

Minutes of the Farmers Institute Directors Meeting held at 7 p.m. on Monday, February 21, 2022 in the Youth Hall located at 3565 Watson Avenue, Cobble Hill, B. C.

Those present: Roger Painter - President, Roy Davies - Vice President, Robin Brett - Treasurer, Nellie Poelman, Jayne Shaw, Blair Herbert and Gerry Giles - Secretary.

Apologies: Lynne Pohynayko, Brenda Burch, Russell Dann

Moved Robin Brett  
Second Blair Hebert

the agenda be accepted with the addition of General Meeting under New Business.  
MOTION CARRIED

Moved Robin Brett  
Second Jayne Shaw

the Minutes of January 17th 2022 be accepted as distributed.

MOTION CARRIED

Business from the Director's Minutes:

- Constitution and Bylaw update - a meeting has been held and a draft of revisions will be prepared for the next meeting showing suggested changes.
- Septic System Pump Out - Robin to schedule.

President's Report - Roger reported he is waiting to hear back from Tina Rogers regarding what can be done with respect to our parking lot, which is currently used by a few individuals who do donuts with their cars to see how far up the building rocks can be sprayed. This not only covers the pathway with tiny rocks creating a trip hazard but damages the siding on the building. Roger also indicated the dining room storage area is now complete thanks mainly to Jim Southwell and a few others. This addition has greatly improved our ability to store supplies. After this work was completed, the Rotary Club of South Cowichan came in and painted the dining room, bar area and the handicapped washroom. Our appreciation goes to everyone for their work on this project, which was done at minimal cost. Roger also mentioned our group has make over 2,000 meat pies for sale in February.

Treasurer's Report - Robin reviewed the financial statements distributed with the agenda. She indicated we were in good shape with no unexpected expenses at this time and our revenue is holding its own mainly due to the pot pie sales. Hall revenues are still down but that is to be expected and is in line with our 2022 budget.

Moved Blair Herbert  
Second Nellie Poelman

the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Secretary's Report - Gerry indicated the land survey is now complete and the consolidation plan is awaiting approval from MoTI. The regular *South Cowichan Life Article* was attached to the agenda. It was agreed this article will from now on be reformatted and sent out as a monthly newsletter to our members.

Rentals Report - Gerry reported rental inquiries are now picking up and although we are permitted to rent to full capacity now masks and proof of vaccines are still required.

Maintenance Report - the Youth Hall Heat Pump is operating fine. A small band of ice does occur around the middle of the unit but that seems to be normal. The kitchen storage area expansion in the main hall is on hold the property is consolidated and funding secured.

Moved Robin Brett  
Second Jayne Shaw  
all reports be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

New Business:

1. April 17th Easter Egg Hunt - our traditional sponsor has sold their business. One suggestion came forward for a potential sponsor and it was agreed we would sponsor this event ourselves if no other sponsor is found.
2. July 16th Show & Shine - Roger/Gerry reported on meeting with George Baird, who has agreed to Chair the Show & Shine and look after the registration. They indicated no entertainment would be held this year in the Cobble Hill Common, but that canned music could play on the stage at the back of the hall with the possibility of the Porter Brothers coming in at 12 or 1 p.m. to play for a couple of hours. Also, Rotary would do the pancake breakfast along with a more traditional lunch --- burgers, dogs, fries etc. and half of the profits would be split with the Farmers Institute. Finally, Chuck Felix has offered to organize vendors in the horse field with the antique farms equipment.
3. August 27th 113th Cobble Hill Fair - discussion took place on whether or not to hold a live Fair in 2022. After due consideration, it was

Moved Roy Davies  
Second Blair Herbert  
a full Fair be held in 2022 and that a Fair Committee be formed as soon a possible with Co Chairs Blair Herbert and Gerry Giles if they are in agreement.

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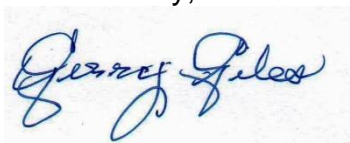
4. Due to the relaxation of the Covid restrictions it was agreed the next General Membership Meeting would be held on Monday, March 28, 2022 in the Cobble Hill Hall and the agenda would focus on bringing the membership up to date on what has transpired during this long absence due to the Corona Virus.

Next Directors meeting - March 21st 2022

Next General Members Meeting - March 28th 2022

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Submitted by,



Gerry Giles, Secretary