

Minutes of DIRA Board of Directors Meeting

December 3, 2012

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

Regrets: none

1. Frank Frketich called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and the Agenda was approved.
2. Minutes for the Board meeting of November 7, 2012 were adopted. Anne asked if Frank had responded to Ralph McCuaig's letter regarding Graham Lake but there has been no follow-up. Frank will respond to the letter.
3. A Website report was given by Anne and she is looking for feed-back on the new site in case changes are in order. It was agreed that the new site looks good. Bert wondered when we will learn to update it ourselves and Anne will find out about teaching us. Doug requested some "hard-copy" instructions if available. Anne suggested having a policy for how updates will be done. Chair will probably coordinate other Board members' postings. Google Analytics will be installed to track the number of site visits and other information.
4. Frank introduced the new Draft Service Agreement document from CVRD. We will meet on Sunday Dec. 9th at 10 am at Frank's to go over it in detail.
5. DIRA needs a new representative on the Ferry Advisory Committee but Frank will fill the position temporarily especially since there are important ferry issues now. He will attend a Ferry Engagement meeting in Courtenay tomorrow.
6. A Watchman at the Community Dock came up for discussion and Louis De Ernsted who lives near the dock has volunteered to help out. Doug Wright is presently looking after this but will be in touch with Louis to talk about sharing the job. Bert felt that the Dock could not be looked after by the Board and we need a committee to look after Dock business. Doug will contact Dave Pick and perhaps other former helpers and members to see what can be done.
7. Frank will attend the Ferry Engagement Process and wishes to convey a message from DIRA. Some ideas were discussed.
The Ferries should go back to government, freeing them from the present corporate structure. The governing body should be non-political with a variety of "voices".
Ferries should be government funded to a reasonable degree similar to the highways.
8. Denman Memorial Society would like to come to a General Meeting in January or February.
9. The next Board meeting will be January 7. Meeting adjourned.