

Minutes of DIRA Board of Directors Meeting May 5, 2014

Present: Frank Frketich, Doug Wright, Bob French, Ron Shepherd, Margie Gang, Laurie Montemurro, Denise MacKean (recording)

Meeting was called to order, Motion to adopt the agenda Carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of April 7, 2014 Executive Meeting was Carried.

Election of DIRA officers:

President: Frank Frketich nominated and elected unanimously.

Vice-Chair: Bob French nominated and elected unanimously.

Secretary: Denise MacKean nominated and elected unanimously.

Doug Wright nominated and elected unanimously.

Appointment of Membership Coordinator: Motion that we appoint Anne Page as membership coordinator Carried.

Appointment of Website Coordinator: Motion that we appoint Anne Page as the website coordinator Carried.

DIRA Financial Statement: Doug had slight changes to the Community Dock Committee's year-end report to clarify their revenues and wharfing expenses. Doug will bring this to the next General Meeting to explain questions from the membership at the recent AGM. Ron queried the total expenses. Doug will check this out. The question of including DIRA's assets also came up.

Laser Sailboats: Morley McKeachie, Alex White and Peter Walford (Hornby dentist with previous small-boat experience) met and Frank sat in to hear plans for the boats. Morley will write up a 3-year plan for our June meeting to see if they would be well served as a DIRA committee. Our question is: would they qualify as a committee and is insurance workable under DIRA's present insurance plan? Terms of Reference would be drawn up and then the membership would vote on it.

DIRA Bookkeeper: Ron Shepherd will set up a bookkeeping system for us anticipating passing the job over to a paid employee in the near future. That move has not been decided yet.

Dedicated Parking for Hornby Island Ferry traffic: Response from Denman public on this issue has been very negative. DIRA will not pursue it at this time.

Meeting with CVRD officials: Frank met with Ian Smith and Doug DeMarzo, the CVRD Parks Manager. They discussed the Service Agreement as it related to the Parks Committee. The committee had raised concerns about liability responsibility when reporting safety conditions in the various parks. The Parks Committee would put their findings in their monthly meeting minutes and submit them to CVRD. This is agreeable to CVRD. Morning Beach park stairs will be inspected by an engineer appointed by the CVRD which will take the responsibility away from a local volunteer. The Parks and Trails committees will also have money for small jobs not strictly budgeted for. Once again the CVRD will be financing invasive species removal especially Broom up to \$1400. The Garden Club also dedicated \$500 towards this effort and it will be a team effort with local hired workers.

An Island Bridge instead of a ferry was mentioned by Frank but it was not pursued by the Board.

CVRD Service Agreement will be voted on at the next General Meeting and this plus a Dock Committee final financial report was advertised and written up in a Grapevine article by Frank.

Swim Dock Committee: Doug Wright suggested they apply for a Recreation Grant of about \$500 towards their insurance costs. Motion that the Board supports a \$500 Recreation Grant request by the Swim Dock Committee to cover insurance of the dock Carried.

Laurie suggested we make a greater effort to get new and younger people on the Recreation Grant Committee for a more varied group.

Meeting adjourned.