

FRIENDS OF HULLETT

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - HELD AT EXETER TOWN HALL

26 January 2016 7:30 PM

Present: Ryan Bayne, Jim Bayne, Mike Cardinal, Bill Dineen, Wade Beaudoin

Absent: Dale Ann McKichan, Mat Shetler, Lorraine Norminton MNR , Duane Inkpen

Guest: Scott Austin

Meeting called to order by Ryan Bayne, 7:30

November Minutes reviewed and adopted as circulated motion by Mike C.

Old Business: None

Treasurer's Report: Not discussed as treasurer absent

Marsh Report:

1. Funding for 2 staff positions – We are confident that we will get funding to employ 2 summer students under the Student Employment Opportunity Program also known as Summer Experience Program (SEP). Once this is confirmed, Scott to post for applicants locally. We will choose kids 17 – 18 years of age that aren't shy of work. It seems safety training could be paid for by MNR??. A maintenance supervisor position has been applied for in the Canada Summer Jobs programme.
2. Wood stove installation – It has been delayed and the wait will save us \$200 in shipping charges from the factory in Quebec.
3. RED funding – Rural Economic Development. We've submitted an application to hire someone to rebuild our web site and get a new computer, monitor, hard drive, software and tablet, etc to get our site updated. We could hire a person for 360 hours to accomplish this. We have support letters for this from DUC, Central Huron and MNR to support this incentive.
4. Lorraine had suggested a different format for the DUC spring operational meeting. She suggests there will be no formal meeting and she can be the go-between instead. Do we need an operations meeting every year? Yes, even though DU spring operational meeting doesn't always work. We need to decide what needs to be done to repair some marsh situation. Let's hope that Lorraine gets to the next meeting to be our go

between us and DUC. We will research as to whether there is a legal agreement for this meeting.

5. By Whitetail Drain crossing, the dirt dug out of the waterway should have been leveled, so we should deal with that before it gets grown over with brush.
6. Scott advises we should mow the dyke tops as well as the sides....DU pays us for the top cutting and they are responsible for the sides though some of us thought that we pay for the tops. So, we need clarity on who pays for what.
7. Discussion on the write up on what the high school did and the pizza reward for them regarding the repairs to the ATV. There was a newspaper article about this. These are good things that have been going on with our relationship with the high school.
8. Mule without engine – Maybe the high school may want to repair it. If the shop teacher is interested, let him give us an idea if they can fix it and approximate cost. Mike Cardinal made the motion to send the mule to the high school for assessment and possible repair and ask for estimate of parts cost. Wade seconds the motion. All in favour.
9. Dog trials – We are accommodating, thus we charge a \$2.50 donation per dog per day per stake per day and this fee is not always paid. We need to talk to them about this. Scott to draft a letter to send to them. We also cut trails for them, though we are paid some money for that. It is suggested to pass letter on to Duane to follow up.
10. Wade commented that off road fuel can get us a refund of .14 per litre. Scott to begin tracking off road gasoline use for this refund.
11. Private land signs not all made and not up yet.
12. Discussion on the outdated Facebook page for Friends of Hullett. We should we look at shutting it down or if there's a lot of visiting there we should consider updating it, or should we make a new one? Maybe when we hire a new person, we could put that on this person to evaluate all the avenues to pursue this.
13. Charity Dinner - What kinds of items do we want to ask suppliers for prizes? CTC offers three packages for prizes. Cabela's asked what we would like? Any ideas, send to Ryan Bayne. Hopefully a gun could be the main prize. One idea from Triggers & Bows is to ask for a "Range Date"; to take a friend to a pistol range to try out shooting as a prize.
14. Tractor Tire replacement - Motion by Ryan Byane, seconded by Mike Cardinal to accept Stan's Total Tire 's quotation at a cost of \$900 each plus \$300 installation. - \$2100. All in

favour.

15. Ice Training - between 4 and 6 people needed to make this work. 9th of February scheduled for this training. This is recognized by the MNR as a "Working on Ice" qualification.
16. Regarding allocation of monies, Wade made a motion that A Zone money pay up to \$500 for two people to receive ice training. The motion was upped to \$750 for 3 people. Three volunteers will be chosen, motion seconded by Jim Bayne. All in favour.
17. Gravel Pit - We need a letter from the municipality defining what they are offering us. We feel one letter is sufficient and cleaned up a bit defining what is to be done clearly. We'll write a letter of no objection. We will edit the existing letter. Scott can sign it. The Letter needs to define access to Ag fields. Two letters were finally decided upon and Ryan to write the letters. We want to separate the agreement from the gravel supplied to parking lots so to make the receiving of compensation separate from the agreement. FOH may be interested in the property when the pit becomes obsolete.
18. It was mention that there was a storage trailer available for about \$26K....Maybe a bit rich for us now.
19. Duck boxes not done yet. Hoping for cold weather to work on the ice.
20. New stake numbers in the marsh – nylon plastic signs may be donated.

New Business: None

Meeting Adjourned – 10.30 PM