

## Mississippi Mills Residents' Association (MMRA)

Board of Directors, Minutes  
September 5, 2007, 7:30 pm  
M2M Boardroom, Thoburn Mill

| Present                    | Regrets                 |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Bill Duncan-Dir Rural      | Shaun McLaughlin -Treas |
| David Steventon – Strategy |                         |
| George Yaremchuk – Web     |                         |
| Arnie Francis- Chair       |                         |
| Amanda Gorman-Sec          |                         |
| Jill McCubbin-Dir Urban    |                         |

Meeting commenced at 7:00pm

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting – June 25, 2007: Moved by Arnie, seconded by David- approved
2. No Agenda Items
3. No new business
4. Treasurer's Report – in Shaun's absence Arnie reported that we have approximately \$300 n the bank Shaun to identify o/s bank items at next meeting (Shaun)
5. Membership Report –Arnie reported that so far about 40 renewals have been made – approximately 140 members in total. Circulation list is currently about three times larger than membership list.
6. Director's Reports
  - a. Urban-Jill reported that the submission for Sadler Dev and Houchiami will be posted on the website.
  - b. Rural-Bill discussed the need to educate people on what Almonte used to be, and the million dollar farm operations that still exist and currently support the economic structure of Mississippi Mills. Food sourcing and protection was discussed and a sub committee was born to develop an info session/trade show to raise awareness on food security, farming and conscious consumerism. **Action Bill, Amanda, David.** (Amanda to coordinate.) February is target date. Strategy-David suggested that we take the time while attending council meetings of the various orders to not only take notes, but to take specific calculations of votes, Jill pointed out that it would be only necessary to clearly outline the subject and who on council votes nay. David went on to develop the idea of a vote matrix and Bill suggested to publicize this matrix, billboard style. **Action meeting attendees, or designates.**
  - c. Communications –Arnie suggests that we need to take the next step re: our website and develop a user-friendly archive and make the interface easy to use, to facilitate information search. Jill suggests to do this going forward and capture all previous works in one central location instead of putting efforts towards retroactive cataloguing. Arnie noted a communiqué will go out this week and opened the floor for input. The Uranium Mine info session was suggested to be advertised **Action Arnie** Arnie inquired about advertising opportunities and Jill pointed out we receive "affiliated with" in the HUMM for the Lecture Series free of charge. It was discussed to take an add out with the Folkus series – costly, about \$500.
7. New Business
  - a. Arnie requested that the leads make the effort if not to attend the committee meetings personally, to delegate an attendee in order to collect as much information as possible and to have a visable presence at the town meetings
  - b. 1<sup>st</sup> year- Councillor Report Cards were suggested. This discussion tied into the note taking with the vote matrix, with the standing offer from Bill to use the resources of the Lanark Landowners Association, we will table this until we have enough data compiled to make a report worthy of advertising. **Action ALL**

- c. Arnie presented to the board the request to sponsor the Uranium Mining Information Session and on Oct 12 2007. Costs: \$55 for AUC Social Hall plus misc expenses. It was so moved David and seconded by Bill. Venue has been booked, Some final items still pending. **Action Arnie to contact Frontenac Ventures?**
- d. MM at a Glance-Sep 6, Arnie will attend. **Action Arnie.**
- e. All number of Board members are as follows:



Motion to adjourn by Arnie, seconded by Jill.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35pm

Next meeting to be held Wed, Oct 17/07 – Appleton Museum. **Action David** to confirm space.