

FRIENDS OF HULLETT
MINUTES FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Friends OF Hullett – Dashwood Community Centre
June 25th, 2024 @ 7:30 PM

Present: Duane Inkpen (Zoom), Mat Shetler, Chris Ambrose, Steve Dalrymple (Zoom), Mark Penhale and Barb Orchard, Ryan Bayne and Mario Coniglio

Guests: Scott Austin, Ben Elliott, Emily Dearing

Meeting called to order: 7:32 PM

- Executive positions were voted upon.
 - Chair – Duane
 - Vice Chair – Mat
 - Treasurer – Chris
 - Secretary - Ryan
- Minutes from the previous Friends of Hullett Board of Directors meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Chris Ambrose provided an overview of financial reports prior to the meeting for review.
 - Chris made a motion to increase the annual internet allowance board members can receive from \$240 to \$400. Seconded by Mark. Carried
 - Agricultural field access improvements were discussed. Chris made a motion to fix the agricultural access off Wildlife Line this summer at an estimated cost of \$5425 +HST. Seconded by Mark. Carried
 - Site #2 could be done by staff and Site #3 will be looked at in 2025

Marsh Report

- Forestry Harvest Crown Royalties
 - Staff have disputed an invoice received from the MNRF recently for royalties that occurred 2 years ago. A decision on payment will occur following additional discussion with MNRF.
- Dyke Top Growth
 - Staff will cut the tops of the dykes and trails as needed. These will be treated similar to roadways and parking lots as they provide maintenance access. Side cutting of the dykes and fallow field management will occur after Aug 1st as usual.
- BoD Photos
 - **ACTION** - Board members are asked to provide an updated picture of themselves for the website.
- Meeting Venue
 - **ACTION** - Scott has scouted a new meeting venue in Mitchell. It is \$14 more than Dashwood but might be more central. Scott will confirm if it is available.
- Summer Staff
 - Two more people will start on July 2nd. They will work 35 hours per week for 8 weeks and assist with maintenance and projects.
- HUG
 - Emily reviewed wording changes to different sections of the Hullett User Guide. Feedback was given to her. She will make changes as requested and provide it back to the directors for a final review. Emily will also talk to the CO about the wording to ensure possible enforcement.
- Key Performance Indicators
 - Scott provided a summary of what's been done. Duane asked if there was anything staff needed from the Board to accomplish tasks. Nothing needed at this point. Mat affirmed that if something comes up to reach out.
- Geese
 - Abell Pest Control released 145 nuisance geese as per their permit.
 - Abell Pest Control will be making a \$1500 donation
- Baiting
 - Ben applied for the baiting permit. The process is more involved this year.

MNR/DU

- No updates

Pheasant Challenge/ Youth Waterfowl

- Drew Pegrum confirmed that the main migratory season will open on September 28, 2024

New Business

- Mat reviewed the native grass report. Discussions were had about best management practices. It was determined that the hay would be harvested after August 1st and that we would replant on a 5-7 year rotation. It was also determined that \$0.03/pound was a good deal.
- Parting gifts for directors were discussed. It was determined that we would give gift certificates for businesses that support us

Meeting adjourned @ 9:10 pm and the board went into in-camera.