

Minutes of the Farmers Institute Directors meeting held on Monday, November 19, 2024 at 7 p.m., which was schedule for the Cobble Hill Hall; however, due to the windstorm and power outage it was held in the Cobblestone where there is a generator and therefore lights.

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

Apologies: Roger Painter – in Australia

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the agenda be accepted as distributed.

MOTION CARRIED

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the minutes of the October 21th 2024 Directors meeting be accepted as distributed.

MOTION CARRIED

Business Arising:

Robin provided an update on the flooring replacement saying that Guy Kendal would oversee the replacement of the flooring starts on December 10th and Gerry will provide both he and Mastercraft with codes to enter the building.

Gerry reported on the Veterans Dinner. It was a very successful event and the Legion has pre booked the next two years. They enjoy the meal we provide.

The Halloween Bonfire is a community success attracting hundreds; however, there is quite a pile of wood left over that needs to be disposed of. Roy will work on this as time permits.

Correspondence:

The October 24th 2024 letter received from the Fairbridge Chapel Heritage Society asking the Farmers Institute to promote the Chapple for the hosting of weddings, celebrations of life and other special events was received and filed.

The request from Mike Wilson to locate the formerly owned Farmers Institute 12 foot Christmas tree at the back of the Farmers Institute property near the black wrought iron fence was discussed at length. The board would rather see the tree find a permanent home.

President's Report: – Roger provided the following written report. • Help with Meat Pie Program • Met with Roy and Scott to discuss potential replacements for Treasurer and Secretary and other work associated with those positions. No names have been chosen but they will work to provide some choices for those positions and board member positions for the AGM. • Helped put on the Halloween Bonfire. Wood left over was opened to the public to take. Some wood is still there, and Roy will bring his Tractor to remove the rest as time permits • Fire suppression system has now been installed and the Report on this has gone in for Insurance coverage. • Fire extinguishers have all been checked as well. • Helped with organizing the AV for a CVRD meeting. • Help out with the Veterans Vigil • Checked the electrical at the Cenotaph site to make sure it's working for Remembrance Day. Picked up wreath.

Treasurer's Report: – Robin reviewed the financial position of the Farmers Institute and indicated the books had gone to Gay Wise who is doing the review for the Annual General Meeting. She indicated this year's budget had come within \$4.52 of projection. Robin then presented the 2025 draft budget for the Board's consideration. This budget must be presented to the AGM and either accepted, amended or rejected by the membership.

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The 2025 Draft Budget be accepted as presented and recommended to the membership for approval at the Annual General Meeting. MOTION CARRIED

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

Secretary's Report - Gerry – no report.

Rentals Report - Rental Calendar November/December (subject to change)

Maintenance Report – Gerry/Robin – no report.

New Business

- Roy ordered the livestock winners from the 2024 Fair who had not be paid to be paid. Further, he requested a copy of the prize print out so that he could review it to see if there were any more livestock winners that needed to be paid. Robin noted these pay outs would show in the 2025 Fair expenses because the year-end has already gone to the accountant. She will provide the print out to Roy when the paperwork is returned from Wise Financial Services.
- Seedy Saturday – March 15, 2025 - Betsy Burr will be given the information for the event.

Annual General Membership meeting – November 25th 2024

Those up for election: Vice-President, Treasurer, Directors: George Baird, Betsy Burr, Russell Dann, Gord Dickenson and Jayne Shaw. Given Gerry's resignation, the position of Secretary is also open.

Michael St. Clair will be running the election and
Scott Robinson is the nominating committee

Next Directors Meeting – January 20, 2025 – 7 pm in the Youth Hall

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Submitted by,



Gerry Giles
Secretary