

FRIENDS OF HULLETT
MINUTES FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Friends OF Hullett – Virtual Meeting

May 25th, 2023, 7:30 PM

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

Absent: Jim Bayne, Mike Cardinal, Ryan Bayne

Guests: Scott Austin, Ben Elliott

Meeting called to order: 7:30 PM

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

Treasurer's Report

- Chris Ambrose provided an overview of financial reports:
 - Financial statement and charity returns completed and submitted to CRA.
 - Moved \$20K from savings to GIC, will soon need funds transferred to chequing account

Marsh Report

1. Canada Summer Jobs Hiring

- FOH have hired 3 positions
 - Emily Dearing will be our Event Coordinator and will be present at breakfast to help Jimmy with the BBQ and attend the birding tour with Ange Coneybeare after the AGM
 - Emily is local and a first year Biology student at U of Guelph
 - Denver - Our current co-op student has been hired as our Maintenance Supervisor
 - Luke Wammes a grade 11 St. Anne's student has been hired as our Maintenance Worker

2. Vanessa Palmer Award

- Certificates have been made, plaque updated, and Janise has mailed the cheques, both applicants will be present at the AGM

3. Memorial Plaque

- Updated with Cathy Bayne, Paul Heeley, and Randal Glew

4. AGM Neighbour Reach-out

- Flyers were distributed to FOH neighbors' mailboxes this week inviting them to attend the AGM.

5. Beaver Dam Issues

- Excavators were on site removing beaver dams and cleaning ditches under DUC direction on May 12.

6. DUC Contract

- Contract mowing price per hour was negotiated with DUC prior to signing

7. Forestry Updates

- Ben, Scott, and Denver visited the logged areas in Red Trail with Bill Dineen (Red Trail volunteer) preparing for site visit from forester later in May/June
- Continuous forest area will be chopped down with mowers in early June
- 2 dump wagon loads of gravel were delivered into the continuous forestry trail
- Mulch was applied around last year's plantings using both tractors and dump wagon

8. 2023 Memberships

- 138 memberships processed to date in 2023, including 29 new 1st time members (18 from dinner) with an income of \$3970

9. Pheasant Challenge

- April 28 sales promotion email to the members of FOH generated sales of 58 tickets via PayPal in 36 hours!
- Tickets are available at Clinton Sporting Goods for purchase.

10. Hullett American Chestnut Trees

- Mike Malhiot has reached out regarding older plantings, FOH staff will determine if there is any survival via UTM coordinates
- Mike may have some seedlings available to donate to FOH for replanting.

11. Road Grading

- Completed by the municipality, they will also supply FOH with gravel again for the 2023 season.

12. 25th Anniversary Hat Sales

- Hat sales to date are twenty-one, a campaign sales pitch will begin soon. Scott and Ben will implement a drop box tab to purchase via "PayPal" to handle revenue and orders.

13. New Shop Lighting

- Cost was \$2331.45 including HST

14. Funding Updates

- \$5000 approved from OFAH for tractor (\$10,000 requested)
- Pavilion application to Trillium was declined
- \$2200 for User Guide was approved by Central Huron
- Mat Shetler has submitted a forestry application to the Provincial MECP program
- \$10,000 request to the Hensall Co-Op Strong Communities fund will be submitted this week...concrete parking lot barriers, new stop signs and complete rebuild of main view stand parking lot lane and canoe access lane

15. Kubota Tractor Ballast

- The little tractor has the potential to be unstable. After research soybean oil is an option and will be added to rear tires as an eco-alternative to calcium by Townsend Tire.

16. Photo Contest

- Winners and HUG (Hullett User Guide) cover photo can be viewed in the Spring Newsletter.

17. 2023 Baiting

- Please refer to email sent to you all on May 18 at 7:51 am
- Upon review and discussion, the BOD has decided to move forward with submitting the application to continue to bait for the 2023 season.

18. Old MNRF CO ATV

- CO Drew Pegram will be picking up the old ATV.

19. AGM Birding Tour

- 3 people have signed up to date along with the FOH event coordinator Emily our new staff member to attend.

OMNRF/DUC

- Discussion regarding the historical operations agreement between the FoH and MNRF was mentioned. The agreement expired on Oct 29, 2019. MNRF staff have reviewed the expired agreement. No further actions needed at this time.

New Business

- **ACTION** - Matt - Proposed constitution changes will be presented at the AGM.
- **ACTION** - Duane - Fire extinguisher training was discussed and approved to have Scott, Ben, and potentially summer staff to complete the training.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 pm.