

FRIENDS OF HULLETT
MINUTES FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Friends OF Hullett – Dashwood Community Centre
July 29th, 2024 @ 7:30 PM

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

Regrets: Barb Orchard

Guests: Scott Austin, Ben Elliott, Emily Dearing

Meeting called to order: 7:33 PM

- Minutes from the previous Friends of Hullett Board of Directors meeting were reviewed and approved.
- **ACTION** - Board members are asked to provide an updated picture of themselves for the website
- **ACTION** - Scott has scouted a new meeting venue in Mitchell. It is \$14 cheaper than Dashwood but might be more central. Scott will confirm if it is available

Treasurer's Report

- Chris Ambrose provided an overview of financial reports prior to the meeting for review.
 - After further investigation, it was determined we did owe the OMAFRA additional fees for the logging that occurred on Hullett property.
 - Payment of \$7113.88 was issued

Marsh Report

- Ag Field Access Improvements
 - Work will start July 31, 2024, funds approved in June meeting.
- SLED Forestry Education Funding
 - Scott to mow/prep site
 - 20 register, final numbers to be confirmed
 - Subway lunch to be provided
 - Presentation of drone presentation/demo of FRI mapping
- TCC Fibre Update
 - The service has been fantastic!
 - Bell Canada charged \$500, charges we disputed and reduced to \$175
- Summer Staff
 - Working out great.
- 2024 Pheasant Challenge
 - Ticket sales are quite slow, anticipation of a down year
- DUC Dyke Rut Repairs
 - The \$2500 contract with DUC has been completed and invoiced
- HUG
 - 6 test printed copies arrived at the office on July 25, under review
 - Map format to be reviewed, create a GIS version for future editing
- Mallard Pool Stakes – locations to be reviewed this fall, with new locations proposed for relocation during the winter
- Environmental Grant
 - Emily was awarded a Student Environmental Grant from the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority
 - Scott and Ben provided a Letter of Support

Key Performance Indicators

- Scott provided a summary of what's been done.
 - Baiting Permit in Hand, no additional conditions for Avian Flu
 - New tracking format, improved clarity on progress.

MNR/DU

- No updates

New Business

- Forest Planting plan – 3 proposed days for review, August 6, 8, and 9

- Native grass – Plan discussed, best management practices in line with area farming practices, local farmers agree with approach
- NAVDA plans to use hay field for training, no additional cutting needed, no payment from the association for cutting
- Tall Grass – follow up, Duane checked on status,
 - Scott to follow up with farmer
- Review of cutting and brush management program
 - Steve to conduct a site tour with Scott to identify fields needing cutting and improved access

Meeting adjourned @ 8:40 pm and the board went into in-camera.