

## FRIENDS OF HULLETT

### MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - HELD AT HULLETT OFFICE

25 September 2016 7:33 PM

**Present:** Mike Cardinal, Dale Ann McKichan, Bill Dineen, Ryan Bayne, Wade Beaudoin, Jim Bayne, Mat Shetler.

**Guests:** Sarah Hubbert, Scott Austin, Diane Schwier

**Absent:** Danica Rush, Duane Inkpen

**Treasurer's Report:** Ryan reports that our account is dwindling as is usual for this time of year. A few questions were asked for clarification on details and the discussion cleared things up.

#### **Marsh Report:**

- We have been selling unused items off and most of this goes to the general fund, unless someone gives us something and wants it to go to a specific program.
- Phragmite; Diane has contacted Frank whose done work on this in Rondeau Bay. He has experience of Phragmite treatment. He'll come out and look at what we have and advise as to what to do. When treated, the area is to be kept isolated from the public for 5 days. Maybe he won't be interested in doing the small patches so we may have to look for another person for this. The MNRF will pay us \$1000 for our initial actions. It is believed that DUC needs to take the lead on this project. We could close off some sections of the marsh for the 5 day isolation periods if necessary. A licenced sprayer would know the details on these isolation rules.
- User Guide Discussion; The margins were not well done of some of the user guides so Sarah will talk to the printers about replacements.
- Marsh levels; Dale Ann had a call from someone in London regarding the drought and our water levels. We have had a training session regarding marsh levels, resetting boards and marking boards correctly. An operations manual has been given to us. We look at the marsh about 26 times a year. Notations are made only if something is wrong. We need more documentation done to create a paper trail so we can ensure things are followed through. Diane has the DUC work plan for 2016 water levels.

**New Business:**

- A-Zone - tour done today and it is noted that the water levels will affect the number of hunting stakes which will be productive.
- Three MNRF volunteers will be coming to the marsh for Duck Season Opening Day.
- Sarah has an interview for an MNRF position in North Bay, Tuesday next.
- Diane reports that since the Interpretive Bldg is slated for demolition, we have a list of things to do prior to this. We need a move on recovering items in the structure, and disposing of or relocating them. Questions for asked regarding what was the plan for drainage after the demolition.
- The Viewing Stand Privy - What to do? We need to move forward on doing what needs to be done to make it properly functional. This requires inspection and a plan as to what to do as it is cracked in several places.

No further business brought forward, adjourned at 9:10 PM  
Next mtg 25th October in Exeter.