

Minutes of the Farmers Institute Directors Meeting held on Monday, January 11, 2020 at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

Those present: Roger Painter - President, Roy Davies - Vice President, Robin Brett - Treasurer, Brenda Burch, Jayne Shaw, Russell Dann, Lynne Pohynayko, Blair Herbert, George Robbins and Gerry Giles - Secretary.

Apologies: Gord Dickenson, Bill Wikkerink, Nellie Poelman

Call to order by President Painter at 7:04 p.m.

Moved Robin Brett
Second Brenda Burch
the agenda be accepted as distributed. MOTION CARRIED

Moved Jayne Shaw
Second Lynne Pohynayko
the minutes of the November 16, 2020 Directors meeting be accepted as distributed. MOTION CARRIED

Moved Roy Davies
Second Lynne Pohynayko
the minutes of the December 14, 2020 Directors meeting be accepted as distributed. MOTION CARRIED

Moved Robin Brett
Second Lynne Pohynayko
the minutes of the Annual General Membership meeting of December 14, 2020 be accepted as distributed. MOTION CARRIED

Business from the Director's Minutes:

- Constitution and Bylaw - on hold
- Shaw service provisions - on hold until March of 2021 if we hold a 2021 Fair
- Centennial Fund updated by Gerry. The fund now stands at \$15,000.00
- Seedy Saturday - Four directors met to discuss various possibilities about hosting a Cobble Hill Seedy Saturday this year. At the end of the discussion it was decided the first step would be to send a letter to vendors enquiring about their interests and whether they would like to participate in some form of Seedy Saturday. Comments from vendors so far are generally positive, but run the gamut of not being involved at all, to just advertising, to coming to the hall to provide in person sales. Brenda is working on raising the profile of our Seedy Saturday. Some organizations are doing events in February like Farm Folks/City Folks so it makes sense if we are going to stage something then it be in March. Our goal is to keep Seedy Saturday alive.

President's Report - Roger

Not much to report as things were slow over holidays. Fruit trees were watered.

Correspondence:

BC Assessment Notices received today and Gerry will send them out to the Directors.

Treasurer's Report - Robin indicated the bank account is now in good shape mainly because the buy out for entrance keypads is lower than expected and the Red Cross funds have been transferred into our account. She explained why the Fair contingency money is needed to cover floats and the cost of entertainers. Having adequate floats ensures a smoother operation at the gates on Fair day. The Financial Statements were reviewed. Robin reported

this is a strange year for GST as we have no rentals. We have claimed a \$221.71 refund; however, the organization has been informed it must file a Corporate Tax Return before the refund will be provided. Costs will be incurred to file this report.

Moved Lynne Pohynayko
Second Blair Herbert

the treasurer's report be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Secretary's Report - Gerry said the Red Cross Program extension was approved and to date we have donated 850 volunteer hours to prepare 6201 meals. The program will end on February 19, 2021. Total grant amount is \$58,805.50 of which the greatest portion is food costs. Also, the insurance forms for the Farmers Institute have been filled out and submitted.

Fundraising Committee - Gerry indicated the fence advertising has 2 signs in development several more in cultivation.

Rentals Report no gatherings can be held in accordance with provincial health orders, which are now extended to February 11, 2021. There is a wedding booked for mid March and the Board agreed the persons wanting to book the hall is to be informed it is highly unlikely the hall will be available for their wedding due to Provincial Health Regulations.

Maintenance Report - Heat Pump in Youth Hall serviced today and Gerry Hawkes plumbing will be in this week to redo the water.

Social Media - Brenda will provide an update at a future meeting that will give us a better idea of the FI social media platforms.

Moved Jayne Shaw
Second George Robbins

all reports given be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved Blair Herbert
Second Roy Davies

moved into in camera session to deal with a personnel matter.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved George Robbins
Second Lynne Pohynayko

rise with no report.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Lynne Pohynayko the meeting adjourn at 8:51

Submitted by



Gerry Giles, Secretary