**BRCA - MINUTES**

8 September 2016

Attendees:

**Board Members**

John Dwyer, Jeff Gauthier, Inge vanGemeren, Brad Smith, Juri Wallner

**Residents & Others in Attendance:**

From Boots and Baskets: Cathy Ivory & Maureen Robertson

Chris Roberts

**Financial Statement**

Financial statements were presented orally, due to a problem in printing. We remain in good financial shape, although will likely show a deficit this year as a result of renovation costs. After discussion it was agreed to transfer funds currently held at the RBC to the TD Bank. **UPDATE: The Financial statements have been provided electronically to the Board.**

**Minutes**

The minutes of the June meeting were approved unanimously.

**Parks Canada**

**Bridge Repairs**

Parks Canada has asked to meet with the community to discuss repairs to the Swing Bridge, which will take place this Fall. It was proposed that the meeting be organised for September 22 from 7 to 9pm. **UPDATE: Parks Canada has confirmed for that date – information on the meeting to follow**.

**Hall Rentals & Maintenance**

***Hall Redesign***

The Board toured the Hall and were impressed with the renovations done to date. Painting was scheduled for completion by Tuesday September 13th and full rental activity to commence the day thereafter. The Board was shown samples of a new countertop for the pass-through and selected one.

**Rideau Valley Boots and Baskets** informed the Board that they were donating $1,000 to support the renovations in appreciation for the use of the Hall over the years. They indicated that they would, in addition, pay for a storage cabinet for their supplies. The Board will further consider this at its next meeting. Finally, they asked whether a monitor might be purchased so that they might show DVDs to their members.

The Chairperson discussed the contents of a **Grant Proposal** she prepared and asked for input. There was a general discussion and, among other things, it was agreed that the proposal should include new lighting and ceiling remodelling for the Annex, possible relocation of the A/C unit into the Annex, possible new exterior lighting and a new more energy efficient fridge.

***Small Halls Event***

There was a general discussion on the “Small Halls” initiative, which is sold out. Ways of expanding the event – opening the front doors to allow a few others to participate from the balcony; trying to close the street – were discussed. Board member John Dwyer was asked to follow-up with the event organiser Andrea Cordonnier. **UPDATE: Andrea Cordonnier will be circulating a note detailing the final plans for the event shortly which will include plans to expand the event. If you are not excited yet, it is time!**

***Other Hall Issues***

Discussions on increased Hydro costs continued. Month to month comparisons show usage doubled over last July. Ways of better managing the A/C were discussed. As an interim measure the default setting for not-use times was raised to 25 degrees C.

**Other Business**

***BREA***

The Board liaison to BRREA reported that the BRREA has worked out a wording misunderstanding in the “terms” sheet. Parks Canada had indicated that a new survey was not necessary prior to submitting a new application for the next round of projects at the end of October (FIT 5), however there is a need to submit an updated version of the previous survey. BRREA is on track to do this and remains confident. Hopefully the MNG council will resolve to participate again. As always, news of the initiative can be obtained from the BRREA website: [www.brpower.ca](http://www.brpower.ca)

***Village Signage***

There was a general discussion on progress to date, which has been substantive largely thanks to the efforts of interim Board Member Brad Smith.

***Visioning Exercise***

NG has announced that a follow-up to the visioning exercise for the Hamlet is in the worked with a general meeting with the Community scheduled for October 11 2016. Details to come as they are made available.

**Scott Moffat Constituency Meeting**

The Rental Agent informed the Board that Ottawa Councillor Scott Moffat was to hold a constituency meeting at the Hall on September 19. The Board asked the Rental Agent to get further info so that it could publicise the event. They also discussed issues that they might raise, including ‘line-of-sight’ issues at the intersection of Grenville and Donnelly. Details on the meeting are to be communicated to the residents as they become available.

***Traffic Calming***

The Chairperson was asked to follow-up on this project. **UPDATE: Apparently difficulties with removable speed bumps – ones installed elsewhere disappeared within 24 hours – have given pause to implementation. Discussions are on-going on how to proceed, including whether it is possible to somehow ‘lock’ the removable speed bumps to avoid theft while at the same time not making them permanent**.

**Community Notice Board**

The Board noted the work done by resident Chris Roberts to build and install the new Community Notice Board located near the postal boxes. Contact Chris or Inge if you wish access to the Board.

**Search for a new Rental Agent**

Board member and Rental Agent Jeff Gauthier announced that, due to his other work and family obligations, he would be unable to continue the act as Rental Agent effective January 2017. The Board thanked Jeff for his service over the last three years. The Board will be considering options and would be more than happy to hear from any Community member who may wish to volunteer.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

**7:00 pm Thursday October 13 2016**

**Residents Are Invited to Attend**