

**Denman Island Residents Association**  
**Unapproved General Meeting October 17, 2011**

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**Denman Island Community Hall**

**Call to Order: 7:33 PM**

**Attendees: 50**

**Executive Board Present:** Chair Frank Frketich, Doug Wright, Anne Page, Denise MacKean, Bert Taylor.

**Regrets:** Jane Kerr

The Initial Portion of this meeting was set aside to remember Andrew Scruton as a "Friend of DIRA" and significant contributor to the community. Present chair, previous executive members and friends spoke to Andrew's patience, fairness and respect for due process. Many warm and touching stories told of Andrew's life on Denman.

**Motion to Approve Agenda:** - motion/seconded/carried

**Motion to Approve September, 2011 minutes as posted:** - motion/seconded/carried.

**Business Arising from Minutes:**

a/ Frank reported that he had contacted all agencies relating to the upcoming election and the proposed election forum on Nov. 6. Financial support from these agencies for the forum was declined. Notwithstanding the following motion was made.

**Motion: That the DIRA membership support hosting an election forum on Nov. 6 and take up a collection to help cover costs.** - seconded/carried

b/ Meeting planned for next week with the Regional District to discuss funding opportunities.

c/ B.C. Ferries has accepted Dennis Forsyth as our ferry representative on the Ferry Advisory Committee for another three years.

**Executive Report:**

a/ The executive is still waiting for insurance costs.

b/ Denise MacKean has agreed to be the DIRA representative for Denman Works.

**Committee Reports:**

a/ Dock Committee report by John Johnston. Physical work on the dock is complete and the financial tally is done with a few outstanding minor questions that are in the hands of others. Currently there is \$17,729.34 on hand. \$15,000 term deposit(letter of credit for DFO purposes) and other funds collected to a total of \$45,593.19. To insure insurance and monitoring costs are covered for next three years the following motion made.

**Motion: That the DIRA membership approve THE Dock Committee's (water lot 257) request to secure \$13,500 of dock committee funds to cover the costs of site liability insurance in the amount of \$4,500 for the next 3 years and \$9,000 for the next 3 years of monitoring of the site by the site consultant as per DFO requirements. Total funds to be secured: \$13,500. – seconded carried. Lot 257 and set aside \$13,500 of Dock Funds to cover insurance and monitoring costs for the next three years. – seconded/carried.**

b/ Trails Committee report by Allan Danks. The Trails Committee have been working with the Regional District and discussing the Cross Island Trail(Ferry to Ferry) and are in process of evaluating routes. More to follow. Also are looking at a loop trail in the North Lands.

c/ Parks Committee report by Peter Karsten. Stanehill Park has been serving the community well. Grand Opening of Morning Beach Park was a big success. Many came out to enjoy the snacks, hear the speeches, admire the staircase and great view. Next proposal seems to be a low impact, low key development of a scenic corner of land for a spiritual park accessed from McFarlene/ East Road. Maple Park is the proposed name. The following motion was presented.

**Motion: That the DIRA membership approves the plan to activate the half acre park owned by the CVRD adjacent to Section 9, Lot A as a neighbourhood park, to be called Maple Park as presented by the Parks Committee. – seconded/carried.**

d/ Swim Dock report by Anne for Doug Bell. The swim dock is in great shape.

e/ Wildlife advisory- hunting season is here. Also some discussion on the future of hunting in provincial parks on Denman. More to follow.

### **Liaison Reports:**

a/ Fire Department by John Rolston. Reports that 90 people undertook CPR training last year and more training is proposed for this year. Let him know if you are interested. Small fire burning permits not required but before you burn, please check the venting index.

b/ Denman works by Simon Palmer. There AGM is October 26, 2011( 7:30 pm) at the Back Hall. Everyone is invited.

c/ Islands Trust by David Graham. Next meeting Oct. 25. Bylaw number 202 will be confirmed. Also on Nov. 4 a Farm Forum discussion will be happening at the Community Hall.

d/ Ferry Advisory by Dennis Forsyth. Discussed the local concerns relating to the proposed cable ferry.

**Motion: For DIRA to send letter to David Hahn and copy Barry Lekstrom, Gordon Macatee, Christie Clark, Don McRae, Gary Coons, local media and Island Tides expressing local concerns. –seconded/carried.**

**Next Ferry Advisory meeting 10:30 on October 21.**

One added comment by Jerry Talbot: Looking for some positive comment or stories that could be used by Vancouver Sun to demonstrate value of the island communities.

Meeting Adjourned.

not approved