

Minutes of DIRA Board of Directors Meeting
March 4, 2013

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

1. The meeting was called to order and a Pesticide Free topic was added to the agenda.
2. The minutes for the Board meeting of February 4, 2013 were adopted as presented.
3. **Recreation Grants** were discussed and Bert reported that he had sent e-mails out to 4 of last year's committee. Clark Siferd declined to serve another year. Nominations will still be accepted from all Denman Island residents at the public meeting held along with DIRA's AGM in April. We need to advertise and then announce the grants at the March General Meeting. Bert also began fleshing out a Schedule for the CVRD agreement.
4. **Andrew Scruton's Tree:** Frank ordered an engraved plaque costing about \$20.00 which will come from the existing fund. He will explore uses of the remaining funds with Judy Scruton.
5. **Publishing of Board Meeting agendas:** This was not seen as necessary since this has never been done in the past and the General meetings are the main decision making body that can change any decision of the Board.
6. **The website posting policy** was reviewed and a few minor changes were suggested. It will go to the March 11 General Meeting for approval.
7. **Transition Denman's Green energy proposal:** A letter from John Roberts asked DIRA for a letter of support to accompany one of their grant proposals, that is already in progress, which would also explain why they are joining DIRA.
8. **DIRA's new Board nominations** were discussed. Frank will contact some and Denise will talk to Derek Hood to co-ordinate the search.
9. **A possible Financial "Review"** was discussed and Doug will explore this, another option being a "reconciliation". It was **Moved** that the Board ask the membership to approve a 9 month financial reporting period in order to harmonize DIRA's general financial reporting with that of its committees. **Carried.**
10. **Membership Drive:** Frank will put an insert in The Grapevine for March 21st to encourage membership as well as announcing the AGM.
11. **Transition Denman's** proposal to become a committee was discussed. In theory TD can have their own bank account as a sub-account under DIRA with DIRA having signing authority.
12. **Draft agreement with CVRD:** Bert reported on the Parks Committee's response to their schedule as re-worded by Frank. They seemed generally in agreement, with a few changes, and this version will go back to the CVRD. Bert thought we should have more clarity in the Agreement stating specific costs the CVRD would be responsible for. Frank will incorporate some of these comments in our next draft to go to the CVRD.
13. **Grant-In-Aid:** Doug suggested we apply for one this upcoming year similar to last year without the website component. We will deal with this in April at the Board and General Meeting.
14. **Constitution and Bylaw study:** Bert and Frank will go over the present constitution and by-laws and look at other examples to facilitate our update.
15. **Pesticide Awareness** sent \$160 for broom-puller rental. The present ones are broken and that committee wants to buy two new ones. The Board agreed to this.

The next Board meeting is April 1, 2013 (No fooling). A motion to adjourn was carried.

