It should be 4-wheel drive.

Some discussion on mowing and mulching in the marsh.

Discussion on the need to repair some roads and parking lots. Some spots are seriously lacking gravel and is quite muddy. Maybe talk to VanDriel Excavating about doing the road discussed.

Marsh Report:

New staff member to hire – about 95 applicants. Scott to get down to the top 10 best ones. Talked about the skills of some of these people. Some discussion about a couple of the applicants that look promising. Maybe we could interview contenders on zoom. Zone A – restricted horse access; to be passed on to Lorraine.

Talked to banker – Scott Reports on the GIC's we have. There are some decisions that should be made on these. Keep doing what we're doing. The suggestions to be passed on to Ryan.. for advice.

There's a lot of corn left over – someone should take it away so pests are not attracted. Maybe dump it in the field for the wildlife.

Insurance – Report on the insurance repair monies we recovered. Scott to work with the electrician to make some lighting repairs and upgrades. Repairs are still on-going with deductables. We have a lot of new equipment as a result of items being replaced under the insurance repairs/replacements.

2020 Auction – we'll have to have our things arranged by February. We spoke on the covid vaccinations being a year to get done. Maybe next October would be when we should do the auction? The trailer is full of things for the auction. If we took the things and bundled it, maybe see if we can auction it off on social media. Nothing will be shipped. Only curb-side pick up of these items.

Compliments to Scott and Alex on the membership campaign they've done this season. We have lots of new members due to their efforts.

DU and OMNRF

They've been doing a little research dig around the office, looking for indigenous artifacts. Nothing found.

Newsletter, website – will be out in the last week of January. It is quite big, and the photos are a very good part of this. There will be no fund raising dinner in 2021.

Pheasant Challenge – sales are enough for 600 birds at this point. This revenue from this is very high this year. We put most of our energy and money into the duck hunting environment and, we used a lot of money from other programmes for the pheasant challenge. A lot of people support our hunting activities by their efforts and donations.

New Business:

Duane – conservation road – pot hole needs gravel badly. Fill the wagon up as soon as we can, so we can repair that next week.

Jim reminded us that the Corn Barn's roof is leaking. - rotting boards need to be replaced. Scott to look at.

Next Board Meeting - 22 December, 2020
No further business, ajourned 8:53 PM.