**BRCA - MINUTES**

12 May 2016

Attendees:

**Board Members**

John Dwyer, Jeff Gauthier, Inge vanGemeren, Maureen Wilson

**Residents & Others in Attendance:**

None

**Financial Statement**

No financial statements were presented.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the April Meeting were approved unanimously.

**Parks Canada**

***Monarch Waystation (Village Greening initiative)***

Parks Canada has approved the concept of the Waystation. Member John Dwyer presented the budget that had been developed as part of the proposal. Work should begin on the project in June.

**Hall Rentals & Maintenance**

***Hall Redesign***

Renovation plans were discussed by the Board and it was agreed to go ahead with the planned renovations to the ceiling and the repainting. The schedule was shifted slightly so as to cause the least possible inconvenience to renters. The plan is that the renovations occur in late August and early September.

***Rentals***

The Board was asked to consider a request from “Go Figure” to book the Hall for use during the Marrickville Art Tour. The Board discussed the options, keeping in mind the reduced rental rates now provided to the group on an interim basis and commitments made at that time. Member and Rental Agent Jeff Gauthier is to discuss options with the group.

Member and Rental Agent Jeff Gauthier also informed the Board of discussions he had concluded with our insurer about offering optional insurance to renters. In essence renters will be offered a very competitive rate for events they hold, which the Board would then collect directly thus providing a ‘one-stop’ service. The Board would pay an estimated yearly amount up-front and then settle with our insurer based on actual take-up at year’s end. The board determined to try the system to determine if it works well. A small change will be required to the rental agreement to facilitate this.

The insurer has confirmed that the Board has ‘third party liability’ coverage.

***Other Hall Issues***

Discussions with Hydro One on increased costs without corresponding increase in usage remain unfinished.

The issue of engaging someone to mow the lawns around the Hall also remains open.

Member John Dwyer reported that “greening” options for the fence on the south side of the property were limited and not maintenance free; other options, including building a wooden fence in stages, are to be pursued.

Board members Jeff Gauthier and John Dwyer are to follow up to ensure that the new sound system is set up and secured in the Hall in time for the busy summer season.

**Other Business**

 ***Village Greening Plant Sale***

Member John Dwyer reported on the results of the Plant Sale as tabulated by Village Greening Financial Officer Fairlie Ellis – a profit of slightly more than $1,000. The Board congratulated Village Greening and thanked RideauWoodlandRamble for their support to the cause.

***New Cutting Table for Hall***

The Board expressed its thanks to resident Carl Weedmark for building a new, very striking cutting table for the Hall kitchen.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

**7:00 pm Thursday June 9 2016**

**Residents Are Invited to Attend**