

Minutes of the Farmers Institute Directors Meeting held at 6 p.m. on Monday, November 16, 2020 in the Cobble Hill Hall.

Those present: Roger Painter - President, Roy Davies - Vice President, Robin Brett - Treasurer, Nellie Poelman, Lynne Pohynayko, Blair Herbert, Jayne Shaw, Bill Wikkerink, Brenda Burch, Gord Dickenson, Russell Dann and Gerry Giles - Secretary.

President Painter called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m. and gave welcoming remarks and congratulations to the newly elected directors. He then asked each person to give a brief introduction of themselves.

Moved Bill Wikkerink
Second Lynne Pohynayko
the agenda be accepted as distributed. MOTION CARRIED

Moved Robin Brett
Second Roy Davies
the October 19, 2020 minutes be accepted as distributed. MOTION CARRIED

Business from the Director's Minutes:

- Constitution and Bylaw - on hold until we can meet
- Shaw service provisions - on hold until March of 2021
- Fruit tree moving - now scheduled for November 30th and December 1st 2020.

President's Report - Roger

- reported he and Jim Southwell have winterized the drip irrigation system to the maple trees in the horse field
- all fire extinguishers have been renewed and are now up-to-date
- he and George Baird are mapping the various water, electrical and gas lines on the Farmers Institute grounds for future reference.

Correspondence:

- from Chris Zabec, Superintendent of Farmers Institutes, giving permission to hold the AGM via Zoom or other electronic means, and encouraging the Board and Farmers Institute members to stay safe.

Treasurer's Report - Robin - reviewed the Project Income Summary along with the Balance Sheet and the Draft 2021 Budget. She reported that while the reserve funds remain in tack, at year end the Farmers Institute is \$29,000 in the hole. She said this would have been worse had it not been for the funds earned during the virtual fair.

Robin also indicated the hall and grounds always lose money and that the CVRD grant pays for our insurance. The movie program lost approximately \$300 while Seedy Saturday lost \$559 because of its cancellation due to COVID. She then explained the 2021 COVID Budget. Questions were asked and answered and it was agreed the budget would be amended to include a grant from the Seniors group in the same amount they had gifted to the Farmers Institute in 2020 and further these fund be added to the maintenance budget.

Moved Lynne Pohynayko
Second Bill Wikkerink
the 2021 Budget as amended be recommended for approval to the AGM.
MOTION CARRIED

Moved Russell Dann
Second Brenda Burch
the treasurer's report be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED

Secretary's Report - Gerry - provided information on the Red Cross funding for the food program currently being run by the Farmers Institute. She indicated she had filed the required interim report for the program and the feedback received was the program is being well received in the community and was considered favourably by the Red Cross liaison. More than 3300 meals have been provided through the Red Cross grant. These meals are going to the Food Bank, the Malahat Nation as well as occasionally to the Cowichan Green Community. She also indicated she had applied for an extension of the program along with some additional funding.

Gerry said she has submitted the final BuyBC Colouring Contest Report as well as attending the zoom wrap up meeting today.

The Duncan Dabbers Bingo Society report was distributed with the agenda and questions or comments were invited. After review, it was

Moved Brenda Burch
Second Gord Dickenson
the Duncan Dabbers Bingo Society report be submitted to the DDBS as written.
MOTION CARRIED

Gerry concluded her report by providing some information on the Farmers Institute and the Cobble Hill Fair websites, which are being updated regularly.

Rental Report - some queries are coming in but the rising COVID numbers prohibits most rentals. The two rentals currently taking place are doing a very good job with managing their Safety Plans.

Fundraising Committee - Gerry indicated she has not had a chance to follow up on the Fence Advertising project but will do so in the near future.

Maintenance Report - the kitchen in the Youth Hall has been dismantled and the studs have now dried and appear to be in good condition. The plumber will need to lower the water pipes to the kitchen sink and re plumb how the water goes to the washroom. This work will hopefully be done before Christmas.

New Business:

The election results for SCHFIAS were provided. It was explained that given the likelihood of the AGM being held electronically, the elections were held separately and prior to the AGM to ensure a vote by ballot could take place prior to the AGM if required. A call for nominations had been emailed to the membership on October 31st with a

follow up on November 10th. Nominations closed on November 15th with the following individuals being duly nominated and then elected by acclamation.

Roy Davies - Vice President
Robin Brett - Treasurer

Directors elected for a One Year term:
Nellie Poelman and Gord Dickenson

Directors elected for a Two Year term:
Brenda Burch, Russell Dann, Jayne Shaw and Lynne Pohynayko

As a result of the elections the full board for 2021 is Roger Painter - President, Roy Davies - Vice President, Robin Brett - Treasurer, Gerry Giles - Secretary with Directors being: Brenda Burch, Russell Dann, Gord Dickenson, Blair Herbert, Jane Shaw, Nellie Poelman, Lynne Pohynayko and Bill Wikkerink.

Due to the rising number of COVID cases on the Island it was

Moved Robin Brett
Second Blair Herbert

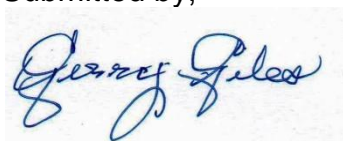
the Farmers Institute AGM be held at 7 p.m. by Zoom on December 14, 2020.

MOTION CARRIED

A fulsome discussion took place on the possibility of holding a virtual Seedy Saturday event. After consideration it was agreed that Roger, Roy, Brenda, Robin, Lynne and Russell would form a committee to explore this possibility and report back to the Board. Holding an online auction was also briefly discussed.

There being no further business it was moved by Gord Dickenson the meeting adjourn at 8:34 p.m.

Submitted by,



Gerry Giles