

## **FRIENDS OF HULLETT**

### **MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - HELD AT EXETER TOWN HALL 20 November 2017 7:30 PM**

**Present:** Mike Cardinal, Bill Dineen, Ryan Bayne, Wade Beaudoin, Jim Bayne, Chris Ambrose.

**Absent:** Mat Shetler, Duane Inkpen, Danica Rush

**Guests:** Scott Austin, Lorraine Moir (MNRF)

**Meeting called to order by Mike; 7:33 PM**

**Review October Minutes:** Approved as circulated

**(Adam McKichan Interpretive Centre: )**

#### **New Business;**

- Wade suggested that Scott have a separate email account so others can't access certain things.
- Scott reported that two of our fund raisers exceeded what we expected this year.
- Our account is much higher this year so far.

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

- Budget - We are in good shape regarding surplus funds so we can address things on our wish list. We are well ahead on our projections.
- Wade feels we need to expand on our fund raising incentives as they've been very successful.
- Discussion on the budget proposals.
- Budget for 2018 discussed.
- Budget will be looked at again in January.

#### **Marsh report**

- 2. Steve Flynn Tiling

In the Ag plan, regarding maintenance, it state that the contractor shall at their own expense keep and maintain the tilage. Reference quoted - capital items: part of Agricultural plan. Lorraine spoke on the subject: There are a lot of problem areas regarding tiling. Maybe in two years, get an OMAFRA Rep to speak on this regarding working with farmers to make a plan. In the past we spoke of some wet fields about making a plan. In 2019 the Ag contracts

become due. We need to be aware to not put too much money into this prior. The plan should be formalized so it is clear.

Rather than tiling, maybe we can swap 20 acres of low land for some high land before we spend money on tiling.

-11. Phragmites Project. Regarding our project being selected for a fiscal audit due before 1st of March 2018. What is this? They just want our invoices on what we've spent on this project. This is probably a random selection for us.

- Scott reported that a user (Wayne) had a discussion with him about the pheasant release. He suggested to not release any birds on opening day. Scott read his letter and comments on this. Wade thinks maybe change how we release them in smaller numbers but more often. We need to cater to the pheasant hunters as they support us very strongly. They support our fund raising pheasant challenge.

19. Spring Dinner and Auction - Going to be held at the golf course. We need to work out the details about catering. Scott to explore this and has some ideas. Wade says to form a committee of interested parties. We need to make sure it's a quality supper so we don't lose the loyal supporters. Scott to find five or six people to work on this committee. We need quality items to put on the auction table. Ryan - we can auction a gun without having it on site. We could work out something with some of our suppliers.

- Scott reports that our Kubota went back in for a recall, and it is repaired.

- filling in wells on site. Jim Bayne said we should ask Mat if there is money available for this. Discussion on what its use is and whether we actually need it.

- Lorraine spoke and the letter / document regarding capital items, Ag Plan, Wildlife Habitat Management Plan, etc was discussed.

- tiling

- fencing - what are the issues, from who (landowners), it's a matter of understanding what the issues are. What are the broader thoughts on fencing responsibilities, drainage, signage, etc. We could do a sign inventory of the signs on our property.

- Should there be a meeting with municipality to clarify which roads are part of the municipality? Lorraine to look into this. The colour code of signs; red, yellow, etc - what does that mean?

- What are the issues - grassland and signage?

Some discussion was had on some private adjoining land situations.

Interpretive Centre - Lorraine met on this issue. Duane wanted this and it has been discussed but not voted upon.

Two mtgs ago, this went out and this is on our wish list.

There will be some work to get this in place.

Barn and silo was to be removed but didn't happen...it will be in the 2018 budget of MNRF. Lorraine is proposing to come down and get pictures and take this back to MNRF again.

So if the barn is going to be torn down we need to repair the East Barn for our storage, now presently in the condemned building.

Wade made a motion to put \$1500 in for a preliminary drawing for a new interpretive building. Seconded by Jim. All in favour.

Trailer purchase can wait till 2018.

Wade asks Scott to tell us what his needs are to put into our budget. Scott to do this. He is saying that a second tractor would be beneficial as hooking up and unhooking is time consuming. So should it be new or used? Mike to look into a new tractor and possibly a backhoe attachment. Quite a lively discussion on the size and life span of a tractor. We need to know exactly what we want and be prepared to buy one if it come available.

Deck for the office - piers are poured and the deck will hopefully be done before the end of the year. **Adjourned 9:36**