**Draft Minutes – BRCA Board Meeting**

20 May 2017

**Attendees:**

**Board Members**

Andrea Cordonier, John Dwyer, Jeff Gauthier, Inge vanGemeren, Juri Wallner, Maureen Wilson

**Community Members:**

Fairlie Ellis; Mary Hegan

**Financial Statement**

No financial statements were presented.

**February Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the April 2017 Board Meeting were approved unanimously.

**Hall Rentals & Maintenance**

There was a detailed discussion on flooring choices for the Hall. The pros and cons of the various choices being considered (vinyl; hydrocork, engineered hardwood and hardwood) were debated using as a guide a paper prepared by Member John Dwyer and resident Fairlie Ellis.

Cost was an important factor and, while this is notional, the Chairperson indicated that in the best of worlds she hoped that the job could be completed for about $20,000. A good portion of that is available through our existing Canada 150 grant; there is also the possibility that we might qualify for a Trillium Grant to cover at least some of the remainder.

After deliberation it was determined that vinyl was the best option primarily because of the cost advantage of the product, its durability, its low-maintenance requirements, its relatively good ‘faux-wood’ look and the desire on the part of some to have a uniform product installed throughout the Hall and Annex.

It was agreed that final quotes were to be obtained that were consistent as to the material to be used and the areas to be covered.

Member Andrea Cordonier indicated that she would look further into an option that had not been considered: linoleum.

**Other Business**

**Hall Sound System**

Member John Dwyer reported that he and resident Mark Blaisdell had installed the system into the cabinet. The Board noted the effort made by Mark in this and thanked him for his help.

**Four Winds Brigade**

Residents Fairlie Ellis and Mary Hegan informed the Board of the Four Winds Brigade voyageur canoe initiative (see voyageurbridage.org for further information). One of the four winds (south) will pass through Burritt’s Rapids on June 29th, stopping for lunch and a tour of the Butterfly Garden. The Board indicated that residents should be informed of the event and invited to welcome the contingent. Member Jeff Gauthier was asked if his son, Callum, might be available to pipe the canoeist in and out of the area. Jeff was to follow-up on this. (UPDATE: Callum has agreed to pipe the Brigade in and out of the Hamlet.)

**Parks Canada Dam Repair**

Resident Mary Hegan alerted the board to the possible negative consequences of dam rehabilitation on the north side of the Canal around the spillway at the dam.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

**June 15th at 7pm**