

Executive Meeting Minutes, Monday, March 4, 2019

Present: Ron Shepherd (Chair), Bob French, Doug Wright and Andrew Pringle

Meeting called to order at 4:00 P.M. in the Old School, Conservancy Room

1. Additions to Agenda: Denman Works grant for Dock Committee to fund their break water

Motion to adopt agenda with above addition, seconded and all voted in favour - PASSED

2. Motion to adopt minutes from February 4, 2019 Executive Meeting, seconded and all voted in favour - PASSED

3. Sailing Club Insurance Query:

Ron contacted Ian Smith at the CVRD and was advised that the CVRD does not subsidize the Hornby Residents and Ratepayers Association insurance for their Sailing Club. The rate quoted of \$675 may only cover a 1 week period, however that is only a guess.

Ron will also ask the Denman Island Sailing Club to write a proposal which our insurance carrier can respond to with a price for coverage.

4. Recreation Grant:

Jack Forsyth has agreed to managing the grant process again for 2019. One of our residents sent Ron some written material which was prepared to help with the process.

The executive would like to limit the advertising budget to \$400 for 2019 and will call for nominees to help Jack at our next general meeting in March and again at the April general meeting.

There was a motion to approve Jack Forsyth to manage the Recreation Grant. The motion was seconded and all voted in favour. PASSED

5. Roads:

DIRA received an email from the Hornby Denman Community Health Care Society requesting some follow-up discussion regarding the recent snow, Mainroad's response and how, in the future, we might better manage essential *and* non essential home care service delivery.

6. BC Ferry Timetable Changes to Some Routes:

None of the BC Ferry Advisory Committee's knew about changes to some schedules prior to implementation of those changes. This action appears to indicate a lack of dialogue and our Ferry Advisory Committee will write a letter to BC Ferries to ask why they were not advised about changes. DIRA executive agreed to drafting a letter to show support for our Ferry Advisory Committee.

7. Cougar:

A resident advised DIRA that a cougar may have been responsible for eating a deer carcass. Ron contacted the Wildlife Advisory Committee and was advised that it was most likely an eagle. Eagles can devour a deer carcass very quickly.

8. Graham Lake Water:

Until recently a resident was extracting Graham Lake water to sell to local residents and businesses. That source of water is no longer available. Although eliminating this source of water is a serious problem for those cut off, the executive do not see this as a DIRA issue. The Graham Lake Water District is independent and the only connection DIRA has with Graham Lake is the Swim Dock.

9. 2019 Board Nominees:

Ron will include with the agenda for the next general meeting a reminder about the AGM and the need for more executive help.

Bob offered to write an article for the local paper (Flagstone and Grapevine) to generate more resident interest in DIRA.

10. DIRA Public Profile:

To help residents have a better understanding of what DIRA is involved in, the executive would like the committees to include the name of DIRA in all their correspondence and signage.

11. Year-End Finance:

In the short term, Ron offered to prepare the consolidated statements again this year. However, in the long term, due to the complicated nature of preparing consolidated financial statements as required by the CVRD, the executive would like to hire someone to do some of the accounting work (especially the year-end consolidated financial report).

Doug is reconciling the year end committee reports and gave the following summary (excluding Bill Mee and the Dock Committee):

Revenue: \$18,350, Expenses: \$18,790

12. Potential Agenda Items for Next Public Meeting:

The following topics were suggested for inclusion in the agenda for the next public meeting:

Recreation Grant, Board Nominees for 2019, Denman Works grant for Community Dock and Roads.

13. Denman Works Grant to Dock Committee to Fund the Break Water:

In order to comply with the DIRA by-laws, Doug (representing the Dock Committee) asked for the executive to approve a request for funding from Denman Works. The request appears to be within Denman Works criteria for such a grant. There was a motion to approve the Dock Committee requesting a grant of \$2,000 from Denman Works to pay for an engineering study into the proposed break water. The motion was seconded and all voted in favour. PASSED

Meeting Adjourned at 5:05 PM