

FRIENDS OF HULLETT

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Zoom Meeting

30 March 2021 7:30 PM

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

Guests: Scott Austin, Amber Frak

Meeting called to order: 7:30

Review February Minutes: Adopted as circulated with spelling corrections.

Brief discussion about the lotto licence mentioned in the February minutes. Left as is.

As a follow-up to New Business in the minutes, Duane talked to Angie at the municipality of Central Huron regarding the gravel pit. She believes it will be a couple of years before all the gravel has been extracted and then there could be remediation plans needed. The municipality is aware of our interest in it.

Treasurer's Report:

We are in good shape financially and are \$35,000 ahead of where we were last year.

Ryan contacted an accounting firm in Clinton and was referred to their London branch that deals with non-profit businesses. They informed us of some new tax changes and provided an estimate for their services. Denis of CRA contacted Ryan regarding the wage subsidy we applied for. Our bookkeeper signed it but CRA does not have her listed as an authorized signing authority. Ron Takalo is listed by CRA. As a result of the higher cost to switch firms and the signing authority issue, it was decided to continue to use T&B in Goderich.

Chris created a list of tax filing issues and asked T&B to provide clarification on the items. Nothing was provided as of the meeting.

Marsh Report

Wade made a motion to purchase 1,000 pheasants at the new amount and provide a down payment. Seconded by Mike. Carried.

A request to hold a dog trial on the waterfowl and pheasant opener and to have an area closed off for the trial was denied.

Principle breeding bird atlas participants can access closed areas of Hullett if they are treated like volunteers. They are to wear appropriately marked clothing and inform the Manager of their activities prior to setting out.

Although Delta is mostly interested in the success of the 20 mallard tubes they gave the FOH, the BOD does not have an issue with providing them data on all of our mallard tubes.

Munro Honey has signed the bee contract for four sites.

Motion made by Wade to access student funding and hire a summer student for 8 weeks at \$14/hr. for 35 hours/week at a cost of \$2500. Seconded by Jim. Carried. Scott will follow up on this.

The online auction is going well. Wade will follow-up with Jamie regarding the charter he provided to ensure he is okay with it being auctioned off.

No update from MNRF or DU. Duane will email MNRF and CC DU regarding an operations meeting.

Newsletter will be sent out before the AGM which would normally be on 30th May. An online election could be needed.

New Business

Mat has provided Frank Cameron's office with copies of some of our minutes, financial records and incorporation papers. Frank needs to review them and will provide guidance of purchasing property. Mat noted winterkill yellow perch around a water control structure. Scott has seen them in duck boxes also this winter. This is the first time they have been seen at Hullett. It is believed they were released over the last couple of years.

Duane is meeting with Mr. Gibson to look at the three old agricultural fields north of Conservation Rd on Thursday.

Next meeting is 27 April @ 7:30

Meeting adjourned at 8:30