

FRIENDS OF HULLETT
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - HELD AT EXETER TOWN HALL
31 July 2018 7:30 PM

Present: Mike Cardinal, Bill Dineen, Ryan Bayne, Wade Beaudoin, Mat Shetler, Chris Ambrose, Wayne Hanson.

Absent: Duane Inkpen, Jim Bayne, Mike Cardinal

Guests: Scott Austin, Cassie Eveland, Greg Urquhart

Meeting called to order: by Mat Shetler 7:32 PM

Review June Minutes: Three corrections noted.

No business arising from June minutes.

Final draft available for turtle nesting project from Huron Fish and Game (put in marsh report).

Scott has some recommendations for new trappers - Deane to look into this.

Treasurer's Report:

Ryan - has a year's comparison from last year: where we were a year ago. Overall, our total income is up a little over \$12,000. Wages are in line. Expenses are up about \$900. Bank account is up \$1500, assets up 15,000. Surplus is up \$27000.

Net is that we have spent less and made a little more.

All in all, we're pretty close to where we were last year.

Marsh report.

1. The big barn removal: we're not sure if it will go this year pending the province's change in government.

East barn: We discussed the drainage issue at this barn.

We expect that probably Big O will be what we put in. Where will it dump into? - maybe run it to the fence line. Question: Did the drainage estimate include gutters, eaves troughs...No.

Motion put forward by Wayne, that we spend the money on the drain, seconded by Bill - up to \$2000. Passed.

2. User guide - Cassie led the discussion on the sample draft. A couple of corrections noted. We are up \$350 regarding advertisers. The new cover was presented and we all agree with this.

We'll wait till Monday before approving printing to give us time to look at the guide in full.

3. Shirts - a lot of options out there. Cassie picked out two shirts for us to look at. \$29 dollars, other is \$30 dollars. They can be blank and Greg's mother can do the logo work. Good quality shirts. Supplied by Scott Bogart from RCB Athletics.

12. Shirts would come to \$553.20 and the other comes to \$540.22.

Other suppliers were discussed as well. Colour, maybe a green or grey.

Discussion on how to get shirts for members....minimum numbers, etc. We're not sure if we want to bother with orders for members. It could be too time consuming for our staff to co-ordinate this.

4. North baited area access trail. The trail was in very bad shape. We're in a draw down - maybe some gravel would improve this road. Since there's a good base underneath, gravel may be worthwhile. Scott says that the privy is done, so this could be a good time to put this gravel in. It may cost about \$1000. Scott will talk to Merners to see if we can get this done. Scott to investigate to see where the old road is and if there is a good base.

-Greg reported that we have the new Ipad and it is working well.

-Phragmite has been sprayed. There may be some more spraying to do. We think we have hit all the sites accessible by land now. They did some mop up spraying with backpack equipment. The old dead plants are still standing but it needs to be knocked down so the native species can grow through it. Maybe, later in the season, we can use the mower to chop it up. Greg to look at the plants in three weeks and report on the efficiency of the spraying that has been done. Scott says there are a number of places where there are small stands of Phragmite....this is worrisome as it needs to be dealt with and not ignored.

-Cassie reports on FOH events. Hikes have been taking place. And, some educational talks about nature have been done.

-Erosion in Pintail pool. - Scott went there with student volunteers, and looked at that situation. There is work to be done. Information sent to Jeff from DUC regarding this. They took the trailer and dumped rocks to shore it up and did some work on some of the problem areas as well. DUC is paying us for much of this work.

-Some insurance money has been received for the gate damaged on Conservation Road.

- Some discussion on the newest privy on things we need to do now that it's been completed.

- Paypal is now working.
- Turtle nesting protectors project - Cassie spoke a little on this. There's a meeting on the 20th August at the Huron Fish and Game Club regarding the Turtle Nest Protectors, which are to save our turtle nesting locations from predation. We want at least 5 people to be on call for installing a nest protector cage when a turtle is seen egg laying.
- Discussion on Fund raising, a workshop day, Interpretive Trailer, displays, banners, guided snowshoe or canoes activities, etc. This should be presented to all the sources in ontario that can do these functions including Environmental leadership programmes in highschoools.

Lengthy discussion regarding mowing procedures, areas, targeted areas, etc.

Youth Waterfowl Hunt - we're good with volunteers.

New Business:

August mtg - 28th

September mtg - will be in the office 20th September at t 7:30.

No further business brought forward, **Adjourned: 8:59 PM.**