

Minutes of the Farmers Institute Directors Meeting held at 7 p.m. on Monday, August 20th in the Cobble Hill Hall located at 3550 Watson Avenue.

Those present: George Robbins - President, Roger Painter - Vice President, Robin Brett - Treasurer, Lynne Pohynayko, John English, Blair Herbert, Wade Pendlebury, Bill Dumont, Bill Wikkerink and Gerry Giles - Secretary.

Regrets: Jason Walker, Laureen Van Der Meulen

The agenda was accepted by consensus.

Moved Wade Pendlebury

Second Roger Painter

the minutes of the July 15th 2019 directors meeting be corrected to read that Roger Painter was present and then be accepted as corrected.

MOTION CARRIED

The following business items from the director's minutes were placed on hold until September meeting

- GST discussion - on hold waiting a report from Robin on cost/benefits
- 4-H agreement has been sent to 4-H for signing
- Report on hemp growing as an industrial crop - John English
- Memorial Installation Policy

Correspondence:

1. The Heather Society wrote with respect to the Dan Cooke Memorial Garden located on the Farmers Institute grounds at the corner of Fisher Road and Watson Avenue. They would like to refresh the garden as it has become leggy and overgrown. After considerable discussion it was,

Moved Robin Brett

Second Lynne Pohynayko

we write to the Vancouver Island Heather Society indicating we are willing to work with them to find a more suitable location for the Heather Garden as it is not really visible in its current location.

MOTION CARRIED

2. A letter was received from Willie Cherry indicating she was resigning as the needlework convener after this year's Fair.

Moved Wade Pendlebury

Second Robin Brett

a letter be sent to Willie indicating the Board has accepted her resignation as the needlework convener with regret and thanking her for her years of service to the Farmers Institute and the Fair.

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer's Report was provided by Robin who indicated we are in a very good financial position and all of the funds needed for the Fair have been allocated.

Moved Bill Dumont
Second John English
the treasurer's report be accepted as distributed.

MOTION CARRIED

The Rental Calendar for September was distributed by Gerry for information purposes only.

The following Maintenance Report was provided by Bill Dumont

- Drafted policy for Memorials on SCHFIAS grounds
- Finished major hand raking of horse field with volunteers
- Mounted new Fair signs on new frames
- Had Fair banners updated and installed
- Planning for installation of drainage pipe on horse field
- Fair layout meeting to resolve locations of most activities
- Purchased and installed hand sanitizer dispensers
- Built base and top for new kitchen microwave
- Determined issue with gas convection oven in Kitchen-low BTU capacity
- Secured 9 heavy duty card tables for SCHFIAS from SL Community Centre
- Purchased protein items and other supplies for after fair volunteer dinner
- Secured ponies for kids rides at Fair
- Installed page wire on two upper entrance gates on Fisher Road
- Completed horse field sign bracing
- Modified wheeled photo display boards and moved to Youth Hall
- Power washed interior of poultry barn
- Labelled picnic tables with new FI logos
- Repaired vandalized stair grids at Main Hall
- Sold old Youth Hall gas stove and 6 large Peavey commercial Speakers
- Repaired horse field entry gate and temp gate into horse ring
- Installed 3 4x8 fair signs, 4 fair banners and all new signs for entry booths
- Repaired 3 vandalized fair parking signs and frames
- Built Kids Zone entrance archway and horse ride entrance
- Tackled most of blackberry behind Stu Armour, Sheep Barn and Rotary shed
- Replaced all 3 lights in main hall field sign and reset timer
- Installed new 9 x 2 foot top sign on main hall field sign
- Installed 4 4x4 fair signs and 75 2x2 signs.
- Repaired/graded main parking lot + east side of Watson avenue road edge

The Fair Steering Committee Meeting of August 13th was reported on by Blair and Gerry.

As there were no further items of business the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Submitted by



Gerry Giles, Secretary