

Minutes of meeting on Tuesday, 24th October 2017.

We welcomed Boyd MacKean as a new member.

Reports:

Due to Tim being indisposed no Cross Island report is available at this time.

Ralph and Margie, November: Allan, December: Anne, January:

On the 17th of October a good number of people attended to up-grade the top part of the Betty's Beach trail. The top part of the trail was substantially widened making the trail much safer to travel. Our group worked hard and accomplished a great deal in the timeframe allotted.

Parks Committee report:

A scouting for a trail to bypass private property near the gravel pit was carried out, however it is hoped that the CVRD may be able to find survey points to ensure the trail is correctly sited.

A trail clearing was also carried out on the trail from the Beadnell Bridge to Pickles Road, this was a second clearing of the trail and now the way is basically clear of obstructions.

A boardwalk is planned over the marsh near the property of Shawn White between Islands Trust land and BC Parks land. Tim and Graeme estimated the cost of putting up about a 110-foot long boardwalk. The Conservancy people will be organizing the construction of this project. This boardwalk will allow the crossing of the marsh year round and in flooded conditions.

Our recent article that appeared in the Grapevine will cost us \$31.80, while we were not aware there was a charge for articles it seems the new owners see fit to charge. A motion was passed to pay this amount.

Old Business:

The hike that Ralph was to set-up in Paradise Meadows area has been cancelled.

In a rough calculation it was found that there are 9.2-kilometers of trail in Boyle Point Park. (These are the official trails.) In the new Denman Island Park there are 21.8-kilometers of trail. (How many of these trails become official is yet to be decided.) Generally speaking the Trails Committee is working to keep 31.2-kilometers of trails open for public use.

The new extension of the Cross Island Trail is just under a kilometer long. When this trail is finished we agreed that we will still keep 1-person monthly to maintain the complete trail, (Which includes the new section of trail.) and we agreed to raise the honorarium to \$125.00/ month.

New Business:

Further to the matter of the Jane Fox issue it was agreed that Allan will pen a letter and e-mail it out for the Committee's approval. The approved letter will then be sent to DIRA with a copy to BC Parks. If approved by DIRA they will forward it on to Jane Fox. The issue of spray painting hazards in the Park was not approved by Derek Moore so that issue is now dead.

A date has been set to clear the shady lane trail, the date, **Tuesday, 21st November**. **Meet at the gravel pit entrance off of Park Road at 9.30-am.** Graeme will be bringing the Fire Department ATV to carry the gear. If time permits we will flag a temporary trail from shady lane trail west to link up with the multi-purpose trail we recently cleared.

It was suggested we hike the recently cleared trail from Beadnell Bridge through to Pickles Road and back. **On Tuesday, 31st October at 9.30-am meet at the Spruce trail entrance that leads to the Beadnell Bridge.**

Allan will present the Trails Committee budget at the November DIRA meeting. With the fact that we have more trails to maintain we will suggest our yearly budget be increased to \$2,500.00. This was agreed at our meeting.

To-date this year we have racked up 228.5 hours in our on-going efforts to keep trails on Denman Island Parks in good condition.

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, 28th November 2017.**