

FRIENDS OF HULLETT
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS ZOOM MEETING
27 April 2021 7:30 PM

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

Absent:, Wade Beaudoin

Guests: Scott Austin, Amber Frak

Meeting called to order: 7:35

Review March Minutes: Adopted as circulated.

Financial:

We're still carrying about \$33,000 surplus at this time, though there are some big expenses coming. We're doing quite well during this time. Ryan and Chris have summarized the year end financials prepared by Takolo and Burt.

Chris has gone through our year end financials and we've addressed the concerns he has pointed out. The changes made are looking good. Ryan has signed the notice to Reader and left it with Scott. The Board can review the financials this week and will be sent in by Friday. Some concerns were found by Chris, which needed to be looked at. Some discussion on things affecting our income this past year.

Marsh Report:

- New tires being put on the truck this week.
- A co-op placement was discussed. We feel that there is enough work and are confident in our Covid safety precautions to proceed with the placement.
- The barn swallow structure has been put up at the office. The site isn't the best spot. Scott will let the MNRF know that we weren't asked about the placement and that we have concerns, including soft ground in the area and it being on an equipment travel path.
- Scott has received 2 quotes to improve Burns Line and Butterball Pool boat launch parking lot. Unfortunately, the quotes are very different and are impossible to compare. Ryan and Scott will provide specific details to the contractors on what we want and hopefully get updated information so the BOD can make a decision next month.
- Jim made a motion to spend \$5000, plus float fees, to get trees and brush along Conservation Road cut back by Van Driel's. Seconded by Bill. Motion carried.

MNRF /Duck Unlimited

- We have signed contracts from DU as in other years.
- Scott will reach out to DU and encourage them to continue with Bluewing Pool dyke improvements and inform them about wash outs along the Woody dyke.
- Al and Jeff communications - Jeff got back to us regarding Blue Wing pool regarding if they're going to be doing any work this year.

- Kayak vehicle question – discussion on why there's no parking in this area and what problems that may create. Scott will remove sign and see if it creates a problem.
- Blue Trail Bridge. Discussion on repairing Bluetrail bridge boards. Would it be better to rent a sawmill and cut our own boards?

Website Newsletter, user guide.

Userguide and Newsletter, Will be out by the end of May.

Peasant challenge / Youth Hunt – We should probably wait to see if it will go, unless things change. We could do something about education some young hunters over the internet. We could schedule it and maybe the restrictions may be lifted by then. We could register kids, and hope it goes. We could cancel if we need to, due to current Covid crisis.

AGM:

Bill, Mike and Chris will be up for election. Bill will not be running, so a replacement will be needed. The results will need to be communicated to the membership. Board positions will be chosen at the June Meeting.

New Business:

- Elections – Discussion Mike needs to be let us know if he will run for election There has been a new application put in. Something needs to be put out in a newsletter about the AGM not happening and the elections coming up.
New positions to be discussed at the next meeting, in June.
- Duane – has concerns about the garbage at the end of Front Road, and provided an option to move the parking lot in that area to help the situation. That will deal with the complaints about shooting there. Mat thought planting trees or creating a pond could be an option as well, rather than moving the parking lot. Legislative changes were also discussed. The problems are going away, but more thought is needed on the best way to go. Discussion of pros and cons.
- Motgage things – Mat briefly touched on the potential of the FOH purchasing property. The bank didn't have specific answers regarding which situation we would

need to have a guarantor named on the mortgage. Mat suggested that the board discuss it in more detail at an upcoming meeting.

Meeting adjourned, 9:11 PM