**BURRITT’S RAPIDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**MEETING MINUTES – September 10 2020**

**Members in Attendance:** Bart Bilmer, John Dwyer, Jill MacDonald, Vanda Stanley, Cameron Rhodes, Joan Simpson, Angie Lyrette (Hall Rental Agent)

**Community Members in Attendance:** None

**Financial Statement:**

No financial Statement was presented. The Treasure advised on our financial situation, which remains strong. Hydro costs have dropped; however, this is an artifact of the Hall remaining closed.

**Minutes:**

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting in August were not presented.

**Hall Rentals**:

**Update on Opening**:

Angie Lyrette updated the Board on opening preparations. The forms adapted for use are ready, as are the processes for completing and retaining them. A trial run with the Go Figure group was to be carried out on September 24th.

It was agreed that the BRCA would purchase cleaning supplies for renters.

It was also agreed to reconfigure the furniture in the Annex to discourage use and to move the fire extinguisher and First Aid Kit to make them accessible to those using the Hall without entering the kitchen, and to advise renters of this.

**Project Database**

Member Bart Bilmer reminded the Board of the database and asked for input.

**Community issues**:

**AGM**:

There was a preliminary discussion on the AGM, which cannot be held in person this year. The matter was to be re-visited at the October meeting.

**Community Activities in COVID Times**

There was a general discussion of how to engage the community in these times. It was agreed that the Board would sponsor a pumpkin-carving contest, and perhaps a mask decorating contest. Members Cameron Rhodes and John Dwyer were to coordinate on this.

**Tip-To-Tip Brochure/Tour Guide**

Member Bart Bilmer presented the brochure he had updated. There was a discussion on the need to relocate some signage.

Bart also updated the Board on his work in developing a guide for the walking tour of the community.

**Internet**

Member Cameron Rhodes updated the Board on his efforts to secure better connectivity for the community. Discussions on fibre-optics have stalled as the contractor is seemingly fully engaged with other initiatives. Cameron noted that there was a survey being run by NG on the quality of internet in the region. It was agreed that John Dwyer should send out a community email encouraging community members to participate in this.

**Historic Plaques**

It was noted that some newer residents might like to obtain historic plaques for their homes. The previous supplier has retired. While a new supplier is offering them, the cost has increased considerably. Two local carpenters were identified and it was suggested that they be approached to see if they would consider making the signs at a better rate.

**Next Meeting**

**October 8 2020 7pm**