

## FRIENDS OF HULLETT

### MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - HELD AT EXETER TOWN HALL 28 February 2017 7:30 PM

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

**Guests:** Scott Austin, Alaina Vandervoort

**Meeting called to order** by Duane at 7:33 PM

**Review January Minutes:** Adopted as circulated

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Budget approved as discussed last meeting with some slight modifications as to the layout so the sheets are simplified. Examples - A-Zone funds separated, tracking sheet shows funds available. As well, regular employees are separated from seasonal employees for simplification.

- Discussion on the honourarium for AGM. It's not a standard thing to automatically be done. It must be discussed beforehand so all involved understand.

- Discussion on doing more areas in the marsh regarding present dredging, etc regarding putting more money in for this. This work would be for us and not DUC. Scott talked to the diggers and we would save because we won't be charged the float costs.

- More discussion on problems with some of the water channels.

We are considering doing some digging to improve the canoe launch. This would come out of the A Zone funds. They are ready to do this work, so we need to decide. A-zone budget - \$3500 could be used for this additional dredging. Wade to send an email out to the waterfowl group regarding this work. Maybe say that we have \$2000 to spend and keep \$1500 for reserve??

Any phragmites dug out to be put where we can easily spray it later.

- Vehicle expenses - Mat asked the question regarding items on MNR list opposed to our list. Ryan will move things to the correct spots according to whose it is.

#### **Marsh Report:**

1. Reach Clinton -(General Manager Matt Lee) Discussion about this horsemen

group using our property and what limitations and guidelines they need to talk to us about. The organizer says there are a lot of people interested in this.

We need to define what trails they would use and times of the year usage. We would need a place where their trailers could be parked. Posts could be put in by them to tie up horses. We need to define an area for their gathering point.

Do we need to do cutting for their trails? Would we charge a fee for preparing these areas? Horses can really cut up the trails.

Is there certain times they should not be in the marsh, such as particular high usage hunting seasons?

This association with this group is considered a good idea.

Danica to meet with Matt Lee as she is familiar with this subject.

2. (DUC Marsh Work) This item was discussed previously in the Treasurer's Report (see this above). Maximum to spend for our dredging - 14 Hours. Anything above that to come out of the Super Fund.

Wade to decide what work to be done.

3. Purchase of second gun for auction at the fund raising annual Albion Dinner: It is approved for Scott to buy from Clinton Sporting Goods, one Camo 3.5 inch Bennelli Supernova pump shotgun at the quoted price.

Scott to come up with an amount we will spend for this annual event before next year's event so no other discussion needed and it can be budgeted automatically.

4. Mallard Tube Work Day, 4th March. There are a lot of volunteers, so we will need some other jobs for these extra people. Some discussion followed with ideas.

9. - MNRF Pheasant Issue - the bird limit which will be legal is not yet decided on by the MNRF.

Pheasant Challenge - we will get a gun at cost but we need the numbers participating to make it worthwhile. A Generator donated from Ideal Supply will be second prize.

Scott will bring the price for the first prize to the next meeting for a motion to be made.

- Alaina talked about the data and maps regarding the work she's done on our maps highlighting Duck boxes. She circulated the maps she made which shows the data and location of all duck boxes. Discussion followed about nest successes and failures and re-locations needed for zero success boxes.

- Alaina also showed phone application - google map and wants input from us regarding a bar code on our user guides and also for each duck box, so a user can locate each box easily from their smartphone.

- No Scheduled date for a meeting with DUC - Duane to contact them for a date.
- Scott - will post that another director will be needed for election at the AGM.

### **New Business**

AGM Agenda was discussed. AGM Date - 28 May

Directors up for election: Jim, Wade, Ryan, 2 year vacancy to replace Dale Ann.

Canvas for new directors.

Speaker for AGM - Suggested Phagmites - the ones who worked down at Rondeau and Long Point. Half hour presentation?

Or talk about what we do, and why we do what we do etc. Danica volunteers to help with a video presentation with Alaina.

It is suggested that more interaction with the audience could make it better.

No further business,

**Adjourned 9:15 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 - 3 year*