

FRIENDS OF HULLETT

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

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

Absent: Duane Inkpen

Guests: Scott Austin, Alaina Vandervoort, Lorraine Moir MNRF

Meeting called to order 7:28 PM

Review March Minutes: Approved as circulated.

Treasurer's Report: We are in good shape. The money for new lawn mower coming out of chequing account - \$9500 approximately. It falls under Hullett ownership.

Scott is trying to do banking about 5 times a month rather than daily to save on accounting labour. If our business grows and requires more labour, we may have to pay our accountant more.

Marsh Report

1. Sell the Red 286 BushHog? We have 2 standard bushhogs, we need a three point bushhog to save labour hooking up. We need to sell one. Decision made to keep the green mower and sell the red mower - Lowest to accept for the red 286 BushHog is \$1200.00.

2. New User Map 4 X 8 Sign - Duane suggested that as long as the sign we are putting up matches the one in the user guide we approve it.

DUC is doing the art work for this sign to be at the main office.

Matt has made some good points - There are things noted on the map that are not there now. We expect a 10 or 15 year life for the sign so it can lose some accuracy as time goes, which is normal.

There are some things that may not be actually there at this time but are in the works to be there in the near future. Eg - grasslands. The target viewers are often people who just visit the office area, not knowing what we have to offer. Sign should not be overloaded with information but recommend where anyone could

learn more.

The baited areas should be labeled as NO ACCESS only. Scott to talk to DUC.

3. AGM - Scott and Alaina will do a presentation....what we do, goals, etc.

We had spoken about showing an owl, and woodduck nesting box to show our audience what we do each year. Show and discuss our classic successful wood duck nesting box. Also to address and demonstrate our safety procedures. In the presentation, put a nesting box on a post in a sand pail and show pictures taken doing duck boxes.

Maybe Lorraine could get someone to speak about what the DUC has done in the marsh this winter.

Also speak on water control and why we do what we do.

Is there an opportunity to reach out to the community to attend our AGM meeting?

Discussion had on the upcoming election, terms and number of applicants.

17. Dog Trials; permits are in place for the dog trials.

14. Office Septic Tank - We need to install big posts to protect the septic tank.

Once the grass grows up, it will be invisible. Scott to tell MNRF that they need to correct this problem.

Also, the drive way is still not put back into good shape, so MNRF should be notified about all defects in one message. Send to Ken. Also, the parking lot on burns line needs to be put back as it was when they started.

Scott to send this fore mentioned list, plus any other outstanding deficiencies to the MRNF.

29. Privy....looks like the tank is damaged and water is going in (or out)...Are there permits we need to deal with the faulty tank. No.

We shall call in someone who already does this to come to look at it and make the decision what we need done.

31. Gravel - 500 tons are available. Main viewing stand and overflow parking are most in need for gravel. What's left can go to Sanctuary road.

32. CHSS Student Event Ben Lobb called...waiting for grant money. Works out to \$5130.00 for summer students. We don't know what position this is for.

Waiting for an approval letter telling us what the position is. The two positions have different wages so we don't know till the feds tell us what it is for. Employed for 8 weeks. Other position maybe \$1500 or \$2000.

New Business:

- Scott reports that the whole shed is now lit completely lit by LED lights. The light levels are now much improved.

- Gord McKay...donated grouse spring artwork among others for our auction items.

- chainsaw qualifications. Scott asks that there be some budgeting for this course to train some of us and students. We may be able to get it free if one of our volunteers gets his training certification. We have a training budget. Need to find out when it may be done. Training is rolled in as part of wages. Last year spent \$760.

Cost to train 4 people..maybe about \$250 each. To train students we may ask the parents to pay half their cost.

We have lots of chain saw work to do.

Approved \$500 for training.

Land line...our phone makes a lot of noises...Bell charges have crept up to \$80 now. Proposal to use Rogers, which would be \$30 month. Approved to try it.

QDMA - at Seaforth Big Buck Day, Hullett was approached to sell tickets.

Outdoors type prizes drawn on. If we sell tickets we get 75% of the money we take in.

There is new legislation regarding training for people to deal with people with disabilities. Raeshawn has this training, and will be our on site trainer.

- Lorraine

- Lorraine has looked at some of our sign locations. One spot had about 5 signs in one spot. She will come out and look at our sign locations and advise on taking some down. Too many signs is a clutter that makes many people not read them.

- Money is available for bridges and roads. Lorraine will meet with the municipality to talk about our bridges, roads, etc. If there is money available for

crown land, then she will try to get some. Our two bridges are gated and locked so aren't part of public transit. Lorraine will work with Scott on this. We don't know what roads are actually municipal for sure.

- Wildlife Crossing Signs are In Lorraine's vehicle.
- Rangers may come out to work at Hullett.
- DUC work...good idea to highlight this to district managers and other visitors and organize to have a tour and barbecue. September may be a better time for this. Through the week would be best. Lorraine will put some dates together for us to look at.
- Operations meeting...we usually have it by now. Jeff has been emailed. We need to firm up a date for this. We need to put a list together of items to talk about. Submit a list to Diane. Looking at 8 to 11 May or 29, 30 May.
- Phrag funding..waiting on funding approval.
- Watch for gypsy moths....outbreak of them this year. Some places spray for them.
- Mat commented - regarding the obsolete building office, we want the bldg torn down.
- Lorraine to address the problem that the driveway needs to be put back into shape after the damage done by the excavations regarding the fuel tank removals.

Other New Business

- Annual Dinner - everything running smoothly. Scott to send out agenda to those helping. Local winery will be there.
- User guide....quotes to be sought. Scott
- Pheasant challenge - tickets soon. Generator and gun for prizes. Haven't bought a gun yet, but will purchase an over and under shotgun.
- Huron-Perth Chapter of the Ruffed Grouse Society Dinner 10 June. An information meeting for the RGSociety; 17 May at Kinburn Hall. See poster. Mat tells us that they will give us some money from the proceeds.
- Danica reports on the Reach programme. She met with Matt, the manager of this group. He had lots of big ideas. They want to narrow down things we have that would help in promotions to bring the horsemen to Hullett. The trend now is moving towards horse camping. The age group is older so this community does camping more. He would like to see a way to direct people towards Hullett. We do not have a horse brochure for our site. Maybe we could have the brochure done by young people as a project. Numbers of horsemen that may come is not

known. We need to figure out where horses can go, rules, times of the year - horse specific items. The brochure could be electronic. We could hang a banner if we wanted. They do competitions. This is petering off as people are aging. Maybe an organized ride within the year would be a good start. They do area programmes, relay races, etc. Mat and Danica could put together what they need to know about Hullett: times of year, regulations when they can't ride on dikes, starting point, etc.

- Lorraine spoke of Crown Land Inventory data base. Hullett and Luther are a little different, so we have the opportunity to use an ipad to gather information at Hullett so that the data is uploaded directly into LIO (Land Information Ontario). www.ontario.ca/page/land-informationontario.

- May meeting will be the same day as the AGM. Kates, 8:00 AM meeting. Scott to book this.

- Duane needs cheque for Knife to be presented at AGM.

- Our expanded lawn needs to be rolled (as the fencing is mostly down).

No further business,

Adjourned 9:59 PM

BOD Terms:

Election Results 2016

- Replacement for Dan Kilby - Danica Rush 2 year
- Mat Shetler - 3 year
- Duane Inkpen - 3 year
- Mike Cardinal - 3 year

For election 2017

- Jim Bayne - 3 year
- Ryan Bayne - 3 year
- Wade Beaudoin - 3 year
- *Vacancy created for Dale Ann replacement*

For election 2018

- Danica Rush - 3 year
- Bill Dineen - 3 year
- *(Dale Ann McKichan replacement) - 3 year*

