

## Minutes of meeting on October 2018.

### **Reports:**

#### Cross Island Trail:

Ian maintained the trail in September, his report was circulated, Rick maintained the trail in October, no report at this time.

Our last 2- trail work parties had a greater turn-out, on the 19<sup>th</sup> September a group of us cleared a feeder trail from a log landing to the Railway Marsh Trail. This trail was heavily overgrown but with our saws and brush cutters we successfully cleared the trail, Graeme on his tractor mowed the bed of the trail as a finishing touch. On the 15<sup>th</sup> October we cleared Graeme's Trail. Graeme had previously mulched the trail bed while we concentrated on cutting back the branches and broom that overhung the trail. It was a long slog but we cleared the entire trail that lead to a bigger multi-purpose trail which in turn leads to either the Butterfly Reserve or Wren Road, which ever you choose.

Tim reported for the Parks Committee that the CVRD plans for a park on Piercy Road are going ahead.

### **Old Business:**

The new and bigger battery for our hand held blower has proved to be well worth the price.

### **New Business:**

Allan reported that the financing we receive from the CVRD is topped up to about \$2,500.00/year. Unfortunately Allan does not know when monies are added to our account but the DIRA treasurer assures us that we will know well before there is a risk of us overspending. Allan keeps a constant check on what we spend so can easily account if we may reach the limit of our spending.

**Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> October** is the date for our next trail clearing; we will be cutting down a small number of dead trees that risk falling across the Cross Island Trail near the junction of North Central Road on the east side. **Please meet at the Green Cemetery Parking Area at 10-am. (10.00 hrs.)**

A motion was unanimously passed for Graeme to purchase 2-chains for his small chainsaw and submit the bill to the Trails Committee for re-imburement.

We had meaningful discussion on the possibility of purchasing a flail mower that would be operated by Graeme's tractor and make clearing of the trail-bed much more efficient.

The cost of the unit would be around \$2,000.00 to \$2,500.00 and it was agreed that Graeme would price out a possible unit. Regarding funding this unit we agreed that we would approach the Denman Fire Department and BC Parks for financial help.

A motion was unanimously passed to purchase 5-gallons of gas and 5-gallons of diesel from our funds.

It was agreed to work on the trail on the west side of Boyle Point Park, in places this trail runs very close to a steep drop-off and we want to move the trail away from the edge in several places. We use our ATV to carry our equipment and to get the ATV to the west trail we need to travel over some property administered by the Island Trust Fund who in turn has an agreement with Denman Conservancy to care for the land. Ian will ask Erica, of Denman Conservancy for permission to cross this section of land to maintain the west trail. Should this permission be granted we will organize a work party to start on this trail safety project.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

The Cross Island Trail maintenance walks are as follows:

**Graeme, November; Michael, December; Allan, January; Tim, February.**

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 am (19.30-hrs) at the Fire Hall.**

**For your info:**

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