

**Approved Minutes of DIRA Board Meeting
November 7, 2012
7:30 pm at the Old School**

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

Call to Order

Frank Frketich called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

1. Motion to Approve Minutes of October 1, 2012 Board Meeting

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of the October 1, 2012 DIRA Board meeting as presented. **Carried**

2. DIWOS Proposal to become a DIRA Committee

Frank Frketich reported that DIWOS had their AGM recently but DIWOS was uncertain about whether to proceed with their request to become a DIRA Committee. Due to liability insurance reasons DIWOS is dissolving their Society status, will have no Executive and will simply refer people who require assistance to other agencies in the Comox Valley. DIWOS will get back to DIRA if they wish to become a DIRA Committee.

3. Website Upgrade – Update

The DIRA Board had previously chosen the ‘Covera’ theme for our website. Doug Wright has advised Premium Impression Consulting regarding the issue of duplicate documents on our current website. Frank Frketich reported that he has spoken to Claire Sienna regarding the transfer of DIRA’s domain name.

ACTION: Anne Page will email Doug Page of Premium Impression Consulting for an update.

4. Draft Agreement with CVRD - discussion

A Draft Agreement between the CVRD and DIRA was previously presented with some suggested changes/additions by the DIRA Board. Bert Taylor provided his thoughts “Notes on DIRA’s Role and the Proposed Services Contract”. After much discussion it was agreed that the DIRA Board had many concerns regarding the CVRD draft agreement but that the DIRA Board should continue discussions with the CVRD to see if a workable service agreement can be reached.

ACTION: Frank Frketich will communicate the DIRA Board’s concerns to Ian Smith, CVRD.

5. Community Hall Re-opening – How Did It Go?

Doug Wright reported that there was a good turnout to the Community Hall Re-opening celebrations with approximately 150 people in attendance. Ralph McCuaig showed a film on Wes Piercy produced in the 1960’s. Denise Mackean represented DIRA with a display board of photos with congratulations to DIRCS for a job well done!

6. Swim Dock at Chickadee Lake

A letter from Ralph McCuaig was received requesting the consideration of installing a swim dock at Chickadee Lake. This item was discussed and it was noted that access through private land to get to the Highways property on the west side of the lake would be required in order to install a swim dock. It was agreed that the DIRA Board would not pursue this request at this time.

ACTION: Frank Frketich will write a response letter to Ralph McCuaig.

7. Directors' Insurance – Do we want a change?

Frank Frketich presented information received from Axis Insurance that: the majority of non-profit organizations of our size purchase \$1 million Directors' Insurance coverage and that most claim settlements are well under \$1 million, and considering that it has been about 15 years since a claim was made against DIRA (which the CVRD paid), the DIRA Board agreed that we should maintain our \$1 million coverage for Directors' Insurance.

8. Feedback on DIRA Goals – Letter from Liz Johnston

Frank Frketich advised that Liz Johnston's letter was posted at the last DIRA General Meeting.

ACTION: Frank Frketich will address some of the concerns raised in Liz Johnston's letter at the DIRA General meeting of November 12, 2012.

9. Other Business**a) Waste Management Committee:**

Bob French reported that the CRA is withholding the GST credit payable to the Waste Management Committee.

ACTION: The WMC will resolve the issues with CRA in order to have the cheque released.

b) Ferry Advisory Committee DIRA rep:

It was noted that Terry Wenner is on the FAC.

ACTION: Bob French will ask Terry Wenner if she would like to be the DIRA rep on the FAC.

The DIRA Board Meeting of November, 2012 was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

The next DIRA Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 3, 2012 at 7:30 pm at the Old School.