

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

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

The President called the meeting to order at 7 pm with the adoption of the agenda by consensus and with the addition of one item under new business.

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the minutes of the June 17<sup>th</sup> Director's meeting be accepted as distributed.

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#### Business Arising

- Horse Field – Gerry Brecken – no further contact on how to improve the field
- Fundraising Gala – October 26<sup>th</sup> - Beef & Pork and other items. Note: the Cobblestone has offered to support the event – meal and bar – tickets \$75 each  
A committee was struck to work on this Gala comprised of the following members: Betsy Burr, Jayne Shaw, Scott Robinson, George Baird, Robin Brett, Gerry Giles with Dan Johnston and Roger Painter as ex-officio
- Chinese Fundraising Dinner - August 17<sup>th</sup> we need to sell tickets @ \$25 each please make every effort to sell tickets. Scott offered to run the bar.

#### Correspondence:

- Grant received from Duncan Dabbers Bingo Society in the amount of \$5,500. The grant specified the Duncan Dabbers Bingo Society money would be used for the following: Replace the sidewalk from the handicap ramp to the basement door; at the same time fix and enlarge the drainage at the basement door to prevent flooding in basement during wet weather; and/or continue to provide equipment or support to improve the South Cowichan Seniors Luncheon Program, which has provided an important twice a month social connection for more than 140 seniors in the Mill Bay/Malahat, Shawnigan Lake, Cobble Hill and Cowichan Bay communities.

President's Report – Roger reported work is being done to make ready the booths for the Fair. He met with the mini horse people and they are satisfied with the condition of the field. He also met with Christine Ryan and feels she will do a good job running the KIDS ZONE at the Fair with the help of Inspired by Play and the Magic of Donald Dunphy. Discussion when on to talk about the need to develop a Critical Incident Policy in the event of something happening in one of our buildings or on our grounds. It was agreed we should see what is available through Victim Services and other avenues.

Treasurer's Report - Robin reviewed the financial statements and indicated given the closeness of the Fair, our finances are currently in a state of flux. However, once the Fair is held, we will be in a very solid financial position. Given the time of year, we are in a good financial state.

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The treasurer's report be accepted as presented.

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Secretary's Report - Gerry said the only thing she had to report is that she will be gone from the evening of the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July until the afternoon of the 8<sup>th</sup> of August during which time she will have

limited access to her cell phone. She indicated the Highland Dance group has the stage rented on August 9 and 10 so it is critical the stage be repaired by then. As for the Rentals Report the July & August rentals were distributed with the agenda and there were no questions.

Maintenance Report – Roger reported on the freezer door repair having been done by South Island Mechanical, which was critical as Gerry was locked in the freezer last Monday due to the lock release malfunctioning. Some sort of protocol will need to be designed for the freezer to ensure this does not happen again.

**Note:** Gerry and Roger went over to the freezer after the meeting and the freezer door release was still not working properly.

Fair Committee Report – Roy reported on the Fair meeting and indicated he was very disappointed with the proposed location of the permanent amphitheater.

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A letter be sent to the CVRD and the Cobble Hill Director both complementing the amphitheater initiative but expressing the serious concern of the SCHFIAS over the proposed location of the amphitheater.

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All committee reports be accepted as presented.

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#### New Business

1. We are again catering a lunch to the Vintage Car Club of Canada on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September (Friday). Those that normally help please mark the day,
2. After considerable discussion about the quote from Master Craft Flooring, it was

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That Master Craft Flooring's quote of \$39,545.10 including gst.be accepted and that a budget allowance of \$50,000.00 be prepared. Further, the job be planned to take place starting on the 10<sup>th</sup> of December, and that the full Master Craft flooring quote be sent to the Board of Directors.

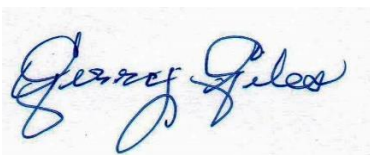
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Next Directors meeting – September 16<sup>th</sup> 2024 – or sooner at the call of the President.

Membership meeting – July 22, 2024 with a guest speaker.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gerry Giles". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Gerry Giles  
Secretary