

FRIENDS OF HULLETT
MINUTES FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
41378 Hydro Line, Clinton
May 29th, 2022, 9:00 AM

Present: Duane Inkpen, Matt Shetler, Jim Bayne, Ryan Bayne, Mike Cardinal, Chris Ambrose, Steve Zingaro and Trevor Latta

Absent: Wade Beaudoin

Guests: Scott Austin, Amber Frak

Meeting called to order: 9:04 AM

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

Treasurer's Report

- Chris provided the following financial updates:
 - Financial Statements from Takalo & Burt Accounting were reviewed.
 - Total overall Net Income was up due to the logging contract.
 - There is proposed Ontario legislation implementing for the 2024 tax year where a "Compilation Statement" be developed and provided during income tax submission.
 - Discussion of who would manage and develop the "Compilation Statement" was held. It was discussed as to how this would be executed in the future, Chris mentioned that the accounting firm would be responsible for preparing the "Compilation Statement" and that there is a potential for accounting fees to increase based on this additional request.
 - Proposal was discussed and confirmed to have the accounting firm implement and prepare a draft version of the "Compilation Statement" for the 2023 tax season in preparation for the 2024 legislated timeline.

Marsh Report

1. Privy Updates

- Both privies have been pumped out at a cost of \$100 each plus HST. Both privies have had new industrial heavy duty lever handles installed with one location that received an industrial deadbolt to match the other and have been keyed alike
- The work was performed by Tanner Merner and cost \$314 including HST

2. Annual Service for Kubota's

- The mower and large diesel orange 1140 bike have been serviced. The 1140 will be picked up in Hensall on May 26 and the little 500 camo gas will be dropped off.
- Scott replaced a seat safety switch on the mower as it had failed

3. 2022 Parking Lot Rebuild

- With BOD consent staff would like to replace the worn and broken small concrete barriers at 80591 Front Rd. with large concrete blocks.
- Duane placed the motion to proceed with purchasing concrete blocks and Chris second the motion.

4. User Guide Ad Pricing

- Prices to advertise in the FoH User Guide have been slightly increased and price list document was updated by Amber.

5. High School Co-op Students

- Work performed by the students is tracking very well to date, with potential interest in 2 more students next year...one from GDCl and one from CHSS.

6. Road Grading

- Brady Nolan is the new roads superintendent for Central Huron confirming all roads were graded on May 6.

7. Trail Rangers

- The second trail ranger training meeting will take place May 28
- Staff have updated their trail tools and paint supplies and are encouraging volunteers to take over sections of the trails
- Bill Dineen has been out caring for the White Trail north of Conservation Rd.

8. 2022 Memberships

- 120 memberships processed so far in 2022 that includes 13 new 1st time members. Current Membership Revenue is \$6170 (average of \$51.42 per membership)

9. Mallard Tubes

- The final 2 tubes were installed in Sat Pond 10 via canoe. High water levels kept the tubes partially under water until Kirsten and Amber freed up the beaver debris

10. Central Huron Donation Fund

- Staff requested \$3,300 from the fund in 2022 to help with User Guide production and purchase tools for Trail Rangers
- FOH will not receive the full request but will receive a \$2000 cheque from Central Huron the first week of June.

11. Canada Summer Jobs

- We have received funding for 3 jobs this year...Event Coordinator, Grounds Maintenance Supervisor and Grounds Worker
- Each job is 35 hours per week for 8 weeks with a \$4,200 contribution to each position
- Applications for the positions are down at least 80% from previous years....it is hard to believe despite a very aggressive campaign of posting the jobs on many platforms.

12. Dog Club Usage

- The training went well for the clubs with zero concerns reported to staff.

13. Instagram Auction

- Revenue for 2022 is only \$1370 so far and have been receiving very little donations of items to sell.

14. Chainsaw Certification

- Amber and Lucas are still waiting dates for training, 2 instructors have offered services, but it has been a chore to lock either one of them down.

15. Logging Project

- All fuelwood logs are still required to be picked up with landing sites are in good shape and most of the clean-up is done

17. Office Grass Cutting

- Don is now 83 and offered his services once again however he has been busy, so Scott has been doing the mowing

18. Goderich High (GDCI) School Event May 25/22

- Scott was invited as a Hullett Marsh representative to speak at the Comfort Inn with the Beanstalk Project <https://www.thebeanstalkproject.org/>
- Students enrolled in enhanced career programs get this opportunity
- The challenge presented was to increase funding for FOH
- 8 great ideas were presented at the end of the day

19. AGM Last Minute MNRF Attendance

- Drew Pegrum will be attending the AGM to answer any questions from the membership floor

20. Blue Trail Bridge

- Staff are in the process of seeking advice on how to get the 60-foot poles to the site for installation.

22. Weekend/Evening Patrols

- Staff have done a few evening and weekend patrols while performing other tasks
- Burns Line was chained across the bridge at 9 pm on May 7 and opened at 5am on May 8

Ducks Unlimited

- FoH was informed by Dylan Patterson, (Resilient Consulting - subcontractor of Ducks Unlimited Canada) and are completing an Asset Management Study of sites in southwestern Ontario on their behalf including Hullett.
- There is no current date planned however Dylan has contacted FoH to coordinate a time and date to begin the Asset Management Study.

Youth Waterfowl Hunt

- Scott provided an update that 5 youth have applied for the Heritage Day Youth Waterfowl Hunt. FoH are seeking 10 qualified volunteers to mentor the 10 youth. Those that are interested need to contact the FoH office for details.

New Business

- Proposal to invest in recognition awards (6 custom made knives), motioned by Matt and second by Chris.
- A Service Award was provided to Steve Zingaro for his 3 years of dedication to the Friends of Hullett. Steve volunteered his time and efforts to the success of Hullett and was a great asset. Thank you, Steve, for volunteering your time.
- It was brought to the BoD attention that there was some confusion with Zone A hunting parking in closed Migratory bird seasons. Ryan has taken the task to develop appropriate language to correct the misleading information.
- Elections
 - With Steve Zingaro stepping down from the FoH Board, the FoH did receive one application. The Friends of Hullett would like to welcome Steve Dalrymple to the FOH Board of Directors
 - The balance of the FoH Board of Director members is to remain in their current roles.
- Zone A Excavator Work – Ryan has taken on the task of developing proposals to be discussed for the June 28th meeting.

Meeting adjourned 10:00 AM.