

FRIENDS OF HULLETT

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - HELD AT HULLETT OFFICE 28 MAY 2017 7:30 PM

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

Absent:

Guests: Scott Austin, Alaina Vandervoort, Lorraine Moir (MNRF), Chris Ambrose

Meeting called to order: 9:10 AM

Review April Minutes: Not done

Old Business:

- Office Donation / User Deposit Box were put on table and discussion had on how to water proof it was inconclusive. A piece of plexiglass hinged over it was looked at as a possibility.

- Phragmite Funding - Lorraine said that funding was approved and scheduling will be in August. Mapping must be completed for the project as well as arranging the work time table.

- Water Levels - All boards are back in place at this time. DUC wants to decide on a plan regarding what levels we will strive for. Some discussion was had on the state of individual ponds. We need to get a system in place to stabilize water levels before we decide what to do to manage the habitat.

- Fund Raiser Dinner at the Albion was very successful. There was some discussion on finding a more spacious location for next year as the present location is barely big enough to handle the crowds we get. More space would allow more to be displayed and more ease in crowd interaction. \$9200 was brought in this year, a little down from last year. Gun tickets sold out very quickly (20 minutes) at the beginning of the dinner. Maybe we should raffle two guns next year?? Or even four guns, for instance. Sell 60 tickets, draw, winner chooses a gun, and then repeat the process for subsequent guns. Or, have a 50/50k raffle?? We may find it easier at a golf course because it will give much

more room and will be less crowded. Discussion had regarding having the guns on site or just pictures of them. It was felt that on site would be best. This does not have to be decided right away...later in the season will do. To bring up at the next meeting - an incident over a glass of wine..

New Business:

- Wade brought up new legislation regarding training people to deal with disabilities. This can be done "on line" apparently.

Site - Accessforward.ca

This will also address customer service training.

- Ryan - a short discussion regarding the new mower and the new privy.

- For next meeting, we will discuss our fund raiser options and Phrag funding.

- Handicap Hunting Stakes - discussion on them often being the best spots and they sit empty. Are we allowed to take these? Should handicapped individuals have to reserve them and get preferential consideration in the regard? It is felt that these spots should be open to everyone so we should reword its use and maybe add that one should call in to reserve it prior to the hunt day. A short discussion as to what these spots should be called was inconclusive at this point.

Meeting adjourned before 10:00 AM

Annual General Meeting at the Shed, called to order at 10:06 AM by Mike Cardinal:

Introductions: Mike Cardinal introduced the BOD members, Alaina and our new employee, Raeshawn Parsons.

Chris Ambrose has applied for a director's position, so he introduced himself to the members who attended.

Election: Mike Cardinal explained that there were four BOD positions up for election this year, three 3 year positions and one 1 year due to a vacancy. Since we only have four candidates applying, it is decided to give the 3 year to the re-elected and the 1 year to the new application.

Who we are and what we do:

Scott gave this presentation noting our partnership with DUC and the MNRF. We do numerous educational functions throughout the year. He reported on the many improvements we have done to the marsh in the past season. Also, discussed on what we will do this summer, the summer staff, which is partly funded by grants.

Financial Report:

Ryan gave the membership a report on the important items on our financial state, and that we are in good shape.

MNRF / DUC:

Lorraine introduced herself and introduced Jeff Krete of DUC for his presentation. Jeff spoke about who the DUC are, their history and the history of the creation of Hullett Marsh including their commitment to maintaining the healthy ecosystem of this nature area.

Report From the FOH Board:

Vice Chairman Mike Cardinal gave a report on the number of things we have done this past year and what we are looking to do this coming year.

Memorial Plaques:

Mike Cardinal presented Dale Ann McKichan with her custom engraved knife for her service to Hullett as a member of our Board of Directors.

Mike Cardinal also presented the Vanessa Palmer Award to Jeff Gordon.

Question from the floor:

Dale Ann asked what we are doing to recruit people. Danica Rush replied that she is recruiting through the Reach Program she has recently met with to promote site usage. This group is mainly interested in horse use and we are working to find a way we can accommodate this group.

No more questions from the floor, meeting adjourned at 11:42 to take in the presentation in the Shop area by Alaina about our nesting boxes. Lunch to follow.

Attendance excluding presenters, employees and board of directors - 18