

Minutes of the Denman Island Residents Association (DIRA) Board of Directors meeting held October 14, 2014.

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

Meeting was called to order. Agenda additions: Discussion of the proposed “new” Societies Act, Organizing of an Election Forum, Incentives for volunteers, Financial responsibilities of our Board under the new Service Agreement. **Motion:** to adopt the agenda. **Carried.**

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2014 Board Meeting **Carried.**

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2014 Board Meeting **Carried.**

Meeting with CVRD re: Financial Reporting requirements will be set up by Frank with Ian at CVRD. Under the Service Agreement the required reporting is expensive. Also the committees, in some cases, are not reporting to the Board. Which committees would be included in the financial reporting process? What level of reporting does CVRD expect? Possible questions for such a meeting:

Does reporting have to be prepared by a certified accountant?

What is the purpose of this document?

Does Grant money have to be included?

Do funds raised independently have to be reported?

What level of review is required; an in-house prepared profit/loss balance sheet, Notice to Reader, Financial Review (assets, bank statements, etc., Audited statement?

Will CVRD pay for this and do they expect financial reports on all our activities or just those included in the Service Agreement?

Holistic approach to DIRA finances: Frank made a general comparison of our arrangement to Arts Denman to start the discussion. This mainly centered on our committees and their present level of independence regarding finances. No take away conclusion.

Proposed changes to the Societies Act are not good for these societies as they restrict our ability for “advocacy”. DIRA should protect its right to advocate for Denman residents.

Denman West Boat Launch: Frank put forward a motion to put before the membership supporting the building of a boat launch at the ferry. We agreed to take it to the meeting.

Preferred loading for 15 cars from Hornby on the 8am sailing: Although there seems to be little hard evidence for the need, this suggestion will be brought up for discussion at the General Meeting.

The Volunteer Conundrum was discussed and the difficulty recruiting new ones. It was suggested that we set up a meeting of interested non profit organizations on the island to share concerns and to see if there is a way to share some functions or workloads to save on people’s time and energy.

Election forum for the Nov. 15th local election will be set up by DIRA with afternoon of Nov 9 a possible date. This entails renting the Hall, contacting candidates, finding a moderator, set up sound, set up chairs and possibly more. Margie Gang will take this on.

Margie Gang reported **B&B cooking moratorium** was extended and the issue is now on the local Trust's Priority List.

Meeting adjourned.