

Minutes of the meeting of the Denman Island Residents Association (DIRA) held on Monday, September 10, 2012 in the Back Hall, located at 1196 Northwest Road, BC, commencing at 7:30 p.m.

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

## **Agenda Items**

### **Call to Order**

35 people in attendance.

### **Approve the Agenda**

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

### **Approve the Minutes**

THAT the minutes from the July 9 general meeting be adopted, as distributed electronically.

**CARRIED**

### **Executive Report:**

**Old School Committee grant for roof replacement** An application has been submitted for \$20,000. They will hear a response in 90 days from the time of submission.

**DIRA Website Upgrade** The CVRD has directed that \$500 of the DIRA Grant-in-aid be used to upgrade the current DIRA website to a Wordpress content management system. An RFP will be posted on the DIRA website and on the Denman WORKS! Electronic Job Board. The deadline to receive proposals is October 15 with an expected website launch date of November 30, 2012.

THAT the website upgrade is supported by the membership.

**CARRIED**

**DIRA Executive Goals 2012 - 13** Frank Frketich reported. See attached report.

1. Put DIRA on a reasonable financial footing
2. Enhance communication
3. Support and assist all our committees to carry out their mandates
4. Make DIRA a more effective organization

**Denman Community Insurance Policy** An insurance underwriter is coming to the island on Thursday, September 13, 1:30 pm at the Seniors Lounge. There is a list of questions to ask him, and 10 community groups are going to participate in the meeting. If any other groups are interested in

attending, the meeting is open. The ultimate goal is to save island groups money on their insurance costs.

**Denman Debates** Frank Frketich reported. There is not usually time at DIRA meetings to exchange ideas in depth, therefore, a series of debates have been scheduled. This is being done in cooperation with Denman WORKS! The first topic will be *“Denman is just fine, thank you, or is it?”*. The first debate is scheduled for Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> at the Seniors Lounge.

**Community Hall Reopening Celebration** There will be a celebration when the hall opens sometime during the middle or end of October.

**Waste Collection Contract** The current waste collection contract is up at the end of 2012. The Request For Proposals resulted in receiving a bid that is \$25 less than they paid this year. The contractor is Sun Coast Waste Systems, the same contractor as 2012.

THAT the contract be approved by the DIRA membership.

**CARRIED**

**Waste Management Proposed Budget 2013** Bob French reported. See attached report. The overall budget is coming down by about \$5,000.

THAT the DIRA membership approve the budget as presented.

**CARRIED**

**Bill Mee Park 2013** John Wigle reported. See attached report.

THAT the DIRA membership approve the budget as presented.

**CARRIED**

**Old School Committee** Gloria Michin presented the budget as a matter of courtesy. See attached report. They are in the habit of asking for approval from the membership even though no tax dollars are involved.

THAT the DIRA membership accepts the budget as presented.

**CARRIED**

**Concept for Financial Security for DIRA** Doug Wright reported. See attached report. Total DIRA operating costs are currently \$5,300 per year. DIRA is currently negotiating with the CVRD to recover administration/operation costs in order to give DIRA a more secure financial position. Questions about the concept were requested but the membership was given until September 26 to offer feedback. Please send feedback by email, in person, or by phone.

**DIVFD Proposed Operating Budget 2013** John Ralston and John Kirk reported. There is an increase in the proposed budget, due in large part to the planned purchase of a replacement fire truck in May 2013.

THAT the residents of Denman Island accept the 2013 proposed operating budget and capital equipment reserve as presented.

**CARRIED**

THAT the residents of Denman Island support the CVRD initiative to evaluate all pertinent information and establish a fair and equitable honorarium and benefits for the DIVFD Chief, and to implement the changes on January 1, 2013.

## **CARRIED**

### **Committee Reports:**

**Community Dock** John Johnston reported that the dock has made approximately \$1,400 in moorage fees.

**Parks Committee** Peter Karsten reported that they are going ahead and organizing 3 - 4 people to act as *First Reactors* to park situations when the need arises.

**Graham Lake Swim Dock** Anne Page asked on behalf of Chris Taylor for any feedback about the swim dock.

**Old School Committee** The Old School had a fire that was suspicious in nature. The fire chief and insurance adjuster have been looking into it.

### **Liaison Reports:**

**Fire Department** Don Luckett reported that a fire ban is still on.

**Denman WORKS!** - Simon Palmer reported on upcoming workshops - *iPad for Beginners/iPad for Professionals* on October 4, from 4 - 7 pm and *Online Marketing with Ranganique* from 4 - 5:30 pm, both in the Seniors Lounge. He also invited input on the the Strategic Plan either before or at the October 9 AGM, at 7:30 pm in the Back Hall. The draft plan can be found on [www.denmanworks.com](http://www.denmanworks.com).

**Island Trust** Laura Busheikin reported. The next LTC meeting is on October 2 at 10:30 in the Seniors Lounge. Also, the Local Trustee Office Hours are still ongoing at the Old School every second Saturday from 10 am - noon. Book and appointment or just drop by. The next one will be on September 22.

**Ferry Advisory Committee** Frank Frketich reported that the next FAC meeting is on October 30 and DIRA would like to have a representative to replace Dennis Forsyth. Anyone interested in the position should contact DIRA.

### **New Business:**

#### **Motion regarding speed limit on Denman Island**

THAT DIRA request that the Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure designate 50 km/hr as the maximum speed limit on Denman Island as soon as possible and to change existing signage accordingly.

Further, to utilize such other speed warning notices as are available, between June 1 and September 30, on Lacon Road & East Road, to alert drivers to their speed vs posted speed, and that a park speed zone be added to Denman Road.

Simon Palmer spoke about the motion. Discussion ensued, with some support and some opposition.

THAT the motion be tabled until the next general meeting.

## **CARRIED**

**Denman Emergency Support Services** Gloria Michin spoke about the Great British Columbia Shake Out that will take place on October the 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:18 am. The plan for the drill is to *Drop, Cover and Hold On*. For more information visit [www.ShakeoutBC.ca](http://www.ShakeoutBC.ca).

**RCMP will be on Denman to discuss rural policing** Frank Frketich reported that the RCMP will be at the next general meeting, ready to discuss issues surrounding policing in rural communities. It might present a good opportunity to discuss options for managing traffic on Denman. Also at the next meeting the membership will be asked to approve the liability insurance agreement worked out with the committee chairs back in July.

**Adjournment:** THAT the meeting be adjourned.      **CARRIED**    Time: 9:41 pm.

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

<b>Chair:</b>
Frank Frketich