

Minutes of the Farmers Institute Directors Meeting held on Monday, January 15, 2024 at 7 p.m. in the Youth Hall located at 3565 Watson Avenue in Cobble Hill, BC.

Those present: Roger Painter – President, Robin Brett – Treasurer, Jayne Shaw, George Baird, Betsy Burr, Russell Dann, Scott Robertson, Michael St. Clair and Gerry Giles – Secretary.

Apologies: Roy Davies – Vice President

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 with an introduction by Roger on the basis rules of order then the new directors briefing those present on their history in the area.

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the agenda be accepted with three additions under new business. MOTION CARRIED

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the November 20, 2023 minutes be accepted as distributed. MOTION CARRIED

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the Executive Meeting of January 3, 2024 be accepted as distributed.  
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The Minutes of the AGM November 27, 2023 be accepted as distributed.  
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#### Correspondence

- The 2023 Land Assessments were received.

President's Report – Roger reported December is, by choice, a slower time for the Farmers Institute. For him it was a forced slow down because of his shoulder surgery. However, he said work is progressing on the underground wiring that is part of the technology improvement grant brought about by COVID. In addition, he is working on the six contracts the Farmers Institute has with Shaw that are up for renewal: three are for phones and three are for security. Shaw has said one of the phone contracts has already been renewed, but no one remembers renewing it. Scott and Roger are looking at improving the basement doors as the current doors are of poor quality. The wood chips currently being brought into the horse field by Competition Tree Service are greatly appreciated as is the help spreading them by the volunteer. Roger said he will next work on getting the metal pipes installed.

Treasurer's Report - Robin provided a tutorial on the Income Statement and Balance Sheet explaining the financial position of the Farmers Institute at December 31<sup>st</sup> 2023. She indicated our year end is October 31; therefore, while November was a normal month financially, the current financial position reflects a very slow financial December month. She indicated overall the Farmers Institute makes a profit of approximately \$1,500.00 per year and that we are in a relatively healthy position this year with our insurance funds set aside in a contingency fund.

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the treasurer's report be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED

Secretary's Report - Gerry indicated she appreciated having the break over the Christmas season as the rest was welcome. The first Seniors lunch was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January with about 115 in attendance so with the volunteers we served approximately 130 people. We did have a lot of ham left over which was sent to Warmland House. They gratefully accepted the food and it is nice to know we have a place that will accept open food products. We will likely start making pot pies toward the end

of January with them being for sale in February. These are a good revenue source for the Farmers Institute. The Rental Calendars for January and February look a little scant right now but they are subject to change and rental requests are starting to coming in quite rapidly.

Maintenance Report – Jim Southwell is looking at putting shelving in the Rotary cupboard while Ray Giles will lay plywood in the janitor's cupboard as time permits. Please look at the Capital List that was distributed as it will give you a good idea of the work needing to be done.

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all reports be accepted as presented.

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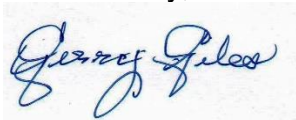
New Business:

1. Invitation to District A meeting in Nanoose on January 28, 2024 – No one will attend.
2. Superintendent of Farmers Institutes – Angela Boss – Zoom Mtg – Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> from 3 to 5 pm.  
To be circulated to the executive first and then to the directors. We are limited to 3 attendees from our Institute.
3. Seedy Saturday is March 16, 2024 and there are already 10 vendors signed and paid for.

Next Directors meeting – February 19<sup>th</sup> 2024.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gerry Giles". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Gerry Giles  
Secretary