

FRIENDS OF HULLETT

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - HELD AT EXETER TOWN HALL 25 October 2016 7:30 PM

Present: Mike Cardinal, Bill Dineen, Ryan Bayne, Wade Beaudoin, Mat Shetler, Duane Inkpen.

Guests: Sarah Hubbert, Scott Austin, Diane Schwier,

Absent: Dale Ann McKichen, Danica Rush, Jim Bayne

Meeting called to order at 7:40 by Duane Inkpen

Review September Minutes: Noted inaccuracies were the date written 31st September rather than the 25th, and the treasurer's report was presented by Ryan rather than Mat.

Treasurer's Report:

Ryan spoke a little on the pheasant challenge fund for clarification.

Also explained the budget as distributed. There was a mistake in employee wages. A few other discrepancies were noted to be changed.

A couple of things noted in the budget were \$12,000 put in for the new privy and an estimation of what funding may be for this.

We made more funds than we budgeted for this year.

Expenses - is that tied into the programme funding? The several programmes were noted by Ryan. Is there a better way to show where the monies came from for the various programmes? Things appear to be unclear as read. The North privy is budgeted for next year. Several items were discussed regarding estimated projected costs and some items were moved to another spot in the ledger. It's suggested that members look again at our budget and see if we can move things around to better show what we may expect to see.

Marsh Report:

- Ducks unlimited water control work has not been started yet.

We have done a lot of the work that we responsible for. DUC insists that they will do some of this work promised this year. DUC will be asked why there is a delay in the monies coming to us as it should be. Diane will make a call on our

behalf.

- Discussion on some of the rented fields as to the crops being grown.
- Some of the people who have bought hunts didn't happen due to low water - discussion on refunding them, or letting them do it next year, or even substitute some pheasants to be released for them. These options will be presented to them.
- Phragmites - Are we going ahead this year? Since it is not growing, maybe next year would be best. We have an estimate for dealing with this work and we are looking at finding funding to help with this. Looking at the Invasive Council people to be seen if they may be able to help us. We can cut costs by knocking the long stuff down so there isn't as much to spray. August is the prime time to spray. Finding other partners to help with funding will be pursued. What are the costs to get a licence for spraying so we could buy equipment and do it in a more economical way? Diane says it is important to know what experience the contractors have.
- User Guide - we will get another 750 booklets at no cost. They are going to look at free new decals for us for the mistakes they've made on our user guide booklets.
- Big Map Sign will be replaced - designed and produced by DUC for our installation next to the New sign installed by the office earlier this season.
- We may have a shortage of Baited Area Signs. We may need to purchase some - maybe 10 or so. Mat motions for \$1000 for these signs.
- The township is telling us that we are responsible for signing our interior roads saying they are not through roads. We need to ask the municipality as to what the signs should say.
- Recommended a skid plate be put on tractor to prevent future damage as serious damage was done recently due to an unseen stump. Estimate needed for this plate.

New Business:

- Diane addressed the board - SEP students - it would be nice that something be written about what they did while with us, pictures etc.
- DUC update - we have an indication of what they are doing. The work on water control beginning very soon. We are waiting for a clearance from biologist on species at risk is from Maitland Valley Conservation Authority. Apparently no approvals are needed as DUC is an agent of MNR already. We have lost a month due to this misunderstanding. No permits are required as it is

crown land. For future reference, permits not required for DUC work.

- Update on bldg demolition - to be commenced very soon. Building will not come down till next year - all other things to be done this year.

Diane is leaving and returning to her other job. Lorraine is coming back.

- Scott to find out what a new skid plate will cost and if under \$500, get it.

- Sarah assumes she did not get the job she applied for.

- Report on bracing Main Viewing Stand.

No further business, adjourned 9:19

In Camera to follow.