

DIRA Trails Minutes, January 2018.

Reports:

Both Allan and Anne submitted reports on the Cross Island trail maintenance. A short discussion was held regarding the raking of leaves from the trail, there was a consensus that possibly only the deciduous leaves needed raking from the trail as the needle type leaves seem to work as a barrier against the growth of grass. We will discuss this further when Daniel May visits.

The Parks Committee has learned from Erica Bland that Sean White is now willing to sign over a small portion of his land to Denman Conservancy which will allow a portion of the trail that flows from the Conservancy lands into the BC Parks land to become public property. This will save the conservancy the expense of building a boardwalk over the marsh.

Allan made a short report on the purchase of the new chain sharpener. Between the time Allan priced it out and had passed a motion at a Trails meeting and being issued a cheque the price had increase \$70.00 for the Canadian machine. Eventually Allan was able to purchase one in the U.S. at a price cheaper than the original total purchase price. Overall we saved about \$12.50

Old Business:

Nothing to report.

New Business:

It was generally agreed to add the new extension to the Cross Island Trail to the monthly maintenance walk, the monthly honorarium will go up to \$125.00/month.

With a flurry of e-mails going between Daniel May and the Trail Committee it was decided to invite Daniel to our next meeting that we will hold on **Tuesday, 27th February and meet at 10-am at the Fire Hall**, this will allow Daniel to catch suitable ferries each way. Topics on the agenda to ask Daniel are: Corrigan RoW, Leaf raking, Signage, Volunteer recognition present, The new maintenance guy.

Our next work-party is on **Tuesday, 20th February, meet at 10-am at the corner of Northwest and Creekside roads**. We will be improving a trail in Denman Island Park that leads to the bluffs.

Any other business:

Graeme reported that a section of the Morning Beach Stairs has been undermined and that Ron Shepard has been requested to close the stairs until the CVRD have come up with a solution.

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