

Minutes of the Farmers Institute Directors Meeting held on MONDAY, May 18th 2020 at 6 p.m. via Zoom.

Those present: Roger Painter - President, Jason Walker - Vice President, Robin Brett - Treasurer, George Robbins, Dave Bilkoski, Blair Herbert, Bill Dumont, Roy Davis.

Regrets: Nellie Poelman.

President Roger asked for additions to the agenda and as there were none the agenda was accepted as presented by consensus.

The April 20, 2020 minutes were considered

Moved Robin Brett
Second Blair Herbert
the minutes of April 20, 2020 be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED

Business from the Director's Minutes:

- GST update - Robin - on hold
- 4-H agreement recommendations - Roy/Roger/Gerry - on hold
- Constitution and Bylaw - committee members are Gerry, Bill, Dave, Robin and Morris. Information sent no replies - will meet likely in September
- All liquor left from the New Year's Eve event has all been sold with \$1090 recaptured
- A website update was provided by Gerry and it was viewed via Zoom on the Shared Screen option. Comments received were positive
- Capri Insurance - Dave had investigated a refund of the current year's insurance charge given the buildings are closed and we will not be having a Fair. He indicated we will be receiving a credit of \$1,023 and he suggested that given the current circumstances the policy for low risk renters not be renewed at this time.

Dave also reported the insurance companies have agreed to changing term of the insurance to match the Farmers Institute fiscal year, which will also provide some relief given the changes in the CVRD funding. The end result is this year will be shortened but from then on the insurance term will run from November 1st to October 31st in any given year.

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Second Dave Bilkoski
the insurance terms for the Farmers Institute be adjusted to coincide with the CVRD's new payment schedule, which will result in the insurance coverage being moved from its February renewal date to run from November 1st to October 31st in any given year. MOTION CARRIED

Opposed: Blair Herbert, Bill Dumont

- Shaw service provisions for the grounds to accommodate the use of Squares on Fair day was explained by Roy who indicated his Shaw contact will try to negotiate a condition on our behalf that would permit the Farmers Institute to connect to outdoor WiFi for a month or two. It was agreed this item would be discussed again in March of 2021.

Correspondence: No formal correspondence was received, but the Fair thank you letter did go out to sponsors and some very positive responses were emailed back.

Treasurer's Report - Robin explained the Covid19 financial projections for the next year. She indicated if we are very careful we can last until January or February next year. Also, that it was Jason and her feeling it would probably take at least a year after the pandemic ends for things to return to anywhere near a financial normal. Robin added the question of the garbage charge for their pickup service has been resolved and we will not be billed for garbage service until the fall.

Moved Blair Herbert
Second Jason Walker

the financial report be accepted as given.

MOTION CARRIED

The Rental calendar for June was attached to the agenda. It was noted all of the May rentals were cancelled and that we are now receiving questions about June rentals. As part of her report Gerry indicated the Board needs to decide whether rentals will resume in June. One of the regular renters would like back in the Stu Armour Hall and another that regularly rents the Youth Hall would like to rent the Cobble Hill Hall on Wednesday nights and both of these groups are trustworthy and can be relied upon to enforce physical distancing. There is also a request from one of the churches in the area to rent the hall on Sundays for 5 hours. Gerry brought forward the following concerns with respect to opening the halls for rentals:

- once the halls are opened to rent for one group then it will be very hard to deny rentals to others,
- how will the FI ensure the 50 maximum gathering limit is kept, and
- as it stands rented space would need to be cleaned and disinfected after every use. The charge for the janitorial service could well negate any rental profit as all chairs, tables, washrooms and touched surfaces like counters, door handles, railings, etc. would need to be disinfected. After considerable discussion, it was

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Second Blair Herbert

that all buildings remain closed until such time as the provincial health officer approves open rentals and reduces cleaning restrictions, and further, the question of hall rentals be the reviewed on a month to month basis.

MOTION CARRIED

Maintenance Report was provided by Bill who indicated the bulk of his time had been taken up with finishing the Poultry Barn.

Moved Robin Brett
Second Dave Bilkoski

the maintenance report be accepted as distributed.

MOTION CARRIED

New Business:

1. Permission has been granted by the New Horizons Program to use the remainder of the Golden Oldies Movie Program to subsidize take out lunches for Seniors. This will happen starting the 25th of May.
2. An update on the Virtual Fair was provided by Gerry as was a DRAFT for the Virtual Fair catalogue.
3. CAFE - Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions is working on trying to achieve funding from the Federal Government for the financial loss experienced by societies that host Fairs and Exhibitions. Two questionnaires have been filled out by SCHFIAs to assist in that regard.

There being no further business it was moved by Robin Brett that the meeting adjourn at 7:32 p.m.

Next meeting date is June 15th 2020 at 6 p.m. with the venue to be determined.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gerry Giles". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'G'.

Gerry Giles, Secretary