

FRIENDS OF HULLETT

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - HELD AT EXETER TOWN HALL 26 Nov 2019 7:30 PM

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Present: Mike Cardinal, Bill Dineen, Ryan Bayne, Duane Inkpen, Wade Beaudoin, Jim Bayne, Mat Shetler, Chris Ambrose, Steven Zingaro

Guests: Scott Austin, Greg Urquhart

Meeting called to order: 7:30

Review October Minutes: One correction (heritage day, rather than duck season).

Treasurer's Report: Ryan commented on our financials to the end of October, comparing our performance this year with last year. Our income is marginally down from last year and our expenses are up a little.

Marsh report:

Banking – RBC, Scott talked about his talk with them. The pros and cons of our present situation. We are paying about \$20 to \$30 a month in banking fees.

Libro has no monthly fee. Some discussion on the fees it does have. It seems there are pros and cons for both Libro and Royal Bank. There are charges for every transaction. Compared the fees – of the different ways we handle our money. Two to sign discussed (double signed cheques). If we go to Libro, there is a lot of things to change over regarding our automatic payments. Interest rates are about the same. Scott recommends that if we stay with RBC and open a savings account this would waive some fees. This money would be locked in for 180 days. This would cover all our fees.

Duane – likes the idea of doing things for lower fees. We should look at putting a block of money into a saving account. Motion by Duane to stay where we are and see what we can do to save money through a savings account. Seconded by Bill Dineen, all in favour. Some further discussion on this savings account strategy..

New Marsh locks – it's a common occurrence that locks are gone or just unlocked. Some have been cut. Maybe we need to switch our locks every five years. We're down to only 4 spare locks. So, it is decided that we will get a new set of locks keyed differently and keep the old ones for back up. Scott to price several sources. This purchase of locks would be a good time to create a key log. The old locks could then be used in temporary situations or less important security places.

Pheasant 2020 release – We want the pheasant hunters to support this. So, we will announce that how many pheasants we release depends on the revenue related, in part, to our dinner profits. We don't have to do the pheasant release, but we are encouraged to continue with this release through our hunter base. As of now, we have raised enough money to release 750 birds next year. We put \$3000 from the dinner to go into this year's pheasant release. 1/3 of the dinner money goes to the pheasant purchase.

4. Outstanding tickets money to be in by 31 December.

Hullett road signs on Hwy 8. It costs \$400 plus taxes per sign per year – there are two signs. So, the board decided that we will not pay the money for these signs. Scott will read the contract to see what we need to do, if anything.

21. Spring Dinner Auction. Date for this – traditional date 3rd May. We want a Saturday – the alternate dates are not good due to game openers. 2nd May or 18th April ...Best date would be 18th April, but we'll take the 2nd April as back up.

Energy consumption in the shop is up, and will be looked at to correct this.

Burns road closed last week due to muddy road. We need to deal with this right away.

Some discussion on who is responsible for the water control. We have a problem with a dyke affected and an impassible muddy road that is putting our infrastructure at risk. DUC is not looking after it as it should be.

Last year – our tax filing burned us as it wasn't in at our year end. We need to have our tax filing items looked after right away this year. Our financials have been given to us with very good detail. We are down in income from last year. Fund raising monies are down this year and wages are up. External income is not keeping up. Some discussion on our Ag Land renters. Scott read an agreement that we had with Flynn Farms from a couple of years ago. It is thought we should have some payment for the prairie grass he cut and bailed.

Truck – should we be looking at dealing it? It is felt that we could keep it another year. Greg thinks that if we get a new one, we should have room for more passengers than just two. Scott thinks we should still keep driving it as it still runs well and has been looked after. He think all our vehicles are in good shape. Computers...we may want to set money aside for any computer or printer failure. Greg said he could research a replacement for our printer in case it failed.

MNRF/Ducks Unlimited forestry plan – package is together with Nick Courtney on the logging. It will be taking place in the next few weeks. All monies received will go into reforestation. We feel it's important that this logging be done soon. We may lose some of the ash value if it doesn't go till next year.

Web site News Letter user guide. Greg keeping things up to date. Greg is going to check to see how many people read our minutes on our site. Scott says the newsletter will go out in January.

No new business.

Adjourned: 9:23