

**FRIENDS OF HULLETT**  
**MINUTES FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Friends OF Hullett – West Perth Community Centre**  
**August 27th, 2024 @ 7:30 PM**

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

**Regrets:** Mario Coniglio

**Guests:** Scott Austin, Ben Elliott, Emily Dearing

**Meeting called to order:** 7:37 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** -

**Treasurer's Report**

- Chris Ambrose provided an overview of financial reports prior to the meeting for review.
  - Will redeem a cashable GIC to maintain operating budget within the checking account for the next couple months.

**Marsh Report**

- Ag Field Access Improvements
  - McCann/Merners completed the one access improvement just north of the Sugar Bush.
    - Cost was \$6748.66 plus HST
    - Cost was \$805 over quote above the allowed 132 tonne of recycled concrete
- SLED Forestry Education Funding
  - There were approximately 25 people in attendance including FOH and OWA staff Subway lunch to be provided
  - Subway lunch was provided by FOH using SLED funding money
  - Next tour is slated for sometime around mid-October
  - Presentation of drone presentation/demo of FRI mapping
- 2025 Spring Dinner and Auction
  - An estimate of 200 to 250 staff hours goes into this event each year
- 2024 Pheasant Challenge
  - Ticket sales are quite slow, still slow following August email push
- Accessible Hunting Blind # 1 Rebuild
  - Scott Dale has constructed the new blind and delivered it to the main barn
  - Install Aug 27, 2024
- Phragmites Update
  - The first scheduled spray dates are Aug 21 and 22 (ZONE B)
  - The second round of spraying has been requested the week of Aug 26 (ZONE A)
  - Scott cut trails to areas with phragmites
- BuckThorn
  - More buckthorn being observed throughout marsh
  - Management plan should be considered
  - Buckthorn spray plots were checked week of August 12
    - Working on smaller trees, larger trees not dead, but not healthy either.
- BOD Photo Update for Website
  - Emily has requested new photos for the website as it is very dated
- Website, Newsletter & User Guide, Fall Newsletter
  - Bulk of Newsletter is complete, Duck Opener is Sept 28, Pheasant opener Sept 25
- Youth Waterfowl Clinic
  - Planned for Sept 21
  - 9 kids registered

**Key Performance Indicators**

- Evaluate baiting and baited areas and outline what improvements are needed.
  - Some investment should be made into access infrastructure so that bait can be placed during the wet season for each area.

**MNR/DU**

- DU bio inspection planned for Sept 10<sup>th</sup>
- No updates from MNR

**New Business**

- Opening days (Scheduling for parking lot, Baiting, Students for bird identification,
  - BOD meeting at Office 09/26/24)
  - Bird check-in and identification table to close early afternoon
- Pheasant Release for Opener, 200 birds
  - Scott/Ben looking for volunteers to help with releases

Meeting adjourned @ 8:29 pm and the board went into in-camera.