

FRIENDS OF HULLETT

MINUTES FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Virtual Meeting

22nd February 2022 7:30 PM

Present: Duane Inkpen, Mat Shetler, Chris Ambrose, Jim Bayne, Ryan Bayne, Steven Zingaro, Wade Beaudoin, Mike Cardinal and Trevor Latta

Guests: Scott Austin, Amber Frak

Meeting called to order: 7:34 PM

- Minutes from the previous Friends of Hullett Board of Directors meeting were reviewed and approved. One minor spelling error.
- Zone A proposal discussed \$18,600
 - Whistler Pool - Cleaning along the East side of the dike from the boat launch to the water control.
 - Bluebill Pool – Clean from the boat launch access past stake 6 & 7
 - White Tail swamp was discussed to place a drain trench through allowing water to drain but also allow and maintain water levels during years that it would receive higher levels of precipitation.

Treasurer's Report

- Chris Ambrose has not received January books, so he was unable to provide monthly financial report.
- Year end journal entries and adjustments were completed – there were 2 invoices for payment, reforestation hold of \$6500 and a top off capital asset reserve fund (snowmobile purchase)
- There were 2 GIC's purchased at \$20K each

Marsh Report

1. Winter Newsletter

- Circulated to membership on February 16

2. BOD Insurance/Property Insurance

- Policy is due for renewal on February 28
- Cost will be around \$4500

3. Staff Hours

- Scott is behind on hours (slowly catching up) and Amber is about even
- Hours will be circulated to BOD on Monday February 21

4. Front Road Entrance Signage

- The complete 6 x 6 (municipal installed sign) was discovered January 30 hit by a vehicle, snapped off and all metal signs stolen
- Municipality will be notified and hopefully they can replace in spring

5. High School Co-op Students

- Lucas Preszcator (2021 FOH summer student) started his co-op Feb. 10th. and his shift is 9-11:30 am each day
- Lucas is in grade 11 and attends St. Annes in Clinton
- So far 2 days have not been worked due to school closures for weather (St. Annes policy)
- Kirsten McIntosh is a 5th year student in grade 13 at CHSS in Clinton

- She will work 2 x 6-hour days each week with the other 3 days working with Municipality of Central Huron
- Both of their resumes and cover letters will be sent to the BOD

6. Seaforth Big Buck Show

- Mouse Dolmage indicated that the Buck Show is most likely a go for 2022!
- Saturday April 2 will be the date and confirmation will come from Beasley Brothers.
- FOH will attend with Mike Leitch as in past years

7. Lotto Report

- Report has been submitted to the municipality

8. 2022 Memberships

- 23 memberships processed so far in 2022 that includes 4 new 1st time members
- Revenue is \$1307 (average of \$56.80 per membership)

9. Mallard Tubes

- 3 tubes have been installed
- Water levels were too high in Sat pond 10 to install the 2 tubes
- An aggressive install will occur over the next few weeks

10. Duck Boxes

- Some Zone B boxes have been done

11. Tax Receipts

- 277 charitable tax receipts were issued in 2021
- Kirsten tallied the totals for Chris and the breakdown is \$18,810.50 cash and \$1,734.96 "in kind"

12. New Snowmobile

- A 4-stroke "Eco"600 cc Ace 2023 Tundra LT was ordered on Feb 17 with a \$500 deposit paid
- Side and front bumper as well as belly pan protectors should likely be added to the machine for protection given our type of use.
- Invoice will be sent to BOD via email

13. Truck Repair

- Another door check stopper had to be replaced on driver's door as well as replacement of the 9-year-old stock Toyota battery
- Work was performed by Central Huron Automotive in Clinton. First time using their services and Amber reported great service. Cheaper than Toyota and did both jobs in under an hour while Amber waited with a final cost was \$580 all in with HST.

14. AGM

- AGM was mentioned in the Newsletter as well as BOD application process article
- Follow up promos will be sent to membership via email
- Meeting will be held May 29th, BOD will meet at 9am and then open to the public at 10am for the annual meeting
- The BoD agreed to continue to plan for the event and will finalize plans at the next meeting.

- To date we have received one application for BoD.

15. Vanessa Palmer Award

- The award has been well promoted on multiple platforms
- **One application has been received from Kirsten (our new co-op student) from a FOH social media post before we even knew her!**
- Her letter will be email to BOD for review, deadline for submission is April 15th, 2022.

16. Flynn Invoice 2020 Tile Work

- Payment from FOH has been made via E-Transfer

17. Takalo and Burt Payment

- Their 2020 tax preparation invoice arrived a few weeks ago
- On advice from Chris Scott paid the invoice via E-Transfer

18. Logging Project

- Project is almost done with the Sugar bush currently being harvested
- Flynn is happy that the Homestead landing area was not messed up on his hay
- Amber has 45 hours and Scott has 30 hours (mostly snow removal keeping roads open) on the project
- The municipality granted Amber permission for access and log landing on gravel pit land
- Loggers have made repairs to damaged FOH infrastructure
- Amber and Kirsten inspected logging trails on Feb 16
- Some short logs will be left behind making good FOH firewood down the road
- Amber has led this project with constant communication with Duane

19. Reforestation

- As promised Greg Urquhart has provided guidance to Amber and Duane for the tree plantings and planning
- Amber is currently researching this program <https://forestsontario.ca/en/program/50-million-tree-program>

20. First Aid/CPR Training

- Scott completed his training in class on Feb 9 (Exeter) after an extensive online portion
- Amber will be doing the same with an in class on April 13, Lucas is booked for the same course with an in class on March 4 at a cost is \$120 per person plus HST.

21. Interpretive Center Demo

- Demolition area has been marked off with a final clean-up coming in the spring.

22. Pheasant Challenge

- Prizes have been awarded to both winners
- Lotto licence will be applied for once 2022 prizes have been secured
- Sommers's generators will be a new sponsor
- Discussion of increasing the number of prizes for the draw, this would allow for additional tickets to be printed.

23. Blue Trail Hydro Poles

- Scott has spoken with 4 Hydro One staff members; we missed 2 large poles in our area last year
- We could wait until June to get possible poles from a Seaforth hydro One Job, but it may be a gamble

- Guelph Utility Pole (Stella-Jones) provides poles to Clinton Hydro One
- Please see email quote for 2 poles delivered to Hullett from this company
- Matt motioned to proceed with the purchase of the 2 hydro poles, Chris Ambrose second the motion.

OMRF

- Amber is managing logging paperwork, stump fees, log removal and will reconcile work for royalties and payment.
- Logging work and trucking crew performance was discussed – overall feedback that their performance and satisfaction of the logging crew and truckers was good. All issues were communicated with Amber/Scott and resolved.

Ducks Limited

- No updates to report at this time

New Business

- Youth Waterfowl Hunt
 - Discussion of returning to the full capacity of 10 youth
 - Mentors will be required, those that are interested should contact the FoH.
- Mike mentioned the BoD should try to return to in person meetings – **ACTION** - Scott will review and investigate (mention of meeting at Exeter Game Club)

Meeting adjourned 9:20 pm.