

FRIENDS OF HULLETT
MINUTES FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Friends OF Hullett – 41378 Hydro Line Road

September 21st, 2023 @ 7:30 PM

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

Absent: Mike Cardinal, Barb Orchard

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.
- Currently we are in a loss position until the next ag cheque comes in the month of November, a \$20K GIC was cashed into savings to assist with cashflow.
- Chris will prepare financial documents/guide providing a detailed outline of finance terms and definitions to be used within the organization for the BOD and new members.
- Chris put forth a motion to prepare FOH financials in preparation of a complete financial review at an approximate cost of \$4000. The increase will be up from \$2000 due to increase accounting fees to complete the increased detailed review. Steve Dalrymple second the motion. Motion was voted by BOD members and passed.

Marsh Report

1. October Meeting

- Last Tuesday in October is the 31st.
- Should staff book the Dashwood Hall for that date?
- In the past we have changed meeting dates when it falls on Halloween so attendees can see the kiddies!
- **ACTION** – Meeting will be moved up to October 24th @ Dashwood, Scott to book Dashwood Community Centre.

2. Youth Waterfowl Clinic

- Very successful day with 12 youth attending.
- Dean Waite and Mike Moynihan Sr presented incredible volunteer education to the youth.... both were awarded thank you gifts presented by the youth with a handshake.
- Terrific feedback from the parents
- Ben had a buddy named Jesse who was a great asset volunteering for the day.
- Revenue was 2 memberships totaling \$110, Y PC tickets and \$100 from 4 hats.

3. Buckthorn Spray Update

- Ben has been communicating with Ian Jean at ABCA regarding Garlon basal bark application at the logging sites.
- Ian indicated a November time.
- Approved budget of \$3000 would give us two applicators for at least one day based on updated herbicide costs.
- Should the budget be exceeded, and more is to be done should we stick to the ABCA budget of \$3000?
- **ACTION** - Ben to inquire the cost to complete the total treatment area and present at the October meeting.

4. Baiting

- Corn was donated by Jim Hill.
- 160 bushels valued at \$1114 on that day's price...tax receipt was issued.
- Baiting began Sept 6, water levels are high, and baiting may not last long this year.

5. Pheasant Pen Removal (Northeast Flight Pen)

- Job is 100% complete.
- It is all very bumpy; we should pay to have the area and the whole office lawn rolled next spring; timing would be critical to success or maybe buy a roller to tow behind the Kubota tractor?
- **ACTION** – Mark will provide a 4' roller to complete lawn rolling with Kubota tractor. Proposal was to rip the area to expose and remove the wire that is buried in the soil.

6. Canada Summer Jobs Funding

- The final payment of \$3255 has been deposited into our account.

7. Accessible View Stand Roof

- The new shingles may not get completed in 2023 due to workload.

8. 2023 Memberships

- 191 memberships processed so far in 2023 that include 37 new 1st time members (18 from dinner)
- Income as of Sept 17 is \$6652
- We have 2 recurring monthly PayPal memberships...one is \$5/month and the other is \$50/month from a generous member...\$600 a year!

9. Pheasant Challenge

- Sales are picking up with 399 tickets sold as of Sept. 17
- Mike Leitch has sold 100 tickets of this total and Clinton Sporting Goods 50
- We are on par with this date last year for sales numbers.

10. User Guide Production

- User guide will be printed week of Sept. 18

11. 25th Anniversary Hat Sales

- Hat sales are at 67 for an income of \$1665.
- Ben has created a great platform on PayPal for buyers to select from the 4 styles.
- Customers are picking hats up on office porch as per communications between staff and buyers.

12. General Donations

- \$2025 so far this year that includes revenue from Lucas and Hudson

13. Pheasant Release

- The first 200 bird release is scheduled for Sunday September 24 at 11 am
- Royal Game Birds will be supplying the birds for the first 2 releases.
- Ben has 3 volunteers to help him that day.
- ACTION – Scott & Ben will organize a delivery calendar for the balance of the season to ensure a consistent and even distribution throughout the season.

14. Fall Newsletter

- Staff will circulate the NL week of Sept. 18

15. Tree Planting Funding

- Ben has applied for funding with Shannon Millar from MVCA

16. Mowing Update

- Some habitat mowing has started with 3 more hours of extreme side slope mowing on the Bluebill dike.

17. Capstone Grassland Habitat Restoration (located north of parking 41108 Hydro Line Rd.)

- Scott has started the perimeter outline.

18. GRCCT Dog Club

- We have received \$600 payment for their 3 hours of custom mowing.

19. DUC Dike Repair Contract

- We have a \$2500 contract to complete this fall (last year it was \$1000)
- \$2300 still needs to be completed and we will be long-hauling gravel to place in the “2-track” on the south Bluebill dike.

20. Phragmites Spraying

- Ben will be scheduling one or 2 more days of spraying.
- A new aggressive patch of young stems was discovered at the Burns Line gate of the North Whistler pool on Sept 15...spreading fast.

21. Opening Day(s) Plans

- Jim Bayne will be helping with ZONE A opener.
- Ben has secured a great volunteer as well as contacted SSF College

- Scott will man the Hullett office on Sept 25 processing tickets and memberships for the “pop-ins.”
- Ben will circulate around on Sept 25 in the Hullett vehicle.

22. Monster Tree Down

- A huge ash tree has tipped over across the Bluebill canoe channel.
- The tree was assessed on Sept 15. Staff will attempt to remove it before Sept 23

MNR/DU

- No updates

New Business

- **ACTION** - Employee review – moved up a month to be completed in October.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:37 pm.