

Minutes of the Farmers Institute Directors Meeting held on Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 7 p.m. in the Cobble Hill Hall located at 3550 Watson Avenue in the Cobble Hill Village.

Those present: Roy Davies – Vice President, Scott Robertson, Betsy Burr and Gerry Giles – Secretary.

Apologies: Roger Painter in Australia and Michael St. Clair.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 and the agenda was accepted by consensus.

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minutes of the November 19 2024 Directors meeting be accepted as distributed.

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minutes of the Annual General Minutes of November 24, 2024 be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

In the absence of a Treasurer, Robin Brett submitted the following report. This is the time of year when losses will show in almost every category, simply because it's the usual time of year when income is low due to December shut down, combined with getting a lot of work done for the same reason. • Catering shows a small loss due to expenses that should have been dealt with in the last fiscal year. • Cobble Hill Fair shows a loss for the same reason. • Hall and Grounds losses are due to the progress payment made in December for work on the hall floor. It should be noted that all the funds necessary to complete this project were raised in prior fiscal years and the money to pay for the installation is in a savings account designated for that purpose. • Institute shows the normal loss for the time of year, and this will continue and grow until the CVRD grant is received in the fall. • The meat pie program shows a small profit and there is a good quantity of inventory in the freezer waiting to be sold.

Robin provided income statement and balance sheets for the month of December. She also provided a breakdown of the cost of the new floor, which is as follows:

MONEY RAISED	70,051.10	
BANK INTEREST EARNED	461.59	
MASTERCRAFT FLOOR EXPENSE		47,771.18
PLUMBING EXPENSE		338.00
NEW FLOOR MATS		543.91
	\$70,512.69	\$48,653.09

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the financial report be accepted as provided with thanks.

MOTION CARRIED

Secretary's Report - Gerry – AGM Report was filed with the Agricultural Ministry within the required timeframe, which included the results of the election and the list of 2025 Directors. This means our Society is in good standing for 2025.

Permission was sought and granted from Duncan Dabbers to use part of the grant funds from 2024 to upgrade the security system at the Youth Hall from Telus to Thorn Security. Roger had

also recommended this change. However, I am suggesting the board proceed with upgrading the Youth Hall and the Stu Armour Hall if funds permit. If this is done, it will make it much easier for a new rental coordinator to manage the buildings when he or she takes over in February. The person taking over will only need to learn one system instead of two. Also, the system in the Stu Armour Hall needs repair. There may be enough money left in the floor account to secure both buildings.

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if funds permit the Youth Hall and the Stu Armour Hall both be converted to Thorn Security.

MOTION CARRIED

Seedy Saturday – Betsy provided her report on Seedy Saturday. Email reminders have gone out to all past participants with some signing up and paying already. Facebook promotions have begun and Valley Voice has also contacted Scott to begin promoting the event. Gerry will send the Seedy Saturday logo to Scott and Betsy. The Women’s Institute will do food for the event.

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the Seedy Saturday report be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

New Business:

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George Baird be appointed to the Board of Directors for a two-year term.

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the SCHFIAS banking system be set up to enable bill and refund payments to be made by e transfers with the appropriate paperwork safeguard backup system in place.

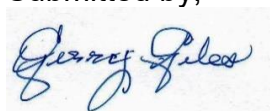
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Jim Southwell has offered to help get rid of the Halloween bonfire pile if Roy can bring the tractor over. Roy to arrange with Jim.

Next Directors Meeting – February 17, 2025 – 7 pm in the Youth Hall

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by,



Gerry Giles

Secretary