

Minutes of the Farmers Institute Directors Meeting held at 7 pm on Monday, March 18, 2024 in the Youth Hall located at 3565 Watson Avenue in Cobble Hill.

Those present: Roger Painter – President, Roy Davies – Vice President, Jayne Shaw, Betsy Burr, George Baird, Russell Dann and Gerry Giles – Secretary.

Regrets: Robin Brett, Bill Wikkerink, Michael St. Clair

Absent: Gord Dickenson

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the agenda be accepted as distributed. MOTION CARRIED

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the February 19, 2024 minutes be accepted as distributed. MOTION CARRIED

President's Report – Roger reported on the following items of business:

- Building security – finishing quotes for a new entry and alarm system for all three buildings
- Working with Richard Calverley to finish the electrical work needed for the gates at Fisher/Holland
- He is looking for volunteers for the Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by Bill and Dee Motherwell with our appreciation
- Worked with South Island Mechanical to repair the leak in the walk-in freezer. It was noted this company responds quickly to our calls
- Jim Southwell repaired the soffits under the eaves in the new addition
- More loads of wood chips are being brought into the horse field. The question was asked... what happens when these decompose? Answer is more will be brought in to continue to enhance the field
- We will arrange for a garage sale sometime in April or May to sell some of our surplus items
- Roger will begin top dressing the trees and plants
- Seedy Saturday went very well and he thanked all involved. Those involved in Seedy Saturday offered their comments on the day which were also positive. A question was asked whether we poll the vendors for their feedback and that question will be left to Robin.

Treasurer's Report – in her absence Robin issued 2 financial statements with the agenda.

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

Secretary's Report – Gerry provided a written report that was distributed with the agenda. Questions were asked and answered. The rental calendars for March and April were reviewed. Gerry indicated she did not think we were charging enough for wedding packages or the damage deposits for three-day events. Scott offered to look into this item and report back.

Fair Committee Report – Roy provided an update on the Fair meeting held last Thursday. He said the Fair committee has decided against having a two-day fair this year and also against an evening concert. Instead, this year it is believed we should develop a questionnaire for use at the Fair to gauge what the community, vendors and those involved in the Fair would like to see the Fair evolve into in the future.

Also, we are looking for someone to manage the KIDS ZONE and someone to bring in “family” entertainment.

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the committee report be accepted as given.

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New Business:

We are the recipients of a wonderful donation from the CHAT organization who are folding their organization and have decided to donate their funds to the Farmers Institute. Our appreciation goes to the CHAT organization for their donation and for their past work on behalf of our community.

Next Directors meeting – April 15th 2024.

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on April 22, 2024.

There being no further items of business, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Submitted by,



Gerry Giles
Secretary