

Minutes of the Shawnigan Cobble Hill Farmers Institute and Agricultural Society's Board of Directors meeting held on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Youth Hall located at 3565 Watson Avenue, Cobble Hill, BC

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

Absent: Gord Dickenson

President Roger called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and the agenda was adopted by consensus with no additional items added.

Moved/second

The minutes of January 15, 2024 be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence:

- Rebekah Johnson – re garden plot – secretary to respond with contact suggestions
- District A – re Dinsdale Farm – the item was presented for information only

President's Report – Roger indicated he is working with our electrician to ensure the electrical work taking place to bring power over to Fisher Road via the back of the hall is done in accordance with our needs and not the needs of others. He also indicated he is getting quotes for the security systems at the three halls as the system we currently have is with Telus and it is nearing the end of its contract period. He has obtained quotes which he will take to the executive and then bring a recommendation to the next Board meeting for approval. Work will take place on the old Rotary cupboard, the janitor's cupboard and the tech cupboard to better utilize and improve these three spaces.

Treasurer's Report – Robin reported we were in our usual January slump following no rentals in December and limited rentals in January due to weather conditions. There has also been some money spent doing the heavier maintenance on the buildings because there were fewer rentals to get in the way. We have also started spending money on the balance of the United Way grant, which was received in the last fiscal year, so all the income came in last year and the last of the expenses will fall in this fiscal year. And starting now, income will be coming in from the programs we run like the Show and Shine, Seedy Saturday and eventually, the Cobble Hill Fair. In the meantime, the meat pie program and catering will be our main sources of income along with rentals. Our bank accounts remain stable, and we have no liabilities of note.

Moved/second the treasurer's report be accepted as given.

MOTION CARRIED

Secretary's Report – Gerry indicated rentals queries have really picked up during the past two months. We have had a lot of requests for two and three year old birthday parties in the Cobble Hill Hall. These parties include 20 to 30 children complete with bouncy castles. It was decided long ago that children's birthday parties would be held in the Stu Armour Hall, because of the condition of the floor in the Cobble Hill Hall. However, due to the potential of injury to a small child running around in the Stu Armour Hall with its concrete floor, I've recommended the Kerry Park Rec Centre, the Mill Bay Community League Hall or the Shawnigan Lake Community Centre as rental options to folks wanting to rent for little people's birthday parties.

Two grant applications have been submitted on behalf of the FI. One was to Duncan Dabbers Bingo Society and the other was to the Province for Fair Funding. I am working on a BC Gaming Grant Application. I've updated the website and it is now current. The rental reports were distributed with the agenda.

Moved/second the above reports be accepted as given.

MOTION CARRIED

#### New Business

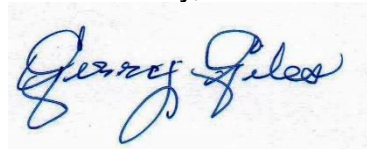
Roy provided a brief report on the Fair committee meeting held on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. It was a preliminary meeting to discuss items remaining from 2023 and changes that may be coming to the 2024 Fair; however, the meeting was not intended to solve issues. Solutions will be worked on at a later date and brought to the committee and eventually to the Board for information and comment. Fair minutes will be kept and distributed by Robin.

Michael reported for the month of February the charity at the refundable bottle depot on Fisher Road is South Cowichan Senior Organization and at the last report this had raise approximately \$200 toward the group. He also reported the plumbing in the kitchen sink at the hall fell totally apart! Luckily, it was at the end of the last Seniors lunch. Gerry Hawkes attended almost immediately and fixed it at no charge.

Next Directors meeting is March 18, 2024

There being no further items of business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30.

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 typed name of the signatory.

Gerry Giles, Secretary