

Minutes of the Farmers Institute Directors meeting held on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 7 p.m. in the Cobble Hill Hall with social distancing provided.

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

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

Moved Blair Herbert
Second Lynne Pohynayko
the March 15, 2021 directors minutes be accepted as distributed. MOTION CARRIED

Business from the Director's Minutes:

- Constitution and Bylaw - on hold
- Shaw service provisions - on hold but an application will be made for funding in the amount of \$1,855 to expand the WiFi service to cover outdoor spaces.

President's Report - Roger provided an update on the work being done outdoors. He indicated one work party had already been held to clean the grounds and another is scheduled for April 24th at 9 a.m. The fruit trees and blueberry bushes are doing very well and he passed around an excellent painting of the hall done by June Painter.

Moved Blair Herbert
Second Lynne Pohynayko
the President's report be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence: the following items were distributed with the agenda:

1. Letter to Rajiv Gandhi (Cox Taylor) re lot consolidation
* this document provides an organizational history of the Farmers Institute
2. South Cowichan Life Article - April

Treasurer's Report - the following treasurer's report was provided by Robin and questions were asked and answered. In reviewing the Balance Sheet of note is we are doing well this year in keeping spending to an absolute minimum. Last year at the end of March we only had \$7,184.49 in our chequing account, compared to over \$23,203 this year. We also have \$28,131.98 in Current Earnings at the end of March 2021, whereas last year at March 31, 2020 Current Earnings were (\$22,134.82). While it is true that this year we have had a substantial donation of \$16,000 towards the Centennial Project added to our earnings, if you disregard that donation we are still in the black; whereas last year at this time we were deeply in the red.

Looking at the Income Statement, the Hall and Grounds portion is (\$11,642.03) largely due to a lack of rental income and also expenses for refurbishment of the Youth Hall. These expenses do have funds to cover them from grants received in the last fiscal year, and when it is all completed we will be exactly on budget.

Catering money is coming in. We are doing well in this project with \$1,981.29 profit so far at March 31st, and with \$3,000 worth of pies in the freezers all ready to sell, plus other basic inventory on hand. Robin also provided copies of the financial statements.

Moved Bill Wikkerink
Second Roy Davies

the treasurer's report be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

In her secretary's report Gerry indicated the Second Harvest Funding Application for \$20,000 has been denied due to an oversubscription of the program. However, congratulations were extended by Second Harvest for the work done under the Red Cross program. She also provided a written update on the Centennial Project.

Moved Lynne Pohynayko
Second Brenda Burch

the secretary's report be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

The following verbal report was provided on behalf of the fundraising committee:

- Fence Advertising - 2 more on order
- Pot Pie Sales are currently brisk - however, the Board needs to determine a summer cut off date.

Moved Bill Wikkerink
Second Robin Brett

Pot pie sales be discontinued on or about May 1 and begin again in September.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved Robin Brett
Second Lynne Pohynayko

the fundraising report be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Rentals Report - rental queries for the late fall/winter are starting to come in.

Maintenance Report - the Youth Hall will be ready for rentals at the end of May. A vote of appreciation goes to Allan, Mel and Russell for their work on the building.

112th Cobble Hill Fair - Blair provided an update on the virtual Fair and our hope that we can stage an outdoor concert on Saturday, August 28, 2021 to celebrate the centennial.

Moved Robin Brett
Second Bill Wikkerink

the rentals, maintenance and Fair reports be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

Although there was no new business, the Board again discussed the pros and cons of consolidating all of the lots known as 3550 Watson Avenue.

There being no further business, Brenda Burch moved the meeting be adjourned. The next director's meeting is May 17, 2021.

Submitted bym



Gerry Giles, Secretary