Minutes of the Farmers Institute Directors meeting held on Monday, August 16, 2021 at 7 p.m. in the Cobble Hill Hall located at 3550 Watson Avenue.

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

Roger Painter called the meeting to order at 7:03 with a call for the adoption of or additions to the agenda. Three items were added under the 112th Fair Report.

Moved Robin Brett

Second Lynne Pohynayko

the agenda be accepted with the additions.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved Robin Brett

Second Lynne Pohynayko

to minutes of the July 19, 2021 meeting be accepted as distributed. MOTION CARRIED

Business from the Director's Minutes:

- Constitution and Bylaw on hold
- Tecky expanded internet service provisions on hold pending funding
- Rental Review the new rental rates passed at the July 19th 2021 meeting are now posted on the Farmers Institute website.

President's Report - Roger said he did not have much to report as he has focused on watering the trees and ensuring the grounds are looked after.

Correspondence:

 Chris Zabek - Superintendant of Farmers and Women's Institutes providing a history of the Farmers Institute. This history was then forwarded to the lawyer in the hope it would help accommodate the name change shown on the Farmers Institute's seven blocks of land at Land Titles office.

Treasurer's Report - Robin provided her report on the financial statements included with the agenda. She indicated she had prepared a DRAFT 2021/22 budget for submission to the CVRD and that our 2020/21 budget is better than expected due in large part to the amount of work done by volunteers and a serious reduction in overall spending. We currently show earnings of \$71,000 but need to remember \$42,000 is money raised for the Centennial project. Without those funds, our income currently stand at \$29,131.55. Last year at this time we were \$25,888.88 in the hole. Some noteworthy items on the Income Statement are the low janitorial cost due to a regular renter paying for COVID cleaning, security costs being lower because the keypad entry system for the Youth and Stu Armour Halls has been paid off and we show a profit of \$15,000 in catering but there is still stock in the freezers for when we start up again. We have done well. We have adapted and met the challenges of lockdowns. I am confident we will continue to adapt and meet the challenges the rest of 2021 and 2022 bring.

Moved Brenda Burch Second Jayne Shaw

the treasurer's report be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Secretary's Report - Gerry clarified her written report on the Centennial Project, and indicated she had filed the Annual Activity Report required by the CVRD for their grant funding. She has also submitted two grant funding applications to assist in building the Centennial Project, which involves expanding the kitchen to include a walk in freezer/refrigeration unit.

Moved Roy Davies Second Blair Herbert

the two funding applications prepared by the secretary be approved for submission.

MOTION CARRIED

Rentals Report - Gerry - no report provided as building rentals have not increased.

Maintenance Report - an update on the work in the Youth Hall was provided by Robin who indicated after the janitors clean the hall it will be ready for rental use.

Moved Roy Davies Second Gord Dickinson

all reports be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

112th Cobble Hill Fair_- Blair said the next Fair Committee meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. in the Cobble Hill Hall on Tuesday, August 24, 2021. Gerry reported the insurance requirements have been met and the CVRD permit for use of the Cobble Hill Common has been issued. She also said the Special Events Permit seeking permission for the Fisher Road closure between Watson and Holland Avenues has been applied for. Further, that 2 - 20x20 tents plus 12 tables and 60 chairs are coming from Brentwood College for the day, and that we have 4 - 10x10 pop up tents and 3 - 14x10 foot tents in storage. As well, she has prepared a COVID Plan and submitted it to the province, the local health authority and the CVRD. Blair addressed concerns and provided clarification of the points in the email sent by Brenda.

Moved Gord Dickinson Second Lynne Pohynayko

4-H be given permission to exhibit on August 28th at the Stu Armour Hall provided none of their exhibits include farm animals as they impact our insurance. MOTION CARRIED

New Business:

Moved Lynne Pohynayko

Second Robin Brett

Jayne Shaw be appointed to Duncan Dabbers Bingo Society to represent the Farmers Institute.

MOTION CARRIED

Next directors meeting will be held in the Youth Hall on September 20, 2021 and a General Membership Meeting will be held in the Cobble Hill Hall on September 27, 2021.

As there was no further business, it was moved by Blair Herbert the meeting be adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Submitted by,

Gerry Giles, Secretary