

FRIENDS OF HULLETT

MINUTES FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Friends OF Hullett – West Perth Community Centre

October 29th, 2024 @ 7:30 PM

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

Regrets:, Barb Orchard

Guests: Scott Austin, Ben Elliott, Justin Johnson

Meeting called to order: 7:29 PM

- 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.
 - 2025 budget sent to board for review
 - GIC cash to cover operating budget within the checking account for the next couple months.

Marsh Report

- New FOH Manager
 - Justin is jumping right in leading the team
 - Developing a "How to do anything in Hullett" FAQ for staff. Ultimately mapped onto
 - FOH SharePoint
 - The fohmanager@tcc.on.ca account is now private for Justin only
- Corn Baiting
 - Baiting is being done at both sites 2 times per week
- SLED Forestry Education Funding
 - The second tour is scheduled for Oct. 31
 - The third tour is scheduled for December 12
- Bluebill Canoe Channel Trees
 - After much struggle the channel is finally clear as of Oct. 23/24
 - Long term planning is in place to remove the standing dead timber
- Pheasant Release
 - The 3rd 200 bird release is scheduled for Friday October 25
 - Royal Game Birds will supply the first 600 birds
 - Ben has volunteers helping with all releases
- Agricultural Field Edge Mowing
 - With current dry conditions some mowing has started on this much needed project
 - We are hopeful to have all edges cut by fall of 2025
- Capstone Grassland Habitat Restoration
 - Mike Williams has said the client (Capstone Power) does not want to mow the grassland in 2024 but will budget for a 2025 now
- Waterfowl Opener
 - Event went off well without any major incidents
 - Big thanks to BOD volunteers and Jim Bayne for helping out
 - \$165 was raised in a 50/50 draw
- Buckthorn Spraying
 - Cost per day is around \$3500, that includes 4 jugs of garlon, travel, equipment, and 2 staff person's time
 - Timing could be late November/early December but more likely January 2025 as ABCA is quite busy
- 2025 Spring Dinner and Auction
 - Does the BOD want to have this fundraiser once again

Key Performance Indicators

- Review of Pintail Grass field for treatment and replanting
 - Burn vs Tillage, Cutting, etc.
 - Pollinator planting

MNR/DU

- No Update

New Business

- NVADA looking to use area west of office for Sept Field trialing.
- Privy door repair/replacement, looking to replace in 2025 after winter.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:20 pm and the board went into in-camera.