

**BURRITTS RAPIDS RENEWABLE ENERGY ASSOCIATION (BRREA)
BOARD MEETING (#38)**

Thursday, October 3, 2013. 7:30-9:50pm. Burritts Rapids Community Hall

Minutes

Present: Bob Gaudette (CHAIR), Patrick Gonneau, Michael Harrington, Mary Hegan, David Simpson,

Apologies: Muffy Koch

Absent: Cameron Duff

Item	Action
<p>1: Welcome The Chair welcomed the board members and reviewed the Agenda. On behalf of the Board, Bob thanked Patrick for his chairmanship over the past 4 months. The Agenda was accepted as circulated</p>	
<p>2: Review of previous, draft Minutes-August 22, 2013 Some edits were made to the draft Minutes, which were adopted as amended (Patrick moved; Michael seconded). Bob will write corrections as approved ; send to Muffy for posting on web-site. Notes for this meeting will be written by Mary, in Muffy's absence.</p>	<p>Bob Muffy Mary</p>
<p>3: Treasurers report. a) Little change in BRREA Account since August. b) Bob, as Treasurer, is completing promissory notes for each Director, present and past, and may need to consult with some individuals to complete this task. c) The FIT application fee will be managed by David Simpson,. Bob agreed to speak with Grenville Community Futures Development Corporation in this regard. d) Mary and Bob informed Board that D&O Liability Insurance will come up for renewal on January 10, 2014. Over next few months Board will need to consider renewal (approx. \$700.) in light of BRREA business plan for 2014.</p>	<p>Bob David Bob Board</p>
<p>4: Directors Updates a) FIT application—David to pursue as discussed in Treasurer's Report b) COOP Research -David will continue research, whether creating coop for hydro project is worthwhile, draft findings and make written recommendation to BRREA Board. c) Long-Term Energy Plan (LTEP) by Ontario government - Written response, developed and approved on-line by BRREA Board, was submitted by deadline. Patrick will send final copy of submitted brief to all Board members. This submission was in addition to participation by Bob at an all-day stakeholder meeting. Since discussions started on the LTEP, OPA has announced slight increase in rate for hydro power. d) Parks Canada/Ontario Waterpower Association- BRREA Board has talked with Parks Canada about not renewing priority permit until the financial viability and other issues are addressed. There have been discussions with Bill Fox and EA representative re BRREA's immediate workplan. No further action at this time re discussion with OWA about their collaboration and proposal to Parks Canada for hydro development along the Rideau system. e) Hydro Viability-Municipalities - A priority action for BRREA is to meet with City of Ottawa and North Grenville bureaucracies. This will be done once BRREA has researched financial options towards making dam project more financially viable, develop strategy re new approaches to financing, and confirm set of questions to explore with Ottawa and North Grenville Councils re future partnership</p>	<p>David David Patrick Bob Patrick</p>

<p>possibilities. Bob will review financial findings and recommendations in Genivar report. Patrick will work with him in RET screen analysis. When speaking with municipalities, BRREA wishes to learn more about, and contribute to, their municipal Energy Plans which the province recommends that municipalities develop if they have not already done so.</p> <p>f) RET Screen - Patrick's analysis to date indicates the need to reduce total expenditures for dam project closer to \$3 M in order to make present hydro dam proposal financially doable. Patrick offered to continue doing RET screen analyses for various financial options.</p> <p>g) OPA Grid Connection – It was agreed to determine from OPA why their conclusion for not awarding a FIT contract was due to a lack of transmission capacity at Smith Falls station. On-line information and Hydro One discussions do not support this claim. Need to fully understand the OPA decision before reapplying for FIT.</p>	<p>Board</p> <p>Patrick</p> <p>David</p>
<p>5: Status, Future Direction and Communications Plan</p> <p>Board agreed it was important to update BRREA members about latest information and Board actions, since AGM, re Hydro Project. This might include receiving assistance and support from members re future actions. Michael agreed to draft written communication for members, to be sent in October, and circulate to Board members for input.</p>	<p>Michael</p>
<p>6: New Business</p> <p>There were no additional items.</p>	
<p>7: Next Meeting and Adjournment</p> <p>Next Meeting Date: No date was confirmed. Chair will organize next meeting and agenda towards end of November. A number of actions were identified before the next Board meeting.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 9:50pm</p>	<p>Bob</p>