

## FRIENDS OF HULLETT

### MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - HELD AT EXETER TOWN HALL

27 February 2018

2017 7:30 PM

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

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

**Guests:** Scott Austin

**Meeting called to order:** 7:37 PM

**Review January Minutes:** Add "due to raise in min wage" (Treasurer's Report) to this sentence: "fund raising" "may be less this year"

**Treasurer's Report:** As of January we have a good surplus but this will go down as normal expenses are dealt with. The reports are pretty straight forward and need no explanations. We normally operate as a deficit in our operations. Some things are paid for by Ministry and other things are paid by us. Discussion on MNRF budget and FOH budget amount. We tie our staff bonuses to our budget forecasts. The budget is a guideline and can be altered through the year as necessary. Budget is okay at this point.

#### **Marsh Report:**

- Motion to proceed with the East Barn repair in the amount of \$2100 by Wade, seconded Mike, all in favour.
- An eave trough on the steel work shop shed is needed and Scott to get a quote for this work.
- New decals - we need more - Scott to order some. The newer design is agreed upon.
- Our pheasants are ordered for our fall release. Scott to send a down payment for these.
- The AGM speaker will be on falconry with a demonstration for us. It is decided to give \$300 to the speaker for this presentation.

- Conservation road has some minor washouts. Not serious but needs attention in the spring. Should be done before we open the road. One load of the gravel we have coming to put on this road.
- Dog Trials. Do we need to do any work for the dog trial people? We don't need to do anything for them.
- Privy acknowledgement plaques - some discussion on this. Plaques will be obtained. We will acknowledge Central Huron on these plaques in addition to the federal contribution.
- Charity Dinner...will meet with the people involved to make sure things are on track. Scott has met with the chef and is sure we will get a good meal. Scott to talk to them about the costs, and logistics. How much do we need to budget to compensate all involved. Motion by Duane to budget \$3000 to spend on raffle expenses, second by Bill, all in favour. . Discussion on guns to raffle. Maybe pictures of guns so we don't have to buy them outright and offers more choice. Meeting planned for next Friday to discuss the prizes.
- Sanctuary line sign. The parking lot near the bridge is not a lawful hunting parking lot for B Zone. Wade wants it signed. It is used by hikers and trappers so maybe we should put in some gravel to make it usable. Wade suggests moving some parking spots from other areas to make it usable for hunters. There was some discussion about the pros and cons. Duane suggests talking to the Ministry about this. A culvert is needed in this lot if it is to be used for parking. We will look to see what it will take to put a culvert in. There was a lively discussion on what to do with this parking lot.
- Discussion about the accident at the Conservation Road gate as Scott was in discussion with the Insurance Company. Scott to be sure to account for his time and expenses regarding this.
- Short discussion regarding beaver baffles on site. Scott talked about the baffle situation.

- Newsletter and user guide. The work is in progress. When do we want the newsletter to go? At least two weeks before the AGM. 23 April is when the newsletter goes out, deadline for submission will be the 16th of April.

Discussion on pheasant challenge...give them a hat and if they turn in a band, what can be done ...postpone this discussion till next meeting. Everyone gets a hat. Discussion to be re-addressed at next meeting.

Up for Election this year: - Danica Rush, Bill Dineen, Chris Ambrose.

**New Business:** Mike questioned if the proposed new tractor is a go. Not at this time. Scott made up a spreadsheet to show where the monies are allotted for equipment we have and what the expected life of this equipment is expected. The money is on hand but may not be spent right away. Money is being budgeted each year towards this end.

**Adjourned: 9:16**

