

## **Minutes (Accepted)**

### **BURRITT'S RAPIDS RENEWABLE ENERGY ASSOCIATION (BRREA)**

#### **2016-2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Burritt's Rapids Community Hall

7:30-9:00 pm

**Board Members Present:** David Simpson (chair), Drew Avis, Patrick Gonneau, Bob Walker (secretary and webmaster)

**Regrets:** Bob Gaudette, Michael Harrington, Juri Wallner (BRCA Liaison)

- 1. Welcome/Comments from the Chair:** David Simpson opened the meeting by welcoming attendees and introducing Board members in attendance and absent. He also presented regrets from municipal representatives Donovan Arnaud (North Grenville) and Scott Moffatt (Ottawa) as well as Steve Clark (MPP), who were unable to attend the meeting but continue to express their support for the project.
- 2. Review and Approval of Agenda:** Patrick Gonneau moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Marianne Fizet
- 3. Approval of 2016 AGM Minutes:** Motion by Cameron Duff, seconded by Julie Gonneau.
- 4.** The Chair presented the **2016-2017 Annual Report** (part of the handout package) and elaborated on BRREA's activities during the past year including questions as to next steps.
- 5.** The Chair presented **BRREA's Financial Report** (part of the handout package) on behalf of Treasurer Bob Gaudette. The Report was approved with all in favour following a motion by Patrick Gonneau, seconded by Drew Avis.
- 6.** The **Question and Answer Session** allowed Board members and attendees to address issues such as the distribution of contracts (by percentage) that would be awarded to various entities under the current FIT 5 program; the reason for and implications of North Grenville's decision to exit the partnership with BRREA and Equinox (who, consequently, are now equal shareholders in Burritt's Rapids Hydro Inc.); and the format of an Environmental Assessment should the partners be successful in their current bid. Attendees agreed that if this latest application were to be denied there could be alternatives going forward.
- 7.** Marianne Fizet acted as **Elections** Chair as four Board positions were opening up. The four Board members up for re-election, David Simpson, Drew Avis, Bob Walker and Michael Harrington, agreed to let their name stand again and were acclaimed as no one else came forward to join the Board. Meeting attendee Dean Hamel stated that he would be happy to step in should there be a need.
- 8. Meeting Adjournment** at 9 pm following a motion by Patrick Gonneau.