**BRCA –2017 AGM MINUTES**

30 November 2017

Attendees:

**Board Members**

John Dwyer, Inge vanGemeren, Jill MacDonald

**Special Guests:**

From the City of Ottawa: Councillor Scott Moffat (at end of meeting), Rayna Boutet (representative of the Ottawa Rural Community Building-Grant Program)

From the Municipality of North Grenville: Deputy Mayor Barb Tobin, Councillor Donovan Arnaud, Councillor Frank Onasanya; Deron Johnston from the NG Times

**Community Residents in Attendance of AGM:**

Sean McCann, Ellie McCann, Lianna McCann, Greg Johnston, Abbie Johnston, Bob Walker, Fairlie Ellis, Dick Hegan, Mary Hegan, David Simpson, Joan Simpson, Olivia Mills, Kathy Knott, Chris Roberts, Tiiu Wallner, Brad Smith, Renee Smith, Ann Martin, Aileen Weston, Jane Couch, Margaret Munroe, Marie McLean-Bradley

(Please note if you were in attendance but forgot to sign the attendance list, or if I have missed you, let me know.)

**Annual Report**

**Achievement and Plans**

The Chairperson of the Association presented the Annual Report highlighting the achievements of the Board during the year and the proposed priorities for the coming year. She noted in particular the efforts taken to secure funding for, and undertaking, much needed renovations to the Hall interior. She also noted, and thanked, the many volunteers that supported the work of the Board and subsidiary Committees over the year. (Update: Long-time Greening volunteer Joan Simpson was inadvertently left off the list of volunteers in the Annual Report. This oversight is deeply regretted.) In particular she thanked Greg Johnston who has assumed the duties of rental agent for the Board. She also noted and thanked the renters, regular and special-occasion, that allow the Hall to remain both vital and viable. Finally, she noted and thanked the granting agencies and programs that provided regular and special funding to the Board over the year.

It was moved that the AGM Report be accepted; this was seconded by resident Marie MacLean-Bradley and approved unanimously.

**Financial Report**

The Treasurer ran through the budget figures for the year and projections for the future. The overall financial picture remains highly positive, in large part due to continued good rental income. The Treasurer did point out, once again, the high hydro costs.

It was moved that the Financial Report be accepted as presented. This was seconded by residents Fairlie Ellis and Kathy Knott and approved unanimously.

**Introduction of Dignitaries**

The Chair introduced the various representatives of the City of Ottawa and the Municipality of North Grenville in attendance, and thanked them for their continued financial and other support. The senior representative from North Grenville, Barb Tobin, acknowledged the report of the Board and echoed the vote of thanks given to the many volunteers that supported the Community.

Finally the Chairperson read a statement the Board had received from the Minister responsible for the Canada 150 Infrastructure Program.

**Greening Committee**

The Greening Committee presented their report, highlighting the work of the Committee during the year, and also thanking the volunteers that made this possible. The Chairperson of the Committee indicated that there it had not yet been determined whether there would be a plant sale in 2018, and, if so, what form that sale would take. Residents were told that they would be informed of a decision on this as soon as it was taken.

**Other Committee Reports: BRREA**

The Burritt’s Rapids Renewable Energy Association (BRREA) did not make a formal report, but were thanked by the Chairperson for their continuing engagement on this file.

Details on the work of BRREA and its current activities are available on their website [www.brpower.ca](http://www.brpower.ca)

**Election of a New Board**

As required by the by-laws, the existing Board stepped down. Members Jeff Gauthier, Juri Wallner and Maureen Wilson had previously indicated that they were not seeking a renewal of their mandate. The remaining Board members (Inge vanGemeren, Andrea Cordonier (in advance), John Dwyer, Jill MacDonald) indicated a willingness to continue.

Marie MacLean-Bradley indicated her willingness to join the Board and was enthusiastically endorsed. (UPDATE: Subsequent to the AGM, residents Joan Simpson and Bart Bilmer indicated that they would join the Board.)

The Board was elected by acclamation.

The Chairperson thanked departing members for their years of service and the Meeting was adjourned.