

**Minutes of DIRA Board Meeting  
September 3, 2013**

Present: Bob French, Doug Wright, Laurie Montemurro, Ron Shepherd, Denise MacKean  
(minutes)

Regrets: Frank Frketich

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.
2. **Motion** to adopt the agenda as circulated was **carried**.
3. **Motion** to approve the minutes of July 10, 2013 was **carried**.
4. Bob French had prepared a letter of support for the Denman Housing Association's grant application for the Board's consideration. Ron Shepherd outlined the organization's goals to be cluster housing providing low income and senior housing spaces. The basic concept would see 1/3 of the units subsidized, 1/3 for purchase at cost and 1/3 market value to help subsidize building costs. The group is doing a survey to identify needs and find support. It is a "not for profit" project. Simon Palmer would like a letter of support for a "sustainability study grant" from the Real Estate Foundation. The grant emphasizes net zero energy and sustainability and the project is to be carbon neutral.  
Laurie expressed reservations about another housing group duplicating present efforts. Much discussion followed concerning the needs of the less vocal housing candidates. Bob will bring his slightly modified letter to the General Meeting for approval.
5. Bob also reported on the recent re-cycling meeting and a new system involving MMBC. He will give a report on this at the Sept. General Meeting under New Business.
6. New Schedules for Committees attached to a new Service Agreement with CVRD were circulated to Board members and are a compromise between our versions and CVRD's. These will have to be looked at by committees and compared with our "final" drafts. Laurie suggests if adopted as part of the service agreement, a representative of DIRA Board be able to attend CVRD meetings when discussing issues arising from these committee's activities.
7. New Board Members: John Mills and Ann Paisley were mentioned and will be contacted. (Frank and Denise)
8. HST Rebates for committees was brought up by Leslie Dunsmore who wondered if we applied for this for the Community Dock and Old School. Doug will look into this especially the Dock.

**Motion** to adjourn was carried at 9 pm.