

**FRIENDS OF HULLETT**  
**MINUTES FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Virtual Meeting**

**25<sup>th</sup> January 2022 7:30 PM**

**Present:** Matt Shetler, Mike Cardinal, Chris Ambrose, Jim Bayne, Steven Zingaro and Trevor Latta

**Absent:** Duane Inkpen, Wade Beaudoin

**Guests:** Scott Austin, Amber Frak, Greg Urquhart

**Meeting called to order:** 7:30 PM

- Minutes from the previous Friends of Hullett Board of Directors meeting were reviewed and approved.

**50 Million Tree Program – Presented by Greg Urquhart**

- Federal funding for tree plantings with minimum requirements of 500 trees (FoH will qualify based on current requirements)
- Broad selection of tree varieties are available (Large stock trees 4-6' and or seedlings including hardwood, softwood, and coniferous trees)
- Hullett location - Potential target areas are approx 5 acre & 3-acre sections (approx. new plantings of 550 trees per acre for seedlings and 220 for large stock)
- MVK in Hamilton, Sloan's and or Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority are sources to attain large stock and or seedlings
- Timing
  - Site preparation May 2022
  - Mowing in Sept and strip spraying
  - Planting spring 2023
- Mulching or round bales for planting strips was discussed (main objective is to minimize grass competition)
- Greg U to provide follow up email outlining further details of the program with detailed requirements.
- Ryan Bayne placed a motion for FoH to spend \$6000 for large stock trees with \$500 contingency. The plan is to cost share the additional \$3000 rebate from the "Tree Program" to reinvest into purchasing additional trees. BoD took the motion to vote. Vote was unanimous motion carried. **ACTION – Duane and Amber will continue to manage the project.**

**Treasurer's Report**

- Chris Ambrose was able to provide the December 2021 monthly financial report.
- Net Income for 2021 is \$28,500 with records broken on Pheasant challenge tickets and membership revenue.
- Discussion of royalty fees being paid to the crown for forestry project. **ACTION – Duane will continue to manage the project.**
- Chris contacted bank regarding GIC's and awaiting feedback to purchase \$40,000 GIC's
- Revenue of \$22,000 needs to be reallocated to Blue Ridge Trail of \$9500
- Proposal to use Zone A reserve of \$18,600 or direct towards other projects. **ACTION - each BoD and FoH staff to research and come prepared to February meeting with proposals for Zone A expenditures.**
- \$3700 in Capital Expenditures for potential snowmobile purchase.
- Discussion of net income to be allocated to Capital Expenditures and Reserves.
- Capital Expenditures discussion included the potential purchase of an additional trailer/housing for staff residence.

**Marsh Report**

## **1. Winter Newsletter**

- We will have the winter NL out to the membership by the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of February at the latest

## **2. Radio Chargers**

- The blown-up charges have been taken to Stratford for inspection and new ones are ordered as needed with supply chain issues have delayed replacement.

## **3. Staff Hours**

- Both Scott and Amber zeroed out their hours on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.
- Due to moving Scott has been working reduced hours in January and will have to make up the time in the future
- This will offset accumulated OT moving forward

## **4. Pheasant Program**

- Challenge draw tickets will take place Wed. Jan. 26 at 2pm at Clinton Sporting Goods.
- Ryan Bayne motioned to purchase 1000 birds to proceed and secure birds for the fall 2022 season. Mike Cardinal second the motion, motion carried.

## **5. High School Co-op Students**

- Staff are in the process of preparing for the arrival of Lucas from St Anne's who will start his Co-op on February 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022. His current schedule allows Lucas to be available to work the mornings on weekdays. Note - This semester has changed from work every other day (full days)
- Staff have also received an inquiry from a student at GDCl in Goderich for a placement that will start in September 2022. This young outdoors student reached out to FOH before even talking with the school to see if FOH would be interested and promptly provided a resume and interests at FOH request to validate a "good fit" for both the student and FOH

## **6. Cecil Beaven Donations**

- Memorial donations to FOH totaling \$639.37 have been received so far

## **7. FOH Truck Safety**

- Truck was picked up January 3 by Scott and Amber in Exeter with a cost was \$1928 including \$221 HST.

## **8. 2022 Memberships**

- It was observed that there have been no inquiries on the membership increase to \$35.
- 16 memberships processed so far in 2022 that includes 2 new 1<sup>st</sup> time members
- Current 2022 revenue is \$733 (average of \$45.80 per membership)

## **9. 2021 HST/GST Federal Rebate**

- 2 payments (Jan-June and July-Dec) were direct deposited into our account on January 21 totaling \$4392

## **10. Owl Boxes**

- All boxes are done, big thanks to Mat Shetler and his kids for helping on this project

## **11. Tax Receipts**

- A record of 276 charitable tax receipts were issued in 2021
- Scott will break down the “in kind” and cash donations for Chris before tax time

## 12. New Snowmobile

- Deposit to order for a December 2022 delivery is due end of February early March
- <https://www.ski-doo.com/ca/en/models/sport-utility/tundra.html> this link will take you to the 2022 models for specs and pricing
- The 4-stroke “Eco”600 cc Ace engine will cost about \$2 k more than the standard 600 EFI 2 stroke engine...the 4 stoke weighs 48 more pounds
- Interesting to note that a used 2009 (same as our 2 machines) sold for \$7000 this week which is probably more than it cost brand new
- Therefore, we will have a lineup of top dollar buyers when we sell one of ours as they are a very desirable machine
- Jim Bayne made the motion to purchase the Tundra 600 ACE eco-4stroke machine and Mike Cardinal second the motion.
- **ACTION – Scott to place a deposit with dealer to secure the order for the snowmobile.**

## 13. Winter Nesting Structure Work

- Ice conditions are currently good with minimal snow
- 5.5 inches was measured in the Bluewing Pool on Jan 18
- A few duck boxes were done on the first snowmobile trip that day along with a remote mallard tube install, remaining hunt stake markers pulled and a visit to the logging operation.
- **ACTION - If anyone has time to help Amber with duck boxes via snowmobile, please let her or the FoH office.**

## 14. AGM Meeting

- Held a discussion to host the AGM in May at 41378 Hydro Line with an outdoor setting and preparation for a contingency plan due to COVID-19 and or rain.
- The BoD agreed to proceed with the outdoor AGM meeting and agreed to review monthly the status of this proposal with the intent to finalize a decision prior to the May meeting timeline.

## 15. Vanessa Palmer Award

- Encouragement letter was circulated to local high school and put on FOH web site on January 14, 2022.

## 16. Flynn Invoice 2020 Tile Work

- Matt, Duane and Chris previously reviewed the invoice received from Steve Flynn. There was a detailed discussion of the work completed and reason for the invoice.
- BoD reviewed and confirmed that FoH will complete payment of Flynn invoice for 2020 tile work.
- **ACTION – Scott to proceed and process the invoice payment.**

## 17. DUC Payment

- Final payment of \$330 has been received and deposited.

## 18. Logging Project

- Duane is leading this project with Amber coordinating many detailed aspects of the project
- Amber is currently conducting research with the following program <https://forestsontario.ca/en/program/50-million-tree-program>

## 19. First Aid Training

- Scott is booked for recertification in Exeter on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- An online course must be taken beforehand to complete the certification
- Amber is due for recertification in May

## 20. Forest Health Showcase 2022

- Amber is registered to attend this virtual conference put on by MNRF, Forests Ontario and Natural Resources Canada
- Interesting to note that Nicole Baldwin from the 50 Million tree program will be presenting
- February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 - 9 am to 1230 pm

## 21. Interpretive Center Demo

- Demolition started January 19<sup>th</sup> 2022
- Silo and most of the barn is down currently.
- Looks like final work on hold till spring. A danger zone where nails and screws can be encountered has been marked outside of demo fence barrier

## 22. Road Closures

- Due to minimal snow base and logging operations roads have not been cabled off to date, they will be cabled off before spring.

## 24. Blue Trail Hydro Poles

- The Forestry Supervisor (Jesse Abraham) from Clinton Hydro One will be contacting Scott by Jan 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- It seems like we have the potential to end up with a donation for replacement poles.
- **ACTION** – Scott to follow up and inquire with loggers the opportunity to position the replacement poles at the current bridge crossing.

## 25. North Huron Groomers Snowmobile Club Meeting

- A one-year contract was agreed upon for the North Huron Groomers snowmobile Club to allow access through Hullett. This agreement will be reviewed on an annual basis moving forward.

## New Business

- No new business topics to discuss.

Meeting adjourned 9:20 pm.