

FRIENDS OF HULLETT

MINUTES FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Friends OF Hullett – West Perth Community Centre

September 26th, 2024 @ 7:30 PM

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

Regrets: Mario Coniglio

Guests: Scott Austin, Ben Elliott

Meeting called to order: 7:34 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.
 - Operating through typical fall negative budget
 - GIC cash to cover operating budget within the checking account for the next couple months.

Marsh Report

- New FOH Manager
 - "Welcome to FOH" chat with Justin
- Kubota Diesel RTV Tires
 - Cost will be around \$1400
- Corn Baiting
 - 47 bushels of whole corn was donated to FOH from Varna Grain/Hill & Hill Farms
- 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
- DUC Dyke Rut Repairs
 - FOH has received the \$2500 contract payment
- Pheasant Release
 - first 200 bird release is scheduled for Monday September 23
- Phragmites Update
 - All spraying is done for 2024
- Website, Newsletter & User Guide, Fall Newsletter
 - Bulk of Newsletter is complete, Duck Opener is Sept 28, Pheasant opener Sept 25
 - Ad revenue decreased from \$4080 to \$3900
- Youth Waterfowl Clinic
 - 11 youth will be educated
 - CO Drew Pegrum is doing a demonstration
- Waterfowl Opener
 - FOH had a great response to the volunteer request
 - We will have lots of help on Sept. 27 and 28
 - Jim Bayne will be up on Sept. 26 to help ben get the duck trailer up to the overflow parking lot

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

- HWPAs Operation Agreement approval notification sent by MNR, Land Use Permit will be mailed to office
- Good for 5 year
- DU bio inspection planned for Sept 10th
 - Report for site visit to be sent

New Business

- Look at automatic feeding operation systems for baited area, pond feeders on floating platforms
- Cut Wood Lot Review, recommendations for spray and planting, some invasives note
- Heavy mulcher to be budgeted for upcoming years to remove
- Tree falls around marsh, white trail, Bluebill canoe trail

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