

## DIRA Executive Minutes January 4<sup>th</sup> 2021 Old School Meeting start 4:05pm

Attendees:

Ron Shepherd (chair), Frieda Werden, Howard Stewart, Andrew Pringle and Bob French

1. Meeting called to order.
2. A motion to approve minutes from the November 9th executive meeting passed.
3. **Board Membership:**

There was some discussion regarding the need for new board members. Executive members will think about potential nominations.

4. **Volunteer Recognition:**

The board previously agreed committee members are not entitled to gifts from DIRA administered funds. DIRA doesn't have much money or means to show volunteer appreciation, however the board agreed volunteer appreciation is very important. Ron put an insert in the Grapevine at the end of 2020 thanking all volunteers and included the names of the members in each committee.

With no public meeting scheduled for the near future, Ron intends to follow up the volunteer appreciation insert with another insert describing what's going on with each committee.

Donations from members/residents to the Trails Committee have accumulated to over \$1,300. The board understanding was that these funds were designated for equipment or other expenses not covered in their budget. However, the committee may have more information.

Ron will ask the Trails Committee chairperson if there is anything in their minutes regarding how this money should be spent and the Board will work with the Trails Committee to establish guidelines for the use of the funds.

5. **Resident Donations to Committees:**

A resident inquired about donating money to a specific committee to show appreciation for good work.

The board agreed that in the interest of fairness to all committees, our position regarding donations to specific committees is to advise the potential donor that discretionary donations should be discussed directly with the committee chair.

**6. Public Meetings:**

The board does not feel it is appropriate to hold meetings for the first few months of 2021 due to the COVID 19 public health guidelines, in addition to the closure of both halls, however we still want to communicate with residents.

Ron will send an email to all members informing them of the decision to suspend meetings and will attach the Grapevine Volunteer Appreciation insert and any followup inserts.

Andrew will get the Volunteer Appreciation insert posted to the DIRA website.

**7. Garbage Contract:**

Bob is working on bringing the whole island into the garbage collection system when the contract is renewed. The north end is getting populated and these residents are inquiring about garbage pickup.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:00.