

Minutes of DIRA Board of Directors' Meeting

October 1, 2012

Present: Chair; Frank Frketich, Bert Taylor, Anne Page, Doug Wright, Denise MacKean (recording)

Regrets: Bob French

1. Frank Frketich called the meeting to order.

The Agenda was approved.

The Minutes for the Board meeting of Sept. 4, 2012 were adopted as presented.

2. Simon Palmer presented his motion regarding a 50km/hr speed limit for all Denman. Discussion followed to see if the Board will bring the motion before DIRA. The Board suggests more public awareness and input are needed before going to the Ministry of Transportation with this idea. The question is how do we get people to obey the present limit; the key is to get people to slow down. The Board voted to support the following motion; "Denman Island Residents Association recommends to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure that the maximum speed limit on Denman Road and East Road be designated as 50km/hr. and that signage be changed accordingly; further that the section of Denman Road adjacent to the Old School be designated and signed as 30km/hr.; further that such speed warning notices (e.g. flashing actual speed notices) as are available be utilized between June 1 and September 30 on Lacon Road and East Road". Frank advised that the RCMP will be in attendance at the Oct. meeting where this topic could be put forward for discussion.

3. Website Criteria: Anne reported that we have received one enquiry to date and suggested that we contact two local web designers to see if they plan to submit proposals for DIRA's website upgrade. Frank will place an ad and write an article for the next Grapevine.

4. Denman Debates: Frank reported it was a successful evening with about 30 people attending. Points discussed included sustainability, diversity, water, gender harassment. The date for the next "debate" is Nov. 13.

5. Budget Update: Doug reported he had received little response to our projected budget.

6. Anne and Denise will work together on a DIRA poster display for the Hall Opening and Centenary Celebration on October 27.

7. Draft CVRD Service Agreement: We agreed a careful review by the Board was needed and set a date to do this at 7:30 Oct. 10, 2012. We did a quick overview with the help of Bert's notes and agreed that our costs for administration need to be covered. We questioned whether we were comfortable with a greatly expanded and formalized contractor role for DIRA.

8. DIWOS (Denman Island Women's Outreach Society) has asked about becoming a DIRA committee. The main reasons given were the possible insurance cost and their desire to grow and get out in the community. They would like to come to the November Board meeting. If they are not a registered society this idea could work. They will be invited to come.

9. Water Tanks in Bill Mee Park: A development permit from the Islands Trust is required prior to installation of the water tanks. A motion will be presented at the October 15 General meeting to request that Islands Trust grant permission for the tanks to be installed and to waive the development permit fee.

10. Next Board meeting Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2012. General meeting October 15, 2012.