

## FRIENDS OF HULLETT

### MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - HELD AT EXETER TOWN HALL 25 July 2017 7:30 PM

**Present:** Mike Cardinal, Bill Dineen, Danica Rush, Duane Inkpen, Wade Beaudoin, Jim Bayne, Mat Shetler, Chris Ambrose.

**Absent:** Wade Beaudoin, Ryan Bayne, Lorraine Moir (MNR)

**Guests:** Scott Austin, Raeshawn Parsons

**Meeting called to order:** 7:48 PM

**Review June Minutes:** June minutes approved as circulated

**Treasurer's Report:** Not available

#### **Marsh Report:**

1. No word from our business manager, Kristina. If we don't hear by Friday, we should give her a call.
2. BOD contact list was passed around to those present and updated.
3. Plowing Match request from the mayor and Angela Smith asking if we would set up a mini wetland display. They will do it. They will use some decoys, make a little pond, etc, if someone can dig up some buckets of wetland plants. We will help with the display. Maybe DUC would have some display things.
4. Race Track (special race) coming to Clinton this Sunday, 30 July. Central Huron is expecting 15,000 people attending. Maybe put out the interpretive trailer..Raeshawn will do this. We can sell tickets there and supply user guides.
6. East barn structure is in bad shape, headers rotting where the studs join to the foundation. We should replace some of the uprights by scabbing onto the bottoms, and cutting out the rot. We have been cleaning out the barn in the meantime.
11. Phragmite. We have been contacted for another site survey to decide the action plan to eradicate the prag. There will be three days picked for killing the pragmite near the end of August or early September.
15. Discussion on when to release the pheasants as the season is close to the duck opening season. In the past, these seasons were at the same time.
16. Comment was made regarding how the mosquitoes are very dense now around the office area and the marsh, keeping volunteer numbers lower than usual.
23. Youth waterfowl clinic...only one mentor volunteered so far. Scott to do a

reach out by the end of the week to find more mentors. Are there a number and a date that we need to know when to decide whether this is a go? There is a lot to do to prepare for this.

24. Summerhill Privy. We only have one quote. We're talking tank and the building separately. We are in good shape for our funding application. Any of the work can start after the 27th July. Nothing budgeted cannot be done before the funding is available. There are four stages to this construction project. Discussion again on whether we need a two holer or one holer. Maybe best to just have a one holer and if we need more, to get a portable privy for the duck opening day period. Maybe put two porta potties and put them in the Duck parking lot.

Motion by Bill, Mike - accept a one holer at \$16,000 for single handicap privy. All in favour. Porta privies to be there only for the times when the lot is occupied. Scott to talk to Jansen about putting lever handles on the sugarbush privy.

- Fund raiser discussion. Scott, said it seems like the golf course could be good. Also, In Blyth - Cowbell wants to do a fundraiser for us on his site which has a brewery.

- OMNR and DU updates. Discussion on Normal Operating Level (NOL) monitoring and adjusting. Some discussion on dealing with residual phragmite.

- Pheasant challenge...discussion on the advertising sponsors, and the gun to be bought for the draw. An over and under is the choice for a pheasant gun. Gun to be bought from the Clinton gun shop.

13. New User guide - The back ad is with Tim McDonald, Ideal Supply. A new ad will be designed. Greg is going to use the bottom half of the User guide for his ad. As well, we will need a message from the BOD as well as the Waterfowlers.

### **New Business:**

- In discussion regarding the old interpretive centre, Duane entertained the idea of having a new spot on our property, to house new interns. He'd like to start it moving forward. We will need major funding groups. We need something to show them a drawing or a picture. He knows a pipe draftsman retired that he said he could make up concept drawing for us. Then from there, we can take it to a draftsman to draw it up. We need to have a start to develop what we want it to look like, big windows, solar power, wind power etc. Some of this is going to need money for this to start. Can we have some money to get this on the go. Then bring the different groups on our side to move forward on it. Maybe a school will do the drawing in the final stages. We need to get the concept out there. We have entities that would like to get

their name on these things. We need \$500 set aside to get drawings on the go, and need a subcommittee group to work on this. Maybe the building should accommodate 12 people or staff. Motion by Bill, seconded by Mike.

- Tiling. There are some tiling failures in some of our locations. There some bad spots on each side of Conservation Road. The Ag fields are wet which is probably due to bad tiles. We need to know which fields should be retiled. There can be funding for this for farmers.

**Adjourned 9:26 PM**