

## FRIENDS OF HULLETT

### MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - HELD AT EXETER TOWN HALL 24 April 2018 7:30 PM

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

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

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

**Meeting called to order:** 7:33 PM

**Review Minutes:** March minutes had a typo - Scott's name spelt wrong in the Marsh Report.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bank account in good shape for the spring. Taxes are done. Scott to pickup box - Ryan will sign on it. Final report is available for inspection at the AGM. No big expenses coming in at this time. Our budget is conservative and is considered finalized at this point. We always have an actual that follows the budget.

Marsh report.

1. GIS and Wildlife Technician position. Bill and Scott to do the interviews on Thursday. Scott talked to 7 people and we will interview 3. He gave us a bit of a rundown regarding those being interviewed. Wade advised to advertise this position in the future as a stepping stone position indicating that past employees have moved on to better positions. We will not give fuel compensation for applicants travelling here for the interview.

2. DUC MNRF FOH mtg is scheduled 7th of May. Duane will attend at 10:00 AM. Scott will have things to discuss.

5. AGM Elections: Bill, Danica, Chris.

6. Eaves Trough, and repairs - for east barn and work shed is approved. We need a finalized amount plus scope of work before we can go ahead even though it is started.

- 27 April School Work Day that was scheduled is cancelled as there are not enough supervisors.

- Trappers - Our trapper is having some success with his beaver trap line.

- Summer jobs. Grant is applied for. Scott talked to Bailey about working for the summer. 8 weeks at 30 hours a week. Positions should be fully funded and the total funding is \$6720 is total. We will top up the wage to make it worthwhile. Is there enough work to hire him....yes, and we need two employees for 8 weeks. We will need individual job descriptions for all positions. Some discussion is needed on how much to give them over and above the grant money. We also spoke of what monies we are prepared to spend on this. Motion by Duane, seconded by Wade to spend up to \$5000 to top up Canada Summer Jobs. They will be 40 hour work weeks for 8 to 12 week positions. All in favour.

Discussion had on the issue of tax receipts - what we can do and what we can't do. There may be some complications.

MNRF - Lorraine

Barn silo coming down this year is scheduled mid to late fall. Is there a time when we don't want it to be demolished? We need to get a scope of what the MNRF is doing including the drive way, drainage, and heavy equipment on our drive way. We prefer the Ministry does it, not us. Maybe MNRF should look at a complete drainage plan for this whole area.

We do not want to take on liability, health and safety, etc. The Board needs to give this all some thought.

Time for this to be done - summer would be good for us, but it may be mid to late fall.

Mid September till Thanksgiving is a no go for us. We are just too busy during this time frame.

Hullett Crown Land.

We have a new district manager.

Signs to be surveyed on this crown land. To identify uses which tie into the public land act.

Operations Mtg: As we usually do, we will look at proposed work and what has been done. Thursday Lorraine will be coming out to see what's going on. Lorraine doing an update on what is being proposed, what has been done and

what is to be done.

We need to send things to Lorraine about all the things that need to be done and keep that up to date.

We believe that some of the water levels are too high, and flooding has occurred. Lively discussion on water levels and whose plan should be used. Some cells should be on 7 year cycles rather than just making decisions on single site visits. Duane to attend Operations mtg on Thursday 26th April.

Some discussion on the Rangers and their tree planting.

Drainage programme - Mat spoke last meeting about grant money for inovative drainage programmes. We may get some money that would help with tillage repairs.

Fund Raising Dinner, pheasant challenge, newsletter - things are coming together.

Newsletter will be out in May before the AGM. Not ready yet.

Scott will make an agenda for the dinner and will send it around.

Discussion on the things to do regarding the dinner. Do we need an MC - Duane says he usually does this.

New business

Conversation regarding the FOH corporation papers ....Duane has them. Roger Shelswell had them. They will be given to Scott and he will put them in a safe place - Scott to look into a safety deposit box.

Jim Guy from Exeter was going to bring us the roller/packer but didn't. It may work to pull up the pheasant pens.

**Adjourned 9:38 PM**