

Draft minutes of the meeting of the Denman Island Residents Association (DIRA) held on Monday, October 15, 2012 in the Back Hall, located at 1196 Northwest Road, BC, commencing at 7:30 pm.

Present: Chair Frank Frketich
Executive Denise MacKean, Minute taker
Anne Page
Bert Taylor
Doug Wright
Apologies: Bob French

Call to Order: 27 people in attendance.

Approve the Agenda: That the agenda be approved. **Carried**
Under New Business question regarding Directors Insurance.

Approve the Minutes: That the minutes from October 15, 2012 general meeting be adopted as distributed electronically. **Carried**
It was noted minutes should be labelled Draft on the website if not final copy.

Presentation by local RCMP Reps: Frank Frketich reported that The RCMP was unable to attend but will try in Nov. Some interesting figures they passed on were:
2011 – 68 Denman Island calls 2012 – 76 calls to date
Person Crimes down from 6 to 4 (all solved), Property and mischief crime up from 8 to 13 to date (most solved), last summer's speed checks, most stopped were Denman or Hornby islanders.

Business arising from Minutes: Motion: that the motion regarding speed limits be removed from the table:

Carried

Motion: Denman Island Residents Association recommends that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure designate 50km/hr. as the maximum speed limit on Denman Road and East Road and to change signage accordingly. Further to designate and sign the section of Denman Road adjacent to the Old School as 30km/hr. Further to utilize such speed warning notices (e.g. flashing actual speed notices) as are available between June 1 and September 30 on Lacon Road and East Road.

Simon Palmer outlined the reasons behind the motion:

- In general the limit should result in overall actual lower speeds
- less danger to wildlife
- High density of housing on Denman and East roads, short and obscure driveways
- Designated for future cross-island trail
- these roads shared by bikers and walkers
- no paved verge, blind corners, school bus pick-ups

Simon made the motion again and Bill Engelson 2nd it.

John Kirk felt Hornby should be included in the discussion and opposed the motion. Dennis Forsyth reminded us that Highways considers East Road a designated Ferry route which allows 60/hr. More signage and enforcement was suggested and a need to inform drivers upon leaving the ferry of the rules. It was suggested we discuss this problem with Ministry of Transport first. Simon reiterated that we ask the ministry for this change and feels this is a good first step.

Defeated

Motion to approve DIRA committees' share of commercial liability insurance: John Johnston

queried other committees besides the dock responses to the allocation. They had been informed. Liz Johnston questioned some committees getting a “free ride” and asked for an amendment.

Amendment: that all committees pay an equal share of the commercial liability insurance.

Defeated

Motion: to accept the insurance breakdown as presented.

Carried

Executive Report:

-Website upgrade: Two proposals were received and the Board will meet tomorrow to decide which to accept.

-Administrative Budget Proposal: Doug Wright presented a similar budget as presented at last month's meeting which had 2 versions. Doug received some feedback. CVRD feels our administrative costs too high so cannot request more money now. The membership fees are still included. At the moment CVRD is looking at a Service Agreement with us and our committees will have a chance to review it.

Motion: to take Version 2 of the budget proposal to the CVRD.

Carried

-DIRA Executive Goals: Any feedback will go to the Board at the next Board meeting.

-Denman Debates: First one well attended (32) and another planned Nov 13.

-Community Hall Reopening Celebration: DIRA will have a table Oct. 27

New Business: John Johnston asked why the Board changed Director Insurance from 2 to 1 million and why it was and not in the minutes. Frank replied it saved money and was assured by our agent that 1 million was sufficient for organizations of similar size of operations and activities. Bert Taylor pointed out the Board does not need approval for every decision from membership but must report to the membership and if someone disagrees they can make a motion to overturn it. Liz Johnston made a **Motion** to increase Directors' insurance to 2 million. After some discussion, she withdrew the motion.

Committee Reports:

-Trails: Simon asked if there were a process for informing residents of trail plans. Peter Karsten said that the Cross-Island planner from CVRD will be having a well advertised community meeting soon.

-Parks: Peter Karsten reported briefly on the recent, very fruitful meeting with the Provincial Parks person for this area Derek Moore. He agreed to our doing clearing and maintenance of existing trails in the proposed park areas and to setting up limited signage on existing trails.

Motion: to send a big thank-you from the community to Leo Jansen for all his work in maintaining Boyles Point Park

Carried

-Wildlife Advisory: Peter also reported they have disposed of 4 deer this season and will set up a site for such carcasses. There have been 2 cougar sightings on Hornby recently.

-Old School: The fire repairs nearly complete and the damaged portion of the mural is being redone by children in the Community School.

Other Committees:

-Fire Department: Recent rain has allowed for the lifting of fire restrictions. Water tanks will soon go to Bill Mee Park after CVRD and Islands Trust approval.

Motion: that DIRA support the D.I.F.D. with the installation in Bill Mee Park, of a fire hydrant and two 3000 gallon water tanks, for the purpose of fire suppression.

Carried

-Denman Works!: Simon reported that they are ready to present a new 5-year budget to renew their agreement with CVRD. He summarized their past year's activities and expenditures. 2012 had approximately \$33,244 expenses, 10 Workshops, put out the Tourism Brochure and provided money for

grant facilitation.

-Island Trust: Laura Busheikin reported the next meeting is Nov. 6 and that the Agricultural Plan Draft is coming soon. She reminded us of the Province-wide BC Ferries consultation process. She also stated that the Board of Directors of BC Ferries can deal with social issues of ferry communities.

Adjournment: Motion that the meeting be adjourned.

Carried