

FRIENDS OF HULLETT
MINUTES FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Friends OF Hullett – West Perth Community Centre
November 26th, 2024 @ 7:30 PM

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

Regrets:,

Guests: Scott Austin, Ben Elliott, Justin Johnson

Meeting called to order: 7:30 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.
 - Accounts in good shape for year end, sufficient funds for start of 2025 to cover operating costs.
 - 2025 budget sent to board for review, no additional updates.

Marsh Report

- Huron Clean Water Program Successes and Future Plans
 - FOH was approved for \$3000 to support buckthorn control
 - Funds to be used for materials and contracted labour
 - Purchasing of herbicide will proceed and control work will be conducted by FOH staff this winter
- 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
 - 33 registered for Dec event
- Pheasant Release
 - The 5th bird release is scheduled week of December 9th
 - Royal Game Birds will supply the first 800 birds
 - Ben has volunteers helping with all releases
- Trail Maintenance
 - Dead tree removal, new signage, reblazing signs, gate repair.
- FUNDING - Canadian Conservation Corps
 - CCC connects youth interested in growing a career in the environmental field with potential placements to build their skills
 - Most organizations receive two 12-week positions. CWF covers wages, lodging, etc
- FUNDING - Birds Canada Community Grant
 - Asked for \$7300 to initiate an acoustic monitoring program at HPWA
 - Funds to cover equipment, wages, and partial printing costs for the HUG
- FUNDING – Other Opportunities
 - TD Friends of the Environment Fund
 - Ontario Wildlife Federation
- Canada Summer Jobs
 - Applying for three positions as we have in years previous
- Ag Field Signage and Maintenance
 - New neighbour on Hydro Line, SE of office, have been informed of Hullett rules and regulations
- 2025 Spring Dinner and Auction
 - Does the BOD want to have this fundraiser once again
- Year End KPI review
 - Submitted KPI update report

MOTION – Funding for Drone

- Motion put forward by Chris to approve funding up to \$800 for the purchase of a drone, seconded by Mat
 - Motion passed unanimously.

Key Performance Indicators

- Year End Review of KPI document provided to Board

MNR/DU

- No Update

New Business

- Hullett Marsh Pictures used to prepare a Hullett Marsh Calendar as part of an auction/draw fundraiser
- Potential Bio-Blitz as a fundraiser event
- Butterball Pool Canoe Access Clean out – add to work List
- Woody/Brush Removal from transition lands

Meeting adjourned @ 9:28 pm and the board went into in-camera.