

Minutes of the meeting of the Denman Island Residents Association (DIRA) held on Monday, July 9, 2012 in the Back Hall, located at 1196 Northwest Road, BC, commencing at 7:30 p.m.

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Chair	Frank Frketich
	Executive	Anne Page
		Denise MacKean
		Bert Taylor
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>		Doug Wright
<b>ALSO PRESENT:</b>	Minute Taker	Wind Rombough

## **Agenda Items**

### **Call to Order of Public Meeting**

27 people in attendance. The purpose of the Public Meeting was to present the recommendations from the Recreation Grant Committee, which is independent from DIRA. Jenny Villard reported on behalf of the committee. Three organizations applied. Three were successful. \$20,000 will be disbursed. The applicants were the Graham Lake Swim Dock, the DS&MS, and DICES:

- Graham Lake Swim Dock Committee \$1500.00
- Denman Island Seniors and Museum Society \$6986.00
- Denman Island Community Education Society \$11514.00

Discussion ensued. Items included how conflicts of interest are dealt with when selecting the Recreation Grant committee, and a Point of Order that was raised at the last meeting which was not handled appropriately according to DIRA policies.

THAT the Recreation Grant Committee recommendations for 2012 be approved.

**CARRIED**

A vote was put to the public and was carried. One opposition. One Abstention.

### **Adjournment of the Public Meeting**

THAT the Public Meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

### **Call to Order of DIRA General Meeting – 8:12 pm**

#### **Approve the agenda**

THAT the agenda be approved.

**CARRIED**

#### **Approve the previous GM Minutes**

THAT the minutes from the June 11, 2012 meeting be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

#### **Executive Report:**

**Islands Trust Community Stewardship Awards** - Congratulations to Peter Karsten and the Parks Committee for the honour.

**DIRA Commercial Liability Insurance Proposal** – F. Frketich reported on a suggested breakdown of insurance costs for committees, see attached information.

**RCMP** - DIRA has plans to invite the RCMP to a meeting in the fall.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Bill Mee Park** - The Chair reported that a side timber that was damaged during the ambulance station landing attempt back in January 2012 has been replaced with a composite beam. Also, a new sign has been posted on the park kiosk regarding the Rockfish Conservation Areas.

**Graham Lake Swim Dock** – Anne Page reported. New signs leading to Graham Lake will be erected soon.

### **Liaison Reports:**

**Fire Department** – Peter Marshall reported on the successful Pancake Breakfast fundraising event. All proceeds are going to be donated to the Community Hall refurbishment fund.

**Denman WORKS!** - Simon Palmer reported. There are several Grant Facilitator projects underway, Veronica Timmons is conducting a visitor survey this summer, the Co-ops for the Islands Info Session drew 25 islanders, and the disbursement of the the 2012 Community Project Grants is ongoing.

**Islands Trust** – The Draft Agricultural Plan is now ready for community input. The next LTC meeting is on July 17. At 11:45 on that day, Peter Karsten will be given his award.

**Ferry Advisory Committee** – The Chair reported that Dennis Forsyth resigned last week over the issue of compensation to upper management in BC Ferries.

### **New Business:**

**Denman Opposes Coal** – Louise Bell presented a Raven coal mine petition for people to sign before the end of the public input period. The petition highlights the inadequacy of the environmental review process. DOC has been working since 2009 to come up with strategies to oppose the proposed mine. There will be an event on August 18, to raise awareness about DOC. Stay tuned for Croquet not Coal.

**Aquaculture** – Liz Johnston reported on behalf of the Marine Stewardship / The Friends of Baynes Sound organizations. There will be a campaign throughout the summer to gain 1000 signatures for a petition against the Crown land tenure applications in Baynes Sound for sea cucumber (or any other species). She read the letter, see attached.

THAT the letter be sent by DIRA on behalf of The Friends of Baynes Sound to BC Crown Lands Operations and Aquaculture Manager, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources.

### **CARRIED**

**Adjournment:** THAT the meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED** Time: 9:0 pm.

<b>Minute Taker:</b>
Wind Rombough

<b>Chair:</b>
Frank Frketich