

## FRIENDS OF HULLETT

### MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - HELD AT EXETER TOWN HALL 27 June 2017 7:30 PM

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

**Absent:** Lorraine Moir (MNR), Danica Rush, Jim Bayne

**Guests:** Scott Austin, Raeshawn Parsons , Mike Leitch

**Meeting called to order by Mike Cardinal: 7:34**

**Youth Pheasant Hunt 2017:** Mike Leitch gave a little talk on this year's Youth Pheasant Hunt, now in its 11th year. Tentative date will be 18 November with a rain date of the 19th. We had good success last year and made money. The new dates are approved. Again we will need a designated area for our use for this event. We have an authorization to release in place for this. We would like to have Game Warden there for the introduction. Some discussion took place on past events and those successes. 30 youth participants will be allowed. All participants sign release forms. This year we will have a dress code in place for the participants. There have been some participants this past year that did not dress for the weather and or the terrain.

**Review Minutes:** April minutes corrections noted:

- Add, Driveway needs put back in shape
- Move Duane from present to absent.
- Add under new business. New legislation regarding training people to deal with disabilities. Raeshawn has the training and will do the training.

May minutes: Corrections

noted:

- Typo on page 1.
- Change to reflect that Danica is doing this through the Reach programme.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Slight pickup in our savings.

- about \$10,000 was made at the fund raiser dinner.
- Salaries for new employees will remain where they are till we look at numbers and projected expenses. Current rate of pay for young people is \$15 Jason. Barry and Cecil \$14. We should take increase in minimum wage into consideration to be looked at for future hiring and particularly for next year.
- Further discussion on our increase in revenue. Ryan had a graph sheet printed out for a better visual on revenues.
- When our stock of cheques are used up, we need Dale Ann taken off signing authority at the bank. Scott will look after this tomorrow. Signing authority Mat, Duane, Ryan.

### **Old Business:**

- more discussion on the fund raising dinner and some of the problems that we had including a shortage of space. Relocating to a larger area will benefit us but need make sure we get enough ticket sales to make it worthwhile. We should start the ball rolling to plan for next year. It could be that the date we want is not available. Possibly we would go earlier than we have.
- Executive officer appointments discussed. No changes made.  
Duane Inkpen (Chair), Mike Cardinal (ViceChair), Ryan Bayne (Treasurer), Bill Dineen (Secretary).

### **Marsh report:**

1. Date for Sept BOD mtg, 21 Sept at the marsh.
2. Tires for Tundra. Is there money in the budget for this? One tundra tire has had a rip in it for 1 1/2 years. Motion out to spend \$1500 for tires. Wade, seconded by Mike. Scott to decide what tires to get.
3. Because trailers are big, we have to restrict or at least define 6 spots. The horsemen should not be targeted, so the wording should be all inclusive. The issue is blocking other parking lots because spots due to their size. We shall put a clause in the user guide to address this problem.
7. Central Huron Donation Fund wants to put a natural bench near both privies. Scott will talk to organizers to see what would suit us.
8. June mowing is done but things are growing very fast. Should we get a trailer to move our mower around to save on using other equipment.
10. Short discussion regarding Luther Marsh HRC (Hunter Retriever Cub)
21. Access Membership Update. Discussion had on this data base that has been

re-done. This is for memberships. We can have things segregated depending on the user usage of the Marsh resources. Such as Hikers, Hunters, Birders, Volunteers, etc.

11. Phragmites Spray schedule is late August, September. Opening day for goose needs to be noted for the phrag spraying. If we work with this, we need to look at personal protection for our people. Scott and Raeshawn to take the lead on this and post on our social media. Send Wade the number of signs needed. If we have to close off a couple of blinds for the spraying, we will do this.

12. New User Map 4X8 Sign. We have the timber on site for this sign.

24. Summerhill Privy. Scott talked about quotes for the privy work....we cannot use a weeping bed. More inquiries are required regarding tank sizes, one or two holer, wheel chair access for one and the other regular etc. We need to make a decision so we can move on this. Jansen will build the building.

27. Tundra over heating problem, advice from service people....This is still a mystery, Maybe a sensor heater in long gas. It did not overheat when on the open road. What is the cause? We need to take it into Toyota do a rad flush and new thermostat. Then test it. Maybe try a different dealership. Maybe London dealership. Scott to decide. And research more.

31. Scott's overtime hours. He is dealing with his over time by taking time off.

### **New Business:**

- OPP wants all our files on dates and OBDCCA regarding the shooting on site. Scott already gave some files and records. We should just give them the dates as the rest of it is beyond our knowledge.

- Scott met with user guide people. Price seems cheap but all we hear is good things about these people. Scott appears happy with them from what he sees...also more copies, good colour, good paper, User guide looks good....we will get a sample copy before production.

We need another page for DUC.

- Criticism of present user guide:

Raeshawn commented as she's not a hunter, that there is too much hunting at the start. Suggested that general information at the first part, then hunting regs, volunteering and membership at the end. Hunting regs on a page can be done better....maybe membership and volunteers at the front. Put together and look at what it looks like for approval.

- OMRF DUC HPWA DUC operations meeting took place 21 June 2017.

Jeff Krete, Rob and Scott to visit all the areas to look at all water structures.

Jeff wants more detail and monthly inspections.

Pictures taken are good to do and sent to DUC.

Potentially they will try to get us tablets to use for these monitoring incentives.

Some of the many defects were spoken about and we went back there to look at what we are talking about. DUC is not denying some of their responsibilities.

The form sample seemed done well and they were happy with it.

DUC will tell us what the water levels should be. We will do what we are told by DUC only.

Greenwing Pool it was determined the soil around it is not good enough to maintain integrity. They now wonder if we actually need that cell....make it the same at the woody pool...making the water control going into Green Wing open by taking all the boards out. We say beavers will dam it so we will have the same problem. In the end what will we be left with as far as habitat? It may be mud flats...maybe in the future make smaller ponds on that site after it stabilizes. Dyke has been repaired on Woody....they will give us recommendations before next meeting.

DUC seems to think that the 7500 is enough to remove the heavy timber which we know is not possible. We do not have time to deal with this much additional work. DUC has to give us more money if we have to deal with timber. They need to have a look at it to see just what it is going to cost to do it. It seems that they do not understand what it takes for us to do this. When Rick Robb comes in, we will have someone price the work and present the expense to DUC.

- Money is coming in for our youth programs. Scott is not going to buy Angler Hunter memberships for the youths this year. We want to give them grab bags, etc so they have something to give the kids.

- Newsletter.... and website. Next news letter in September...Line the Board Directors up for a photo for the newsletter.

- Mat commented about the White Tail Fund monies not being used, so should be used for something else - suggestion being the Summerhill Privy. Some of the White Tail Money has been used; there is still \$10K in the account. Maybe the Water fowlers should sit down and make some recommendations

-Bill, made some preliminary suggestions to open discussion and planning to improve our AGM presentations in order to address falling member participation.

Adjourned 10:13 PM

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In Camera follows.