**Burritt’s Rapids Community Association**

**Minutes of the September 2014 Board Meeting**

**Board Members Present:**

John Dwyer, Jeff Gauthier, Inge vanGemeren, Jill MacDonald, Brad Smith, Tiiu Wallner, Maureen Wilson

**Financial:**

A full financial report was not available.

**Minutes of the March 2014 Meeting:**

It was moved that the minutes as presented be accepted. This was seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**Hall Maintenance:**

Board Members thanked the Chair for organising the painting of the Hall at short notice and commented favourably on the results. (And acknowledged the key role played by Fairlie Ellis in this.) The Board reached a consensus that moving forward painting and other alterations to the Hall will respect historical accuracy as possible, in keeping with good taste and finances. This was to be done with regard to the new steps being planned.

The Chair informed the Board that repairing the latch on the main doors to the Hall had the effect of making it difficult to open the doors from the inside, which was a potential safety hazard. She was to ensure that this would be corrected.

The Chair also informed the Board that a new programmable thermostat had been installed in the Hall, which should make temperature control easier.

Board Member Brad Smith was to examine that clock gifted the Hall and determine whether it can easily be repaired, and take the appropriate action to ensure it is.

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**Other Business:**

***Memorial to Jackie Jefferys***

It was agreed that prints of Jackie Jefferys work, reflective of Burritt’s Rapids and suitably framed, will be hung in the Community Hall in memory of the long-time resident and artist. It was further agreed that this be done at a ceremony at the up-coming AGM.

***Conversation with Parks Canada***

The Chair informed the Board of a conversation she had had with a representative of Parks Canada, who dismissed the concerns raised in a recent newspaper article about the state and future of the Swing Bridge. The Board agreed that it should invite a representative of Parks Canada to its October Meeting to begin an on-going dialogue on issues of mutual interest. The Chair was to attempt to arrange this.

***Conversation with North Grenville Administration***

A recent car accident in the village prompted a conversation on traffic plans and parking signage with the NG administration. The Board agreed that it should formally ask that a traffic plan for the community be developed. It was also agreed that renters should be advised of parking rules as a matter of course and that, if they wished, a session be arranged with the appropriate parking authority for certain of them.

***NG Meeting of the Whole Committee***

Board Members Brad Smith and Tiiu Wallner reported on the recent NG Committee of the Whole meeting in Burritt’s Rapids. The main concern discussed was the name and numbering used on River Road/Burritt’s Rapids Road. The conclusion was that the name that should be consistently applied is ‘Burritt’s Rapids Road’.

***Honorarium***

The Board unanimously agreed that an honorarium of $500 per annum should be paid to Chris Robertson given the myriad of uncompensated tasks he performs in maintaining the Hall and its surroundings.

***Signage***

The Chair informed that the bilingual signage for the Tip to Tip Trail was ready to be installed and would be done so soon.

***Venomous Caterpillars***

The Chair informed and described a venomous caterpillar that had invaded the community (the “*white hickory tussock moth caterpillar*”) and asked Board Members to ‘spread the word’.

***2014 Annual General Meeting***

The Board agreed that the upcoming AGM should continue in the format used recently; groups using the Hall will be asked to set-up booths if they wish. The date selected for the Meeting was November 19th. (As mentioned above, the event will also be used to memorialise the work of the late Jackie Jefferys by hanging a few of her prints in the Hall.)

The meeting concluded at 8:45 pm.

**NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY OCTOBER 9 2014**

**7 PM at the Community Hall**

**RESIDENTS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND**