

FRIENDS OF HULLETT

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

26 June 2018 7:30 PM

Present: Mike Cardinal, Bill Dineen, Ryan Bayne, Duane Inkpen, Jim Bayne, Chris Ambrose, Wayne Hanson.

Absent: Mat Shetler, Wade Beaudoin

Guests: Greg Urquhart, Cassie Eveland

Meeting called to order: 7:45 PM

Election of officers: Mat Shetler elected as Vice Chair - Ryan Bayne remains as Treasurer, Duane Inkpen remains as Chairman, Bill Dineen remains as Secretary.

Review Minutes: May minutes not available (due to email glitch). April minutes approved, pending correction of two spelling mistakes.

Treasurer's Report: Ryan reported on the Marsh income as of late. All new employees set up with their contracts, etc. Unspent funds moved to be put towards existing commitments. Charity Dinner auction profits were clarified as well as several other items in the report. Bank Account balance is \$152,508 cash on hand.

Marsh Report

- Greg needed some cheques signed as well as signatures for our Baiting Permit and Lotto Licence, to be sent out next week.

- Greg also passed around his cell number for us.

- Some discussion had regarding the "MNRF Rangers" who will do some volunteer work in the Marsh. It is felt that we'd rather have them out in the field rather than some regular duties in the yard or office. This way they will learn things. They will be here 12 / 13 July. One suggestion would be they could mark dead trees to be removed.

- Graded and graveled roads - Central Huron did a great job on Burns, Conservation and some on Front, plus left us with 3 or 4 loads of gravel in our yard for our use. Some discussion about digging a culvert to help with the drainage where there is a problem in the road ditches.

- We received monies for the purchase of an Ipad and are waiting for in a good case for it. We were concerned about a Samsung's capabilities so decided on the Ipad. The Ipad is now purchased. Once the case is received, it will be used in the field. This tablet is guaranteed so if anything happens it will be replaced.
- The FOH hay ride took place on the 14th of June and was successful. A disabled girl and her mother took part in this ride.
- The Owl prowl took place successfully with 20 people in attendance.
- Cassie did an interview with 95 fm and will be doing a guided bus tour for some aged residents from Huronview in July. More events will be planned for the summer....maybe a pond study with students.
- Blyth Printers have redone our FOH decals and can supply them at a cheaper price. Samples were presented for us to see. The colours on these are more brilliant and more eye catching.
- Summer Hill privy pad is supposed to be poured but not done yet. It will be done early next week so Jansen can get in to begin the construction.
- How are we for volunteers for youth hunt? At this point we have five, but waiting on another one. We have eight youth hunters confirmed. One is a repeat from last year, so he is on standby if a spot becomes available.
- Turtle nesting cages. We want to make some for our own use. Wayne is working on that project. Maybe put out five out. We can harvest turtle eggs and these will be incubated, hatched and then will come back to Hullett. We will touch base with Clinton Fish and Game to help us out. We believe our turtle nests are 100% predated and with our local turtles listed as species of concern, it is important to help our nesting population.
- Bluebill dock had floated away and was retrieved. It is now back at the shop. There was some discussion on the baiting dock repairs.
- Goose barn, things should be sorted and stored so we know what we have. Anything that is no good, to be removed. Some discussion of removal of pheasant pens.
- User Guide. We wanted to confirm that the new map has the coordinates on back of the map for the new printing. The map should be a separate sheet in the centre of user guide so the whole book isn't spoiled if the map removed.

Forestry report.

There was discussion regarding timber at Burns line and the end of Front road about harvesting the ash, even if dead, as it would bring in some revenue. This will be presented to the Ministry. Discussion regarding tree marking. G.W.G Services charge \$60 an acre for tree marking or \$60 an hour with one consultant. For two consultants it would be \$100 per hour.

Right now would be a good time to harvest these trees. We would expect to get paid for the timber before they cut any trees. The tree cutter would be liable for any damage. Hullett will not get any money from the cutters, it goes to the ministry. So, we will get this done at no expense to us.

Duane to follow this up with Lorraine on how to deal with this tree harvesting.

Mat says the ministry should make a good paper trail on this to ensure everything discussed and executed will be what we have agreed upon.

Where we stand right now is that Lorraine has sent the report to us as she cannot travel right now, so could not be here for our discussion. Ministry moneys are frozen right now, due to the change in government. There will be a meeting Thursday...and we'll find out who the new MNFR minister will be.

Cassie Reports;

Our web site is updated, mobile compatible. She's working on a wildlife check list for reptiles amphibians, birds, trees and wild flowers, etc. This will be good for hikers. Birds to be listed by code, abundance and breeding etc. She has updated the species as some are very rare but have been present.

We are having a problem with pay pal; we cannot access it, so, we are trying to figure it out. The user guide is almost done. This year we have a piece in the guide on our species at risk.

On page three, general regulations, she wants to colour code some things so they stand out better. The boundary between Zone A and B to be made so it is very clear for users to understand. The next big thing to talk about is the wording on parking rules.

The wording is not clear and is thus, confusing.

Newsletter to be written very soon, after user guide done.

Youth waterfowl hunt has 8 confirmed hunters and 6 mentors.

Pheasant challenge tickets need to be picked up and the gun prize to be paid for. Lottery licence is applied for.

The pheasants have been ordered.

Some discussion on our Trappers - We have no idea of their successes. There is a dam we've been working on by Mallard Pool. We think they are under control at this location now.

Only one trapper is trapping, and the other two aren't. We will talk to Lorraine and Dean Waite, about finding other trappers.

Duane - Ideal has some nice blaze orange vests and he thinks we can get our logo on them. This would certainly make our people look more professional.

He also feels we should get shirts with our logo and our name on them. We need to look into this. Who do we deal with to do logos? Greg said that his mother does embroidery for logos, so maybe she could be considered for this.

Mike - maybe we could do hats with our logo. We should talk to Scott to see if he wants merchandize for sale, like hats, for instance. Maybe just do for the board members for now. Cassie to look for shirts...they **must** be heavy duty.

No further business, adjourned 9:22 PM.