

FRIENDS OF HULLETT

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - HELD AT EXETER TOWN HALL 27 November 2018 7:30 PM

Present: Bill Dineen, Duane Inkpen, Jim Bayne, Mat Shetler, Chris Ambrose, Wayne Hanson.

Absent: Ryan Bayne, Wade Beaudoin, Mike Cardinal,

Guests: Scott Austin, Greg Urquhart,

Meeting called to order: 7:35

Review October Minutes: Corrections in Marsh Report, Agricultural Drainage Quotes, Area 04 should be 8 and Field 4 should be 3.

Treasurer's Report: The financial report was gone over. Assets are up and money allocations were touched on. Our income sits at about \$47,000 and MNRF deficit sits at about 76,000. Our liabilities are about \$92,000 and we are in decent shape financially. We're expecting \$3000 more money for our phrag programme. There is another \$1730 coming from DUC.

Eaves trough and drainage not done yet.

The 2019 budget is \$183,250. Some discussion on a few items.... with a couple of items not allocated correctly. Decided to table the budget on the grounds that there could be a small change regarding the wage table.

Capital Items:

Talked about looking at a small tractor for about \$20K approx, tiling was discussed which would be expensive, so it is best to do it in chunks over a few years.

Anything else to budget - Forestry approx \$15,000 as well. There is a possibility to spend this \$15,000 if we were charged the highest amount.

Computer back up was discussed following the crash of the office computer. One possibility for a back up would be the initial layout of about 150 dollars, plus so much a month. We will talk later about this in the marsh report.

A tractor will not likely be as cheap as \$20,000. Maybe put another \$5,000 to bring it to \$25,000

Other vehicles? What should be get, another truck or a tractor? A tractor is more important. Maybe we could lease a tractor for the summer from April to October and then look at this the next year to see if it's a worthwhile benefit.

Guessing that a rental may be around \$10,500 as a guess.

Tiling is too much money at this point - over \$100,000. Tabled for now

We will bring ideas for a tractor to the January mtg.

Timber crews - what will we do? We are not sure if we will get money for the timber work. Could we get those 5 properties done for about \$15,000. If it goes to the MNFR, they will tender it out. We may get the \$15,000 back but we can't be sure.

Motion by Duane, seconded by Mat, to allocate \$1,500 for the logging. All in favour, Passed.

Motion by Duane, seconded by Jim to top up the white tail fund by \$5,000, all in favour.

In January we will see about money for an additional tractor.

Marsh Report:

2. Computer data lost. It is important to have a back up. Discussion of an option - \$350 dollars for hardware, plus a monthly charge of \$77. There would be three devices. This comes to \$924 per year plus tax. About a thousand a year. Maybe we could just get our own remote drive and do our own back ups. There are other ways to do it. We need to look at all options. Maybe we can do it ourselves.

- Short discussion on the Pheasant challenge.

- Hullett crops. Duane met with Mr Flynn last week. He is quite satisfied. He was asked about the fields not being used. Scott has a different route in, so Scott should take him back to show him that location. He reports his yield average low and he's happy with how things are. He's expecting to hear from us on renewing his lease.

7. Henry Buffinga - complaint about one area stake #3 by Mallard Pool - concerns about the water, etc. These are valid. Scott to let him know when the drain is cleaned out.

8. Trappers - 7 beavers were harvested, which is good.

9. Pheasant final release should have been today. Scott reported on the hunts and releases. Youth pheasant hunt - they buy their own pheasants. Some hunters commented that the birds shot were quite skimpy.

13. OT will all be cleaned up by the end of the year...for both Scott and Greg.

- Tractor has been gone over to be ready for the snow removal season.

16. Spring Dinner Auction - recommended that we schedule a separate mtg in January for planning. Same place as last year. Scheduled date is 5 May. Talk to caterers. Same as last year.

- Fred Manning was out today - to deal with dyke brush removal.

- Interpretive trailer is still in Seaforth. It's safety is not done yet. The new trailer is not yet safetied either. It should be safetied before the spring.

- Mention briefly about the MNRF management directives and procedures.

Lorraine is still not able to attend our mtgs.

Newsletter - some ideas were presented for ideas to put in the newsletters. Personal experiences are a good idea.

No further business.

Adjourned 9:12PM

Next mtg Tuesday, 29 January 2019 at 7:30 PM, Exeter