

## **FRIENDS OF HULLETT**

### **MINUTES FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

#### **Friends OF Hullett – Virtual Meeting (Microsoft Teams)**

**March 25th, 2025 @ 7:30 PM**

**Present:**, Barb Orchard, Mark Penhale, Mat Shetler, Steve Dalrymple, Ryan Bayne, Mario Coniglio, Duane Inkpen

**Regrets:** Chris Ambrose

**Guests:** Justin Johnson, Ben Elliott

**Meeting called to order:** 7:30 pm

- Minutes from the February 25th meeting were approved.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Sent by Chris to BoD – see email dated March 23 2025:
- 2024 Financial Statements have been prepared
- 2024 Year End documents from Takalo and Burt have been sent to Chris for review and signing

#### **Marsh Report:**

- Ben and Justin completed Exterminator training; more to come in the Fall
- Flynn has agreed to complete conversion of Prairie Grass and Sat Nine fields to hay
- Conversion of 1-20 Parking Lot Grassland will require further BoD discussion
- Possible funding opportunity from Ecoscapes and Ron Ludoff (to discuss as New Business)
- Pheasant Challenge proceeding, Lotto License to be submitted when prizes finalized
- Duck boxes and Mallard Tubes complete; Justin writing report/completing analysis
- UWaterloo Researchers collected data at Pintail pool; appreciative of FoH support
- Snowmobiles, RTV's, and Lawnmower are being serviced, Jon Boat has been repaired
- Technician position to be posted, wage \$18 per hour. Contract length 8 weeks.
- Justin to promote Vanessa Palmer Award with local schools ahead of deadline.
- Charity Auction and Dinner
  - Final preparations; volunteer assignments to be sent to BoD
  - Justin to adjust the number of plates available, leave 4 for purchase
- OFAH Community Conservation/Community Projects Fund
  - Three applications were submitted to OFAH
  - Invasive Control Equipment includes Pesticide Locker, sprayers, mixing table etc.
  - Ben and Justin discussed creating an adult hunter education workshop for 2026
- 60' Rotary Mower for sale at Hyde Brothers in Hensall for \$1850
  - BoD asked Ben and Justin to follow up on spending approval pending the condition of the mower
- Shed Hunting in Hullett

- Ben to follow up with Drew as request conflicts with currently available guidance documents. BoD agreed that rule needs to be enforceable by MNR

### **MNR, Ducks Unlimited:**

- Operations meeting scheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025
  - Discuss shed hunting restriction/guidance
- Concerns or discussion topics should be brought to Duane to rely with MNR/DUC
  - Request copies of bio surveys from Hullett

### **Pheasant Challenge/YWC/YPH**

- Lotto report has been submitted, no additional updates at this time
- Supplies for youth waterfowl being procured
  - Advertising at buck show

### **New Business:**

- AGM presentation
  - University researcher, Kyle Daun and his team
  - Standard agenda
  - 3 three year and one 2 year board seat up for election
  - Potential lunch plans
    - Subway or Burgers/Sausages
- Marsh access and vandalism, we need to set up a meeting with CO's and OPP to develop a plan to have a greater presence at the Marsh.
  - Reach out to MNR Cos on options/plans
- Pheasant Hunt Sustainability Planning
  - 5 options for more funding and support
    - 2025 no change
    - Understanding Cost vs Value (labour, expenses, etc.)
    - Membership specific to pheasant hunting
    - Easy to contribute to fundraising, with increased public engagement
      - QR code to donate?
    - How to improve pheasant hunting experience at Hullett
    - Increase volunteer group to increase releases
      - Registered members get notice
    - Cost saving options for bird purchase
- Activities Survey
  - Justin asked BoD for possible events FoH could develop for users
  - Adult Hunter education program was discussed
- Ecoscapes
  - Justin explained that funding for Prairie Restoration had stalled, waiting for more information from Ron Ludoff

Meeting adjourned @ 8:54 pm