

Minutes of the Farmers Institute Directors Meeting held on March 15th, 2021 at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

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

Regrets: Lynne Pohynayko

President Painter opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m. with a call for adoption of or additions to the agenda. After which, it was

Moved Russell Dann  
Second Jayne Shaw  
the agenda be accepted as distributed. MOTION CARRIED

Moved Blair Herbert  
Second Roy Davies  
the February 15, 2021 Directors minutes be accepted. MOTION CARRIED

Business from the Director's Minutes:

- Constitution and Bylaw - on hold
- Shaw service provisions - on hold until we host another Fair
- Seedy Saturday - no event was held this year but Brenda did promote some of the regular Seedy Saturday vendors on social media.

President's Report - Roger

June, Roger, Bob and Jim worked on moving some of the heather plants to a bed created on the south side of hall. Some of the plants did not survive so a few new ones were purchased to enhance the area. The fruit trees brought over from the Cobble Hill Common will be top dressed in the near future and it was agreed Robin would approach Jim Barker with about pruning them.

Moved Robin Brett  
Second Blair Herbert  
President Roger Painter be added to the Shawnigan Cobble Hill Farmers Institute and Agricultural Society bank accounts at Island Savings as an authorized signatory and the name of George Robbins be removed. MOTION CARRIED

Moved Blair Herbert  
Second Roy Davies  
the president's report be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence: - none to report

Treasurer's Report - Robin

Robin sent an email to all of the Directors explaining the accounts receivable and prepaid sales. She will establish a new method for detailing this information in the next

accounting year. This is designed to make the statements easier to read. The balance sheet and income statement show we are approximately \$3330 in the hole, which puts us in a much better position than was first anticipated. Half of the grant from the CVRD has come in and will be used to pay the insurance. An additional sum of money was also received from another corporate body. The Red Cross program resulted in the Farmers Institute obtaining a freezer as well as some administration costs. There is a new program listed on the balance sheet titled food bank program and all expenses for this program will be tracked separately.

Moved Russell Dann  
Second Jayne Shaw

the treasurer's report be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

#### Secretary's Report - Gerry

Gerry reported we have not yet heard the result of our funding application to Second Harvest but she hopes to hear before the end of March. She also detailed the difficulty being experienced with the lot consolidation, which is one of the CVRD conditions before they will issue a building permit for the Centennial Project. She indicated she hoped to have most of the outstanding issues resolved before the end of this week.

Moved Robin Brett  
Second Blair Herbert

the Secretary's report be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

#### Fundraising Committee -

- Fence Advertising - 5 signs are on order and will be available soon. They have been delayed due to Sinology moving.
- Pot Pie sales are set to start as a Farmers Institute fund raiser. Gerry would like to see others in charge of selling on Wednesday and Saturdays. Robin, Lynn, Jayne and Brenda volunteered. Pot pies will be sold for \$5.00 starting on March 31st and the selling price will be reviewed in the fall.
- The meal catering recently provided for the Legion was reviewed. Brenda read some of the very positive social media comments about these meals.

Moved Robin Brett  
Second Blair Herbert

the fundraising report be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Rentals Report - Gerry - some restrictions have been relaxed so one of the dog club sessions are back at the Stu Armour Hall and some limited rentals will be scheduled for the Youth Hall once it is reassembled.

Maintenance Report - Renovations in the Youth Hall were reviewed and Allan, Mel and Russell were thanked for the wonderful paint job they have done in the kitchen. The new cabinets, sink and hot water tank have been installed. All finishing and painting is scheduled to be complete by mid April.

Social Media - Brenda explained how the Hall Centennial Logo was created and Bob Ianison's involvement in doing the work. The Board thanked Bob for the work done on

the Centennial Logo. The farm community is being contacted for stories on the hall or their farming experience.

112th Cobble Hill Fair - Blair provided a report on the first meeting of the Cobble Hill Fair Committee. Next meeting is on Thursday at 1:30 p.m. via zoom.

Moved Robin Brett  
Second Jayne Shaw

the rental, maintenance, social media and Fair reports be accepted as presented.  
MOTION CARRIED

#### New Business:

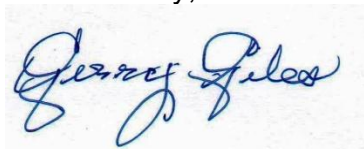
A discussion took place on holding Bottle Drives as a fundraising events for the Farmers Institute. Concern was expressed about competition with entities like the Legion and schools in the area and the hard feelings that might be created by doing this. During discussion, the directors raised a variety of issues regarding holding bottle drives; consequently, it was decided to approach our supporter asking them to take any surplus bottles to the Return It depot on Fisher Road and provide them with information about donating the returns to the Farmers Institute account.

Roger will organize a cleanup day for the property with volunteers cleaning the grounds of cones, branches and doggy doo!

Next meeting will be held on April 19th. If restrictions ease then the meeting will be held in the hall.

Moved by Robin Brett the meeting adjourn at 8:24 p.m.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gerry Giles". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Gerry Giles, Secretary