**BRCA – MINUTES(as amended)**

14 January 2016

Attendees:

**Board Members**

John Dwyer, Jeff Gauthier, Jill MacDonald, Brad Smith (interim), Inge vanGemeren, Juri Wallner, Maureen Wilson

**Residents in Attendance:**

Fairlie Ellis, Ann Martin (for discussion on the Part Strougler Memorial Fund)

**Financial Statement**

Financial statements were presented showing our continued financial health. It was moved that the statements be accepted; this was seconded and the motion approved unanimously.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the AGM were approved unanimously.

**Pat Stroulger Memorial Fund**

Ann Martin described the current situation of the Fund – it stands at just over $2600 – and asked the Board: to provide support for the initiative; to allow her to use images off the Board website in promoting the Fund; and to work together to attract donation to the Fund.

The Board agreed to provide a letter of support to her. It agreed that she could use images off the web-site and discussed various ways in which we might work together to encourage donations to the Fund. The Board agreed to consider this last issue more closely at its upcoming meeting in February and get back to her.

**Parks Canada**

***Earthen-Dam Stabilisation***

The Board reviewed the results of the AGM discussion on this issue. The consensus was that Parks Canada had done a good job in putting forward their case and that residents appreciated that. It remains that the exact nature of the work will be determined only after the results of the core drilling are obtained and analysed. The Board, through the intervention of a resident, will be attempting to get the report on those results through an Access to information request, as Parks Canada said at the AGM this was the only way that we would get the full report*.*

***Repairs to the Tip-to-Tip trail***

A Board member relayed his discussion with a representative of Parks Canada regarding the repairs that we had long-sought on the east side of the trail. That representative asked whether the repairs had been done. **UPDATE**: Following further intervention by the Board, repairs have been made and signage indicating that the trail is ‘unmaintained’ have been removed.

**Hall Maintenance**

***Fence for South Border***

The Board has solicited quotes for the work and will make a determination on who to engage on the basis of those quotes.

***HVAC Quotes***

There was continued discussion on heating costs and how these can be managed. It was agreed that a HVAC assessment would be done on the Hall. Decisions on what to do next, if anything, would depend on the results of that assessment.

***Wifi at the Hall***

Options for mounting the dish and routing the wiring for the service being purchased were discussed. It was agreed that the receptor should be mounted on the hydro intake pole and wiring routing through the cloakroom and basement.

***Hall Redesign***

It was agreed that a Committee would be formed and that a special meeting would be held on this issue. The Chairperson is to spear-head this.

On related issues, the Rental Agent and Board Member, Jeff Gauthier, reported on the need to replace lights in the Hall. It was agreed to replace the bulbs only while awaiting the re-design. Board Member, Maureen Wilson, updated the Board on the initiative to replace the curtains on the stage. It was agreed that she should proceed, but that colours chosen should be neutral so that they would ‘fit’ with the prospective Hall re-design. It was agreed that she and resident Fairlie Ellis should meet with the seamstress to select colours and fabric.

**Other Business**

***Historic Home Signage***

Interim Board Member Brad Smith reported on progress in getting plaques for houses along the main street in the Hamlet.

***Open Doors***

We have been requested to participate in North Grenville’s ‘open-doors’ initiative by opening the Hall for public visits this coming September. Various ways in which this could be done were discussed. The Chairperson is to follow-up on this.

***Mini Blues Fest***

A resident, Andrea Cordonnier, has proposed that the Hall be a locale for a mini BluesFest event (the BluesFest supports smaller community events) and has made preliminary contact to determine if this can be arranged. The Board support this initiative and will take action to move it forward.

***Community Notice Board***

A Community Notice Board will be installed at the postal box area. It will be used to post important information relevant to the community and community events.

**Community Appeal:** Those residents who attended the 2015 AGM will know that Brad Smith, who has served on the Board for various periods for many, many years, wishes to step down. No replacement came forward at the AGM and so he has agreed to act as a Member on a temporary, interim basis. The other Board Members, while they appreciate Brad’s commitment and his sage advice, again ask someone in the community to step forward.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

**7:00 pm Thursday February 11 2015**

**Residents Are Invited to Attend**