

Minutes of the Farmers Institute Directors meeting held on Monday, June 17, 2024 at 7 pm in the Youth Hall located at 3565 Watson Avenue in Cobble Hill, BC.

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by the President.

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The agenda be accepted as distributed.

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the May 20th Director's meeting minutes be accepted as distributed.

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Business Arising:

- Horse Field – Gerry Brecken – no report from Roy
- Fundraising Gala, October 26, 2024 – Beef & Pork and other items - ongoing
- Mastercraft Flooring Quote / we have United Flooring Quote – Mastercraft to come

Correspondence:

- BC Fairs Report re 4-H agreement recommend we do not approve. No action to be taken with respect to the agreement.
- BC Gaming Grant Denial – as a result of this denial, no further grants will be applied for this year.

President's Report – Roger indicated he had enjoyed his holiday and has focused on trying to get the grass established for the car show since he has been back. He will arrange for an over all grounds clean up when he gets back from Edmonton, but hopes George Baird will arrange for a clean up for the car show on the hall side of the grounds before then. He also reported there is a new security system for the Cobble Hill Hall – Thorn Security.

Treasurer's Report - Robin provided a treasurer's report by reviewing the financial statements for the month of May. She reported the Farmers Institute is in a solid financial position.

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The treasurer's report be accepted as presented.

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Secretary's Report - Gerry indicated the change over to Thorn Security meant learning a new coding system for renters, which proved to be a bit of a challenge. However, she thinks she has the main points mastered now with Roy's help. The final report for the United Way technical upgrade has been filed and, as far as she knows, accepted, which means the project is now complete. We came in very close to budget on that grant. The final tally shows we were over spent by \$39.93.

The rental calendars for June/July were attached to the agenda. The Farmers Institute's catering event on the 18th of June was noted, but other than that no questions were raised about rentals.

Maintenance Report – the stage at the back of the hall needs some work before the Fair.

Fair Committee Report – In Roy's absence no Fair report was given. However, in the future, the Fair minutes will be distributed to the Board.

New Business:

1. Music in the Park would like to use our WiFi system. It was noted we would need to investigate a suitable site for an antenna to avoid vandalism. Other than that possible hurdle, Music in the Park are welcome to access the WiFi system.
2. The possibility of hosting a fundraising dinner for the South Cowichan Seniors Luncheon was discussed. Gerry Giles was given approval to explore this option.
3. Michael brought up the potential of someone looking for farm work on a full-time basis. If anyone knows of a position please contact him.

Next Directors meeting – July 15th 2024.

Membership meeting – July 22nd 2024 with the possibility of someone coming from Unsworth to speak about their operation along with an update on the Fair.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 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