

## **FRIENDS OF HULLETT**

### **MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - HELD AT FOH OFFICE**

**26 SEPTEMBER 2019**

(Corrected)

**Present:** Mike Cardinal, Ryan Bayne, Mat Shetler, Chris Ambrose, Wade Beaudoin, Steven Zingaro, Jim Bayne

**Absent:** Bill Dineen, Duane Inkpen

**Guests:** Scott Austin, Greg Urquhart

**Meeting called to order:** 7:32pm

#### **Review August Minutes:**

- Add that Cassie Eveland attended Ausable turtle release at Morrison Dam Point (Marsh Report: Point 8).
- OMRF operations meeting instead of timber (Marsh Report: Point 10; Third sentence, 8th word).
- HUG needs input before printing, not website newsletter (Marsh Report: Point 12).

#### **Treasurer's report:**

- Not available as Janice has not sent out the financials as a result of the early September meeting.
- Scotty paid Jimmy for the YWC food.

#### **Marsh Report:**

- \$2050 for HUG advertisement income printing cost.

- All parking lot map boxes filled.
- Extra BOD shirts picked up by Chris.
- Accessible blind #2 has been booked for duck opener.
- All repairs discussed in prior meetings to the Tundra have been made.
- Overheating may still be an issue.
- Board members should be communicating through emails rather than texts so that all staff can see information and details and it can be easily stored.
- Potential placement - student from Fleming College. Same individual that ghosted staff in prior year. Student called Scott and he seemed to get a good feeling about her. Student plans on being there on Saturday for the duck opener. Sarah brown (a.k.a Kristie Brown).
- Possible RTV purchase - RTV 500 \$10,900 Kubota 122 hours Gas. Wade has experience with them and has not run into any issues. Camo, brush guards, full enclosed cab. Estimated price brand new would be approx. \$15k. The 500 is a bit more narrow and nimble compared to the 1100 that we currently have. Ag contracts currently deficit but fundraising is providing a surplus. This year we had higher equipment expenses compared to last year.
- Scott would like some time to see if he can work the potential new Kubota into funding application.
- As mentioned in the last meeting, there is a need to spend some saved funds. We have not invested much money into the marsh in the past three years.
- Budgeted \$35k for capital expenditure and spent nothing.
- In the coming years we will have to replace the Hullett truck.
- Motion to buy Kubota for \$9500 put forward by Wade, Seconded by

Mike. All in favour - passed.

- Nothing to report from OMNR or DU.
- Rick Rob plans to do a tour - maybe in October.
- Water structures have been measured.
- Some issues with Sat. Pond #7 water structure - beaver damage.
- Nothing happened with DU grassland.
- Staff went over by 12 units for DU mowing.
- Email from Rick Rob said he would pay us for that work.
- HUG and Website are current and updated.
- Pheasant challenge tickets are now able to be purchased online through paypal.
- In the past the board feels that we have been giving them a big discount at \$65 per acre for DU work.
- Youth hunt was a success; enjoyed by all.
- Online feedback form has been created.
- Pheasant challenge is doing well - 42 tickets sold on opening day. (25 Sept)
- Greg from gun shop is donating gun for pheasant challenge.
- Hiccup with tickets to ideal supply - manager in Goderich did not distribute them properly.
- Everything is prepared for opening day festivities.
- Lisa Tadgel donated 3 cases of DU craft beer to do as we wish with.

**New Business:**

- When DU comes in to look at/fix Bluewing Dyke, Jimmy suggests that we build a pond for baiting areas to keep water in there and actually use the funds for Whitetail restoration project.

**Adjourned:** 8:44pm

Next board meeting is on 29th October 2019.