

Minutes of the Farmers Institute Directors Meeting held at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 18, 2022 in the Youth Hall located at 3565 Watson Avenue in Cobble Hill.

Those present: Roger Painter - President, Roy Davies - Vice President, Jayne Shaw, Brenda Burch, Bill Wikkerink and Gerry Giles - Secretary.

Apologies: Robin Brett - Treasurer

Moved Roy Davies
Second Brenda Burch
acceptance of the agenda with two additions under new business. MOTION CARRIED

Moved Jayne Shaw
Second Brenda Burch
the March 21, 2022 minutes be accepted as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

Moved Brenda Burch
Second Bill Wikkerink
the March 28, 2022 membership minutes be accepted. MOTION CARRIED

Business from the Director's Minutes:

- Septic System Pump Out - Robin to schedule
- Constitution and Bylaws - the Committee needs to meet to review the changes recommended at the general membership meeting as noted in the March 28th membership minutes. Roger to contact Russell to call a meeting of the committee.

President's Report - Roger reported on the very successful Easter Egg Hunt held on Easter Sunday and sponsored by Dee and Bill Motherwell. He extended our appreciation to Dee and Bill as they have sponsored this event for the children for many years. He also indicated Lockhart Industries have cleaned the heat pump ceiling vents in the Stu Armour Hall which likely have not been cleaned since their installation. The lights in the Cobble Hill Hall dining room have been replaced and this has greatly improved the lighting in the area. The kitchen will be done in the next week or so. He will contact Jim Barker about pruning the fruit trees around the hall and finally he has met with a group from the Port Ellis House in Victoria to discuss the use of the poultry barn for painting floor runners.

Treasurer's Report - in Robin's absence Gerry indicated the first payments have been made, which meets the required March deadline for the federal grant for the kitchen expansion. Also a contractor has been hired to do the work. It was agreed any questions regarding the Financial Statements would be directed to Robin.

Moved Bill Wikkerink
Second Jayne Shaw
The financial statements be accepted. MOTION CARRIED

Secretary's Report - Gerry

The Farmers Institute property upon which the hall is located is now consolidated and registered as one lot at Land Titles. The legal description of this property is Lot 1, Section 12, Range 6, Shawnigan District, Plan EPP119239.

Gerry also reported the part of the Pot Pie program that pertains to meat pies will be discontinued after Saturday and begin again in September. There is a possibility we will sell fruit pies during the summer months. Finally, the Seniors lunch program will begin operating in the hall on the 25th of April albeit on a somewhat modified basis.

Rentals Report - Gerry - rentals are picking up and as Roger indicated there is a group wanting to rent the poultry barn to do a project over the summer months. This is an ongoing negotiations and she said she will likely have more to report at the next meeting. A discussion ensued about maintenance costs / rental rates. It was suggest the rental rates be reviewed and compared with those of similar operations around our area and brought back to the next meeting.

Maintenance Report - Rotary would like to do a volunteer cleanup of the ground in tandem with our volunteers and they will utilize their cook cart to cook burgers and hotdogs for those attending. This should take place toward the end of May and be coordinated with Rotary.

Fair Report - In Blair's absence Gerry reported the Fair meetings are progressing but we are missing volunteers in some key areas. These include: hall convener, a person for registration, volunteer coordinator, overnight security, kids zone, horse show and a few individual conveners.

Moved Jayne Shaw
Second Brenda Burch

the Directors reports be accepted as given.

MOTION CARRIED

New Business

1. The janitors have given their notice so the question for the Board is do we try to hire individual cleaners or move to a cleaning company - Robin and Gerry will review and come back to the board with a recommendation.
2. the addition to the building is going to require the gas line to be moved. We need to contact Fortis regarding this work and we also might need to move the drain line from the kitchen to ensure it is outside of the building addition. Roger committed to undertaking this work.

Next meeting - Monday, May 16, 2022 in the Youth Hall.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Submitted by,



Gerry Giles, Secretary