

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

**Dashwood Community Centre**

**April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 7:30 PM**

**Present:** Duane Inkpen, Jim Bayne, Ryan Bayne, Mike Cardinal and Trevor Latta

**Absent:** Matt Shetler, Chris Ambrose, Steven Zingaro, Wade Beaudoin

**Guests:** Scott Austin, Amber Frak

**Meeting called to order:** 7:33 PM

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

**Treasurer's Report**

- No report

**Marsh Report**

**1. Annual Commercial Safety**

- Aluminum landscape trailer scheduled for certification on April 21

**2. Annual Service for Kubota's**

- Both Kubota side by sides and the Kubota mower will be taken to Hyde Brothers in Hensall for service in the next 2 weeks

**3. Staff Hours**

- Scott is behind on hours and Amber is about even
- Hours will be circulated to BOD on Monday April 25

**4. Phragmites Funding**

- Amber is currently working on funding with Huron Clean Water Project as in past years

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

- Things are going well with the students this spring, some training (Health & Safety) has been completed and are awaiting additional training based on needs for the season i.e., chainsaw training

**6. Seaforth Big Buck Show**

- Great day...report sent to BOD on April 2

**7. Locks Cut**

- This past week/weekend 5 locks were discovered gut and gates open
- Both gates at Front Rd North and Sanctuary Line Bridge
- Bridge Road north Bluewing Dyke chain between blocks were also cut
- 12 new locks have been ordered

**8. 2022 Memberships**

- 106 memberships processed so far in 2022 that includes 11 new 1<sup>st</sup> time members
- Revenue is \$5690 (average of \$53.68 per membership)
- Revenue on April 21, 2021, was \$3690

**9. Mallard Tubes**

- The final 2 tubes were installed in Sat Pond 10 via canoe

#### **10. Waterfowl Nesting Report**

- Amber will have a report out to the BOD soon. A simple report will be published in Spring Newsletter

#### **11. Roads Superintendent**

- There will be a new boss with Central Huron. FoH will work with the grader operator to get the road work completed.

#### **12. Dog Club Meeting**

- Duane and Scott met virtually with NAVHDA contact Jim Baker with regards to 2022 dates and expectations
- There is potential to have 3 clubs using the FoH property this year. A document was created and shared with each club so that they can sort out areas used on the same dates after the meeting.

#### **13. Privy Door Handle Repair**

- Summerhill is repaired and the Sugar Bush handle was faulty, and it is on back order. The new handles will be stronger than the old ones

#### **14. AGM**

- As far as staff know we only have one member application for a Board position
- Staff are planning the event and working on the presentation
- Duane will be contacting John from Tremendous Trees to see if he would like to be our guest speaker

#### **15. Vanessa Palmer Award**

- To date we have had one applicant, sent to BOD on April 20.
- With BOD consent her name will go on the plaque

#### **16. 2022 Pheasants**

- The membership was quite happy to hear about the increase of 200 birds

#### **17. Takalo and Burt Accounting**

- No word on taxes being ready so far

#### **18. Logging Project**

- Fuelwood logs are still required to be picked up
- Truckers are waiting until half load restrictions are lifted

#### **19. Reforestation**

- Amber, Greg, John, and Duane visited the forest site on April 14 to discuss the project.

#### **20. First Aid/CPR Training**

- Amber and Lucas have completed their training

#### **21. Chainsaw Certification**

- Amber and Lucas are awaiting details for an upcoming course, but the response has been delayed

- Amber will be reaching out to Travelling Trees where both Greg and Alex received training

## **22. Interpretive Center Demo**

- The cleanup is complete, and a good job was done with 4 loads of gravel replaced by contractor

## **23. Interior Roads**

- Opened for the April 23 weekend

## **24. Blue Trail Hydro Poles**

- Delivery was made to the Clinton Hydro One yard. Hydro One will work with FOH for free delivery to the Sugar Bush area

## **25. Trust Account Bank Meeting**

- Scott, Mat, Mike, and Duane met with RBC banker virtually on April 7
- Trust account was opened the following day with the first deposit made to the account

## **26. DUC Water Measuring**

- Amber has completed the first measurements for 2022 and submitted data and photos to DUC
- Scott closed the Woodie Pool screw gate on April 12

## **27. DUC/FOH/MNRF Operations Meeting**

- Scott has sent requests to Jeff Krete to schedule a meeting
- Al Murray is retiring this week and Jeff has said that Darren Ungar from NDMNRF may be replacing Al and he has set up a meeting with him on April 21
- FoH/Scott to date have not received a response from Jeff for a request on a 3–5-year water level plan as suggested by the BOD at our previous meeting.

## **28. Memorial Plaque**

- The plaque is at Artech in Seaforth for engraving
- Barbara Mae Bayne, Don Dodds and Cecil Beaven will be added to the plaque

## **New Business**

- Tractor Rental
  - Discussion of renting an additional tractor to assist with additional work load due to increased demand during the season with the large tractor and mower (large scale grass cutting/grass land rehabilitation).
  - It was reviewed that a log of activities and hours be kept during the rental period to help assist in future understanding of work commitment and or future rentals.
  - Mike Cardinal made a motion to proceed with the rental second by Jim Baynes.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm.