

FRIENDS OF HULLETT
MINUTES FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Friends OF Hullett – Main Office

September 21st, 2022, 7:30 PM

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

Absent: Wade Beaudoin, Mike Cardinal

Guests: Scott Austin, Ben Elliott

Meeting called to order: 7:30 PM

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

Treasurer's Report

- Chris Ambrose provided the treasure's update.
 - \$9500 was allocated and went to Blue Trail expenses
 - GIC interest rates are low <1%, looking at opportunities to move to higher interest rate opportunity 4-5%
 - \$6500 in reserve for allocation to the tree reforestation
 - 2022 beehive revenue is outstanding, Scott mailed invoices Sept 21st (4 hives)
 - Total net assets are \$190,000 (cash minus immediate expenses)
 - **Action** – Duane to follow up with Flynn farms for outstanding costs associated with the use of weigh scales.
 - Scott discussed lotto trust accounts and the necessity to clarify the differences between accounts to ensure appropriate and accurate financials.

Marsh Report

1. Pothole Repairs

- Staff have spent some time over the last month hauling gravel and repairing potholes on interior roads and parking lots

2. Phragmites Spraying

- One more day of spraying is needed for 2022 with 4 days of spraying has been completed with ABCA.
- FOH will continuously observe the property and surrounding neighboring properties for areas of phragmites concentration and will address actions to eradicate.

3. Pheasant Release

- 5 releases will occur this year as in past years
- 240 birds will be released each time, the first release will begin on Sept 22, 2022.
- Darren Stevenson and Mike Verhoef have volunteered, thank you to our volunteers for donating their time, efforts, and dedication to the pheasant release program.

4. User Guide (HUG) Production

- We have printed copies in hand by September 21, 2022. Digital copies have been available for 2 weeks.

5. Overflow Parking Lot

- As promised the parking lot was repaired by Flynn Farms on Sept 14

6. Porta Potty

- Porta potty will be ordered for the duck opener

7. SSFG Students

- College has been contacted for the duck opener volunteer opportunity

8. 2022 Memberships

- 154 memberships processed so far in 2022 that includes 25 new 1st time members
- Revenue is \$7864

9. Youth Waterfowl Clinic

- Very successful day with 10 youth attending.
- Dean Waite and Mike Moynihan Sr presented incredible volunteer education to the youth...Luke Forbes and Jamie Lynch also volunteered with their dogs
- Feedback from youth and parents was very positive
- FOH reviewed and discussed to continue the Youth Waterfowl Clinic for the 2023 year.

10. CSJ Funding

- Currently \$12,600 is expected very soon from Federal Funding payment claim and end of summer reporting has been completed and submitted.

11. Summer Students

- Lucas and Hudson owe FOH just under 50 hours combined and they will pitch in over the fall to complete the hours that they have been paid for

12. Dog Club Events

- The Sept 10/11 event of the Golden Retriever club executed without any issues, as mentioned by the BOD they were supplied with Pheasant Challenge tickets to be sold.
- GR Club have been invoiced \$600 for 3 hours of clear-cut mowing.

13. Direct Cash donation to Pheasant Release

- FOH have receives a direct donation of \$300 to date.

14. Dyke Top Courtesy Cut

- FOH staff are hopeful to have some work done before the waterfowl opener. The tractor and the mower will get hooked on again for fall habitat work.

15. Pheasant Challenge Sales

- Approximately 400 tickets have been sold to date

16. Stake 36

- The stake has been remounted by Ben after reports of it tipping over from a user

17. Co-op Students

- We have one CHSS student who will start in January for half days.

18. Zone A Excavator Work Labour Update

- The Merner long reach hoe will begin work in the Whistler on Sept 19 and has been onsite since Sept 2 however labour shortages have delayed work.
- Vandriel will begin work the 3rd week of October.

19. 2022 Duck Opener

- With Jim Baynes expert guidance Ben and Scott will pull off duck opener and will go as planned with the traditional draw.

20. OFAH Funding

- We have received \$4,000 up front from OFAH for the canoe channel dredging.
- **Action** – Scott & Ben need to document (images/pictures are required) to ensure funding.

21. Staff Hours

- Scott will circulate staff hours before the September 22nd BOD meeting.

22. Pheasant/Small Game Opener Sunday September 25

- Duane will sell tickets as in past years with staff members available to be on site for the opener.

New Business

- Constitution – Matt presented the final proposed updates:
 - Draft updates to be reviewed and presented for approval at the AGM in May 2023 at the FOH annual meeting
- **Action** – Duane to follow up with additional equipment dealers (Kubota & John Deere) and continue to search for opportunities with attaining a 45HP or greater tractor.
- Update - Steve reached out to the Ruff grouse & Woodcock society to inquire about a consultation with the intended request to review funding opportunities.
- **Action** – Scott & Ben - North Viewing Stand – cement blocks required at the top of Orange Trail to limit access.
- Discussion was held to review opportunities on how to manage and execute administrative duties allowing Scott & Ben to concentrate efforts within the marsh. The BOD will review and consider options moving forward, they will be presented and be discussed in future meetings.
- Ryan requested a motion for an additional \$2000 (to the current \$6500) to purchase 25 Kentucky and Tulip trees at \$300 per tree delivered and planted (HST will be additional). Total cost would be approximately \$8500 to complete the project. Steve second the motion.
- There will be continued efforts and additional investment with other tree and reforestation programs within the FOH.
- **Action** – Trevor - Safety – it was discussed to have fluorescent work t shirts with the Friends of Hullett logo for the summer students and staff.

Meeting adjourned 9:19 pm.