

Minutes of the Farmers Institute Directors Meeting held on MONDAY, July 15th at 7 p.m. in the COBBLE HILL HALL located at 3550 Watson Avenue.

Those present: George Robbins - President, Laureen Van Der Meulen, Blair Herbert, Bill Wikkerink, Wade Pendlebury, Bill Dumont, Robin Brett - Treasurer and Gerry Giles - Secretary.

Regrets: Jason Walker, John English, Lynne Pohynayko

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. with the adoption of the agenda by consensus.

Moved Blair Herbert
Second Bill Dumont
the June 17th 2019 minutes be accepted as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

Business from the Director's Minutes:

- GST discussion - on hold waiting a report from Robin on cost/benefits
- Bill will check with Central regarding the large pot holes near the FI parking lot
- 4-H agreement is expected back in August
- Report on hemp growing as an industrial crop tabled awaiting John English

Correspondence -

- Cheque received from Duncan Dabbers Bingo in the amount of \$6,606.54. The application for funding was fairly general in nature with drainage in the horse field being at the top of the list.

Moved Bill Dumont
Second Robin Brett
up to \$3,500 be allocated from the Duncan Dabbers Bingo funds to install drainage on the horse field. MOTION CARRIED

- Request from Shady Groves Square Dance Group to rent the hall this coming fall/winter. This item was discussed at length and it was decided to offer the group the Stu Armour Hall for their Friday night dances.

The Treasurer's Report was provided by Robin who updated the Board on the various contingency funds held by the Farmers Institute. These are as follows: Cobble Hill Fair Account, Premium Savings Account, Security Account, Audio/Visual Equipment Reserve Account and the Duncan Dabbers Reserve Account. Questions were asked and answered.

Moved Robin Brett
Second Bill Wikkerink
the treasurer's report be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED

The Rental Calendars for July and August were reviewed by Gerry. She noted there is a wedding in the hall this coming weekend followed by a family reunion next weekend. Gerry also noted the rental revenue is about \$2,000 ahead of last year.

Moved Gerry Giles
Second Bill Dumont

The rental report be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

The following Maintenance Report was provided by Bill Dumont.

- Met with families wishing to place a memorial bench on SCHFIAS lawn
- Finished painting of Fair booths and ordered new signs for them
- Met with Fortis to look at gas supply issue in Kitchen-supply is fine
- Called Island Gas to look at gas supply – pipes may be too small for demand
- Shut off water leak near Heather bed
- Pickup can/bottle recycling bags for fair
- Completed AV room and moved equipment to new storage on right side of main hall stage
- Main hall Dining room, toilet stripping and re waxing completed
- Designed and ordered signs for archway entrance to Kids Zone for fair
- Installed two new high toilets and 3 grab bars in main hall washrooms
- Ordered and received new popcorn machine and supplies for hall movies/fair
- Completed danger branch removal on main field and near turkey barn
- Started purchase of food items for Fair volunteer dinner
- Ordered new sign for top of existing main hall sign
- Installed new logos sign in Stu Armour building
- Built sign frames for new Fair signs
- Requested quote for new main hall stage lighting.
- Weeded new horse field trees, moved remaining soil, new batteries for irrigation control
- Major pruning of maple trees along Fisher and Watson Road to improve visibility and remove dead and excess branches – one tree is dying
- Major brushing of area behind Stu Armour and Sheep Barns and around turkey barns

Bill also provided a draft policy for placing memorial benches on FI property and an update on the gas line feed in the kitchen. The memorial bench policy will be circulated to the Directors for their review.

Moved Bill Dumont
Second Wade Pendlebury

The maintenance report be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Fair Meeting Report was provided by Blair and Gerry who noted the minutes of the Fair meetings were attached to the agenda. The question of hay was brought up and Bill Wikkerink agreed to supply the hay needed for the scarecrow contest, the hay bale toss if one is held and the wagon with hay for the rest area. The Board thanked Bill for his contribution and Gerry will notify Bonnie regarding the hay.

New Business:

The question was raised about who would be the guest speaker at the July membership meeting. A discussion ensued regarding the number of membership meetings required by the Farmers Institute bylaws.

Moved Bill Dumont
Second Blair Herbert

The July 22nd membership meeting be deferred to September.

MOTION DEFEATED

It was noted there would be no guest speaker at the July 22nd membership meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gerry Giles", is written on a light-colored rectangular background.

Secretary