

**BURRITTS RAPIDS RENEWABLE ENERGY ASSOCIATION (BRREA)  
BOARD MEETING (#37)**

**Thursday, August 22, 2013. 7:00-10:00pm. Burritts Rapids Community Hall**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Patrick Gonneau (CHAIR), Muffy Koch, David Simpson, Mary Hegan, Bob Gaudette

**Apologies:** Cameron Duff

**Absent:** Michael Harrington

Item	Action
<p><b>1: Welcome</b> The Chair welcomed the board members and reviewed the Agenda, which was accepted with two additions. The board reflected on the sad loss of BRREA member, Jackie Jefferys. BRREA Board will send a note to Howard Jefferys.</p>	Muffy
<p><b>2: Review of previous Minutes</b> The minutes were accepted as amended. Revised minutes will be sent to board members and posted on the website.</p>	Muffy
<p><b>3: Treasurers report.</b> There was little change in BRREA’s account since the last meeting. The promissory notes will be issued. The FIT refund is being sent via David Simpson to BRREA. Discussion on how to allocate the FIT refund will take place at the next meeting. Patrick will keep the BRREA account information until the Treasurer is back in mid-September.</p>	David & Patrick
<p><b>4: Long-Term Energy Plan Report</b> Bob reported on his attendance at the Ontario Long-Term Energy Plan (LTEP) consultation meeting (by invitation only). <b>The province is going to require municipalities to have local municipal energy plans.</b> <b>Bob’s recommendations:</b> 1. The BRREA policy document is very important and needs to be completed and sent to the Province in response to the LTEP consultation. Board members suggested improvements that Bob will make and circulate to the Board by Sunday, so he can submit the document electronically by for the 27<sup>th</sup> September. 2. Contact the municipalities related to the proposed municipal energy plan and ask them to note BRREA’s interest in being involved with respect to community hydro. Mary will contact Ottawa and Patrick will contact NG. 3. Follow up on the transmission capacity issue – were they wrong? Patrick will email Hydro One to ask for clarity regarding the lack of capacity and to ask when BRREA can expect to go ahead.</p>	Bob ALL Mary, Patrick Patrick
<p><b>5: Other business</b> <b>Other energy opportunities and ideas:</b> Board members were asked to consider whether there are other energy projects that we should be looking at, e.g., Biomass (wood; manure; water weed); other hydro sites, e.g., Andrews ville; solar; wind, etc. <b>David will investigate the co-op model issues:</b> Bob will send the co-op links he has found to David. CEPP \$20,000 grant is <i>not</i> to research setting up a co-op, it is for establishing a <i>registered</i> co-op. <b>Eastern Ontario Energy Retreat, Aug. 22nd</b> – Mary did not attend because the focus was on conservation measures and requirements for developing new properties/buildings. <b>Work plan for economic viability.</b> Mary presented the plan she developed in accordance with the last minutes. <i>Moving forward:</i> Understanding municipal role seems to be a priority. Mary will send electronic</p>	ALL David, Bob Mary

<p>copies to all board members. Board members will read through and comment on the summary directly to Mary. Important to prioritise on where to spend our time.</p> <p><b>Ontario Waterpower Association (industry) negotiations with Parks Canada:</b> Mary spoke to Paul Norris regarding their consultation with Parks Canada on water power potential. He suggested BRREA sends him a case study of what we have done, but Mary will first ask for OWA's objectives before sending BBREA's position paper.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>Mary</p>
<p><b>6: Thank you and hand over of Chair to Bob</b></p> <p>Chair thanked Bob for attending the LTEP meeting yesterday. He thanked the board for supporting him during his position as Chair and noted that to move forward we need to find ways to make the project viable and valuable to the community. Patrick will be acting Chair until Bob returns on 16 Sept. From 17 Sept Bob will be the Chair for three months.</p>	<p>Patrick</p>
<p><b>7: Adjournment</b></p> <p>Next Meeting Date: Towards end of Sept. after the 23<sup>rd</sup>.</p> <p>Muffy gave apologies for not attending board meetings until after 5<sup>th</sup> Nov.</p>	<p>Bob</p>