

Minutes of the Farmers Institute Directors Meeting held on Monday, July 19, 2021 at 7 p.m. in the Cobble Hill Hall - 3550 Watson Avenue, Cobble Hill, BC

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

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.

Moved Robin Brett

Second Jayne Shaw

the agenda be accepted as distributed.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved Gord Dickenson

Second Russell Dann

the minutes of the June 21, 2021 be accepted as distributed.

MOTION CARRIED

Business Arising:

1. The topic of a Rental Rate Review was carry over from June meeting. The current rental rate document was distributed with the agenda as was a DRAFT proposal, which contained slight increases based on a review of other facilities in the area. After discussion, it was

Moved Blair Herbert

Second Lynne Pohynayko

the rental rate increases on the "DRAFT" document be adopted as the rental rates to be charged for 2021.

MOTION CARRIED

2. Centennial Celebration: an update was provided on the events to be held during the August 28th 'Day of Celebration'
3. Constitution and Bylaw - on hold
4. Tecky expanded internet service provisions - on hold pending funding

President's Report: In Roger's absence none was provided.

Treasurer's Report: In addition to reviewing the financial statements, Robin provided the following report."I would like to draw your attention to a couple of items on the Financial Statement. Our Current Earnings amount is \$67,150.39 but we need to remember that \$42K is the money that has come in for the Centennial Project. So, our working current earnings is more like \$25K. Again, a comparison with last year at this time we were \$24,481.01 in a loss position, so considering everything we are doing well coming to the end of 16 months of lockdown where we had no rental income and with only ½ of the CVRD grant. All this is thanks to a very hard working group of people who have been toiling away on a number of fronts:

- Getting support from businesses for the Centennial Project
- Making and selling Meat Pies since last November, both with the Red Cross Program and for institute revenue
- Planting trees and shrubs

- Maintaining the grounds with volunteer hours and no money outlay
- Renovating the Youth Hall with volunteers and sticking to the budget
- And all the people doing the organizing, to get these things done

When the going got tough, they got going. They simply followed the Health Department's rules and adapted to stay safe and keep each other safe. My grandmother used to say, "If you want something done, ask a busy person to do it". So, it comes as no surprise that all the people who have been volunteering for the last 15 months to keep the institute going, are busy people. Yet they still found the time. We owe a debt of gratitude to all these people who have been quietly working away, without fanfare and without any recognition, to keep the institute together during the last 16 months."

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

Secretary's Report - Gerry

- Centennial Project Update - the issue of lot consolidation is still with the lawyer and a discussion with him on any progress made will take place this week.
- The article and ad for South Cowichan Life were distributed with the agenda.

Moved Jayne Shaw
 Second Brenda Burch
 the secretary's report be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED

Fundraising Committee- no report

Rental Committee - no report

Maintenance Report - Robin reported the Youth Hall Update should be completed on budget by the end of this month.

112th Cobble Hill Fair - Blair reported a Fair meeting will be held soon. He had no luck finding porta potties for August 28th. Consequently, we will open the washrooms in the CHH and the Youth Hall. Robin indicated the janitors will come in for the day to service the washrooms. Gerry reported the catalogue is done and at the printer's as well as on line.

New Business:

1. Centennial Reserve Fund - the question was raised whether there was any latitude in the existing budget to increase the reserve fund if the need arises. After discussion, it was

Moved Lynne Pohynayko
 Second Gord Dickenson
 should the need arise the treasurer and secretary review the 2021 budget to see if there is room to manoeuvre and if room is found in the budget they are to report this to the Board via email before any transfers are made. MOTION CARRIED

2. The board agreed, subject to a review of the Society's bylaws, that general meetings in the hall are to resume in September. It is noted Section 11.1 of the Society's bylaws reads: General meetings are to be held quarterly or as requested by the directors or at the written request of a majority of the members.
3. The Social Media Contract Renewal for Social Media is Not Simple (Bjork Enterprises) is up for renewal. **Note:** at this point Brenda Burch left the meeting.

Moved Blair Herbert
Second Russell Dann

the contract for Social Media is Not Simple be renewed at a rate of \$275.00 per month or \$3,300 annually and further an annual budget of \$700 be created for Social Media boosting and image creation. MOTION CARRIED

The next directors meeting will be held in the hall at 7 p.m. on August 16, 2021.

There being no further items of business,

Moved by Gord Dickenson the meeting adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by,



Gerry Giles, Secretary