

Minutes of the Farmers Institute Directors Meeting held on MONDAY, September 16th at 7 p.m. in the Cobble Hill Hall.

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

Apologies: Robin Brett, Jason Walker.

The agenda was acceptance by consensus with three additional items of new business.

Moved Lynne Pohynayko
Second Roger Painter
the minutes of August 20th 2019 be accepted as distributed. MOTION CARRIED

Business from the Director's Minutes: **ON HOLD UNTIL OCTOBER 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

The Memorial Installation Policy as drafted by Bill Dumont was reviewed and several amendments were suggested.

Moved Wade Pendlebury
Second Bill Dumont
the draft Policy be amended as suggested and brought back to the October Directors meeting. MOTION CARRIED

The following items of correspondence were reviewed:

- District A report
- email from Jennifer Barnes van Elk re Horse Field
- Letter sent to the Heather Society
- Notes from the meeting with the Heather Society and others
- Heather Society Draft Agreement
- Heather Society Response

With respect to the offer posed by Jennifer Barnes van Elk it was

Moved Roger Painter
Second Lynne Pohynayko
the Farmers Institute write to Ms. Barnes van Elk to thank her for her offer of assistance with the Horse Field and indicate rentals cannot be considered until the fencing for the Field is complete and further the cost to complete the fencing is estimated at \$8,000. MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer's Report - from Robin was reviewed after which it was

Moved Roger Painter
Second Wade Pendlebury

the treasurer's report be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

The Rental Calendars for September and October were provided by Gerry. She brought the attention of the board to issues with two of the renters that will be monitored. The Board was in agreement with the suggestions provided.

The following Maintenance Report was provided by Bill Dumont who also noted the screen and projector will be installed this Thursday, September 19th 2019.

- Installed 2019 fair sponsor signs on main notice board
- Recovered most fair signs and stored in Turkey Shed
- Stored entry booths and Kids Zone archway
- Worked on new capital budget and estimates from various vendors
- Received and assembled 3 new table carts for halls
- Completed phase 1 levelling and trenching for the horse field drainage – installed 300 feet of drainage into Dennis Creek
- Met with Heather Society to discuss new heather garden and drafted agreement for new garden
- Received new podium for main hall from Frank Bonner
- Moved all paint and equipment from electrical room in Poultry barn
- Stored hand washing stations back into Donkey Shed
- Temporary installed old cover on Baird Barn power supply.

Moved Bill Dumont
Second Bill Wikkerink

the Maintenance Report be accepted as provided.

MOTION CARRIED

Fair Steering Committee Meeting debrief minutes dated September 9, 2019 were attached to the agenda and Sarah Jackson's survey results were reviewed. The Farmers Institute's Code of Conduct with discussed as was the behaviour of one person staffing a gate as a greeter.

New Business -

1. Report to the CVRD for 2020 Grant was distributed for information
2. Report to the BuyBC Program for their Grant was distributed for information
3. BC Fairs Conference - Early Bird Extension was reviewed after which it was

Moved Roger Painter
Second Lynn Pohynayko

due to costs involved, the Farmers Institute forgo sending a delegation to this year's conference in Sun Peaks.

MOTION CARRIED

4. A draft letter to BC Liquor Control Ministers regarding rules affecting the spirit tasting at the Cobble Hill Fair was considered after which it was

Moved Bill Dumont
Second Bill Wikkerink
the draft letter be signed by the President and sent to the Ministers responsible for regulations pertaining to alcohol tasting at Fairs.

MOTION CARRIED

5. Social Media -\$200 per month - Farmers Institute, Seedy Saturday, Cobble Hill Fair Facebook accounts along with Instagram.

Moved Roger Painter
Second Lynne Pohynayko
the contract with Social Media is Not Simple be renewed for a year for \$200.00 per month.

MOTION CARRIED

6. The arrangements made for Montgomery County to play from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the 2020 CH Fair in exchange for renting the CHH was reviewed.

Moved Bill Dumont
Second Wade Pendlebury
the Cobble Hill Farmers Institute and Agricultural Society agree with the arrangements made with Montgomery County regarding next year's Fair.

MOTION CARRIED

7. The 2020 Draft Capital Budget - was reviewed and explained in detailed. We are still awaiting two more estimates for the Youth Hall interior painting and table/chair storage area.

Moved Wade Pendlebury
Second Bill Wikkerink
the 2020 Draft Capital Budget be forward to the budget committee for their review.

MOTION CARRIED

There being no further items of business the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by,



Gerry Giles
Secretary