

**Draft** minutes of the meeting of the Denman Island Residents Association (DIRA) held on Monday, December 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
<b>ALSO PRESENT:</b>	Note Taker	Wind Rombough

## **Agenda Items**

12 people in attendance. This will be an information meeting.

### **Executive Report:**

**Website Update** A. Page asks for feedback about the new website.

**FAC Representative** F. Frketich will sit on the Ferry Advisory Committee, if approved by BC Ferries.

**Help with keeping an eye on the Community Dock** John Johnston has resigned as chair of the Dock Committee. As we continue to try to revitalize the Dock Committee, Louis De Ernsted who lives on the ferry hill, has agreed to help keep an eye on the dock.

Discussion ensued about the use of the dock parking lot for BC Ferries overflow traffic.

### **New Business:**

**Cable Ferry Letter** F. Frketich outlined his draft letter to the CEO of BC Ferries. Discussion ensued about whether or not the letter can be sent on behalf of DIRA without having a quorum here tonight to vote on the letter.

**Ferry Consultation Process Letter** F. Frketich reviewed his letter about the ongoing engagement process of BC Ferries, and how it lacks foresight in building long term sustainability for our community. The letter will be sent to the company who is in charge of the process, to Don McRae, to the Ministry of Transportation, and to the Premier.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Waste Management** Bob French reported that a new list of recyclable items will be made available in 2014, including styrofoam and plastic bags.

**Trails Committee** Alan Danks reported that there will be a CVRD coordinated community meeting on January 16 about the new trail. Discussion ensued about how to handle getting the information to the residents who live along the proposed trail.

### **Liaison Reports:**

**Denman WORKS!** - Simon Palmer suggested that people read his article in the December Flagstone, or it can be viewed on [www.denmanworks.com](http://www.denmanworks.com).

**Island Trust** Laura Busheikin reported on the ALR discussion at the recent Trust Council meeting. It is now being examined in terms of how it affects, as an example, housing on the islands. Also, the Trust Council has decided to allocate more resources for advocating for island communities in terms of ferries. The next LTC meeting is tomorrow at 10:30 am at the Seniors Lounge.

**VIRL** The library re-opened today.

**Meeting ended:** Time: 8:54 pm.

