

Minutes of the Farmers Institute Directors Meeting held on Monday, February 20, 2023 at 7 p.m. in the Youth Hall located at 3565 Watson Avenue in Cobble Hill.

Those present: Roger Painter - President, Roy Davies - Vice President, Robin Brett - Treasurer, Lynne Pohynayko, Jayne Shaw, George Baird, Bill Wikkerink, Dave Bilkoski and Gerry Giles - Secretary.

Moved Jayne Shaw  
Second Bill Wikkerink  
the agenda be accepted with the addition of President's report after Correspondence and Seedy Saturday under New Business. MOTION CARRIED

Moved Lynne Pohynayko  
Second Robin Brett  
the January 16, 2023 minutes be adopted as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

Business from the Director's Minutes:

- Septic System Pump Out - Robin will schedule now the addition has been completed.
- Rotary has moved out of the building.

Correspondence - nothing to report

President's Report - no report other than to say it is good to be back but he has had a miserable cold since returning from Aussie land.

Treasurer's Report - Robin reported the Farmers Institute is in good financial position due mainly to the receipt of the Federal Grant funds received just prior to Christmas. These funds have paid for the monies expended by the Farmers Institute for the new addition. With these funds coming in the Farmers Institute has been able to repay its reserve accounts which puts us in a good financial position going into this fiscal year.

Moved George Baird  
Second Bill Wikkerink  
the treasurer's report be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED

Secretary's Report - Gerry gave a verbal update on building addition and walk in freezer, which are both now complete. She also reported on the following grant applications she has submitted: Duncan Dabbers Grant - amount unknown but completed and accepted, BC Fairs - \$10,870 completed and submitted in that amount but not a given we will receive that money. United Way/Red Cross - Covid-19 Recovery - ask is for teck equipment in the amount of \$36,379 - completed and submitted. BC Gaming is due February 28th but will not be submitted. Instead we will wait for the BC Gaming capital construction grant and apply for money to replace the floor.

Gerry also reported the Pot Pie production starting on Tuesday but that over 1400 pies will be sold in February. She noted her next knee surgery March 22 and indicated the she had been cautioned this surgery might not go as well as the last so issued a

warning to the board that she will be isolating 1 to 2 weeks in advance of the surgery to ensure she does not contract any illness.

Rentals Report - Rental Calendar Feb & March (subject to change) were attached to the agenda. Rentals are returning to normal.

Moved Jayne Shaw  
Second Lynne Pohynayko

the secretary's report be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Maintenance Report - Jim, Robin and Roger have done a walkthrough of all of the facilities and they will be submitting a report of the maintenance work needing to be done on the grounds and the buildings.

#### New Business

1. District A - dues for payment to District A are now due for 2023.

Moved Roy Davies  
Second George Baird

the \$200 membership fee to District A be paid.

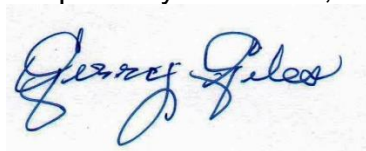
MOTION CARRIED

2. Pancake Breakfast for Show & Shine - it was determined the pancake breakfast and the lunch for this event would be done by the Farmers Institute.
3. 2023 Cobble Hill Fair - we need to start gearing up for the Fair by ordering the fencing, porta potties and moving on sponsorships. The question was asked again about who would do the pancake breakfast and whether Rotary would have enough members to do the gates. It was felt the Farmers Institute should be doing the pancake breakfast and finding more volunteers to help with gates. Roger will Chair the Fair Committee and set up a meeting in March.
4. Seedy Saturday - Robin reported she needs more help with Seedy Saturday and that it is almost sold out.

Next meeting - Directors Meeting March 20, 2023.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Gerry Giles, Secretary