

Minutes of meeting on Tuesday, 22nd January 2019.

Reports:

Cross Island Trail:

Tim was not at the meeting so no report was available. Allan mentioned a conversation with Tim about the trail, Tim stated that he had several times driven the trail looking for downed branches and such, but with the trail covered in snow for all of February there was little else to do. Due to these unusual conditions and that Tim had been available all month to maintain the trail it was agreed that Tim should be paid the honorarium for February.

January saw a few of us clear trail in Boyle Point Park. A large tree was cut away on the trail to the bluff area and another big tree was cut away on the trail that links the main trail to the west trail, other small trees and branches were also cut away. It was a very successful outing.

BC Parks recently purchased for us some equipment as previously reported, however Jason, who delivered the items to Allan forgot a previously paid for extension for our pruning chainsaw. Allan recently picked this item up; therefore we no longer need to purchase this item.

Graeme reported for the Parks Committee that Derek Moore has reneged on funding for the new trail to link up Park Road to the new CVRD RoW trail, he stated that the funds were needed elsewhere. Our group discussed the matter and decided that a lack of funds at this time should not prevent us improving the trail and building a small bridge across a creek and installing a culvert. When, in the future funds are again available for this project we can at that time improve trail standards to BC Park's satisfaction if necessary. It is an unfortunate loss of funding at this time because the trail had been finally approved by Jason, the Head Ranger for BC Parks.

Also in the funding loss was the purchase of gravel to improve the surface of the new trail into the Chick-a-Dee Lake area.

Old Business:

We now know the final price for the flail mower, including taxes the full purchase price is \$2,922.08. The Denman Island Fire Department Association has agreed to give us a donation of \$2,000.00 and the Trails and Parks Committees will pay the difference in equal amounts. We have Graeme to thank for making this purchase possible, the suggestion was his as was soliciting funds from the Association.

A cheque has been cut to purchase another battery for the blower and 3-sets of ear muffs. Allan will pick-up the items soon.

New Business:

A motion was presented, seconded and passed to spend \$461.04 of our CVRD money toward our share in the purchase of the new flail mower. An equal amount will be provided by the Parks Committee.

With the current cold weather and snow on the ground it was decided to hold off on a work party. When the snow goes and temperatures go up we will probably elect to start work on the new Park Road by-pass trail, date to be announced.

Allan circulated an e-mail from Daniel May regarding a course on how to deal with discarded needles, there was no interest from our committee.

We needed more volunteers for the Cross Island Trail maintenance walks and volunteers soon stepped up. See notes at bottom of minutes.

Graeme brought up the matter of a dangerous large Alder tree that threatens the stairs at Morning Beach Park. It seems a couple of tree fallers have been approached however neither was willing to take the job on. Discussions among ourselves concluded that we, as a Committee could not attempt the trees removal but Graeme would approach Wild Bill and ask if he was up to the task. Without the removal of this tree the stairs may well be closed by the CVRD until either the tree is removed or falls down.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

The Cross Island Trail maintenance walks are as follows:

Ian, March: Howard, April: Ralph, May: Graeme, June: Tim, July.

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, 26th March 2019 at 7.30 pm (19.30-hrs) at the Fire Hall.**