

FRIENDS OF HULLETT

MINUTES FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Friends OF Hullett – Virtual Meeting (Microsoft Teams)

April 29th, 2025 @ 7:30 PM

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

Regrets: Chris Ambrose, Mario Coniglio

Guests: Justin Johnson, Ben Elliott

Meeting called to order: 7:35 pm

- Minutes from the March 25th meeting approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- Sent by Chris to BoD – see email dated April 23, 2025

Marsh Report:

- MVCA Tree Purchase – 148 trees and shrubs, planted by EOD Monday
- Flynn has agreed to complete conversion of Prairie Grass and Sat Nine fields to hay
 - Sharecropping, FoH to receive 1/3 of the value of the beans
- Pheasant Challenge
 - Ticket sales began on April 23rd
- Grand River NAVHDA Dog Training, Taking place in Zone B
 - Training on April 26; May, 3,10,17
- Titley Acoustic Recorder
 - Titley will be providing one Anabat Express to FoH from May 1st – June 30th
- Property Maintenance
 - Blue Trail Bridge
 - Trail Clearing – Green, Orange, and Blue
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- Fundraising
 - TD - FoH received \$5000 in funding for equipment/outreach focused on turtles
 - OFAH CCF – Invasive Species Control
 - OFAH CPF - FoH received \$5000 in funding for equipment to build a second accessible hunting blind
 - Charity Auction and Dinner - Very successful, profit from the event: \$10,942.68
- Membership Activity Survey – 88 responses
 - Started to implement some of the activities in the survey, such as birding tours. No fees, but a donation is welcomed.
 - Justin is leading a hike for Maitland Valley Camera Club in A Zone in exchange for a donation to FoH
- Vanessa Palmer - applicants submitted this year, applications provided to BoD for review

- **ACTION** - Directors to provide rankings to Duane
- Our social media has really taken off over the last 30 days
- Canada Summer Jobs - We received funding for two positions
 - Reviewing cost to hire a third summer employee
 - Hiring a third Maintenance position would require spending above budget at ~ \$1030.45
 - Motion to approve by Mat, Steve seconded. Motion carried.

MNR, Ducks Unlimited:

- Operations meeting held on April 23rd, 2025
 - Discuss washout and control structure locks
 - Followed up on planned bio tours
 - Bluebill pool is scheduled for draw down, Mallard pool will be flooded for water storage
 - Reviewed woody growth on the dike, DU is not concerned as long as dike integrity is unaffected.

Website, Newsletter & User Guide

- Newsletter will be out shortly.

Pheasant Challenge/YWC/YPH

- Lotto sale has started,
- 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
 - 6 candidates running, top 3 will get full terms, 4th place will get 2 year term
 - Anticipating more attendees.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:44 pm