

BURRITTS RAPIDS RENEWABLE ENERGY ASSOCIATION (BRREA)

MINUTES (#36)

Wednesday, July 24, 2013. 7:10-9:15pm. Burritts Rapids Community Hall

Present: Patrick Gonneau (Chair), Bob Gaudette, Cameron Duff, Muffy Koch, Mary Hegan

Absent: David Simpson, Michael Harrington

1	Welcome The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed the board members.	
2	Review of previous Minutes Item 7 was changed to indicate that the Genivar report was handed out in confidence to the invited participants. The altered minutes were accepted and may be posted on the website.	Muffy Muffy
3	Treasurers report The Treasurer reported on the BRREA bank account. No feedback has been received on the HST claim. Bob will issue the promissory notes to each board member and previous members.	Bob
4	FIT Update The board discussed the current status of the FIT application.	
5	Parks Canada Update Cameron will notify Mark Baldwin at PC that the EA is on hold until BRREA has a project plan to submit. Mary will call Bill Fox at PC regarding status of the priority permit.	Cameron Mary
6	Review of Brain Storming notes Mary will follow up on these ideas, look at financial viability and put out ideas in a point form to share with the board. This summary will be used to set up exploratory meeting, e.g., financial viability options, applying for co-op set up funds, partnerships, etc.	Mary
7	Ontario review of the Long-Term Energy Plan The Ministry of Energy is undertaking a formal review of Ontario's Long-Term Energy Plan. This may be an opportunity for BRREA to express our opinions on small hydro. Submissions have been requested and there is a survey on the website. Patrick has replied and requests others do the same. The brainstorming session identified a need for a clear policy statement on the funding of small hydro. Michael Jiggins has put in a request to have us invited to the stakeholder meeting (by invitation only). If we get this invitation, we will need to have a statement. Bob and Muffy will work on this and circulate a draft by 15 Aug for the meeting on 21 Aug. Bob will talk at meeting if BRREA is invited. The position paper can be used to follow up on our letter to Ontario Minister of Energy.	All Bob, Muffy Bob
8	New business Meetings with municipalities: Need to know what funding options are available that will lower finance costs. Also need to discuss the options for financial viability. Demonstration project approach – need to sell this idea to municipalities. Put together a document showing clear benefits for use at these meetings. Developers: If we give one developer the head and the flow data BRREA must be prepared to give other developers this information as well. Patrick will advise any developer that we are doing our financial research and will get back to them. Partnership guidelines. Muffy drafted this and board will get back with input.	Patrick All
9	Next Meeting Date: Thurs 22 August at 7pm at the Hall. Handover of Chair to Bob.	
10	Meeting adjourned	