

MINUTES of the meeting of the Denman Island Residents Association (DIRA) held on Monday, January 14, 2013 in the Back Hall, located at 1196 Northwest Road, Denman Island, BC, commencing at 7:30 pm.

Present: Chair Frank Frketich
Executive: Doug Wright
Bob French
Anne Page
Denise (minute taker)
Apologies: Bert Taylor

Call to order: 17 people in attendance.

Motion to approve the agenda: That the agenda be approved with the addition of a CRA discussion by Doug Wright and a playground committee proposal by Bev Hollingsworth. Carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of November 12, 2012 as presented was carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of December 10, 2012 as presented, (which was an information meeting only as there was no quorum) was carried.

The proposed CVRD Service agreement was introduced by Frank. DIRA's Insurance and Administrative costs prompted this action. Doug Wright presented a budget in Sept. and we hope to meet this budget under this agreement. We are presently re-writing the initial proposal to make it more compatible with our situation. Carl Goodwin asked about the transfer of money back to Denman from the CVRD at present and felt we need this information to bargain. CVRD is presently benefiting from the extensive work of DIRA committees through hours of volunteer work without which CVRD would have to pay someone else to provide comparable service. The CVRD website has some of this financial information. Ralph McCuaig asked about the % of CVRD budget going for administration. Bob French, who is presently working on a Service Agreement counter proposal.

Transition Denman's request for committee status was introduced by Frank. DIRA has asked them to look at the possible implications and draw up a Terms of Reference for a new committee. DIRA Board will meet with them Jan. 25th. Veronica Timmons, a member of that group, spoke to this. Transition Denman feels DIRA membership will give them more community exposure and they could benefit by falling under DIRA insurance. They would lose their Society status in order to do this. Anne Page clarified that they would be paying insurance according to their risks and Ralph asked if they could afford the estimated cost. Veronica said yes. Their information will go up on DIRA's website.

Canada Revenue Agency is requesting reporting of our revenues and balance sheets yearly since DIRA's assets, which now include the Dock, require this. Doug Wright will send in the required form and feels being pro-active a good idea. Liz Johnston e-mailed about this issue and also requested a membership list which was provided. She also suggested we need a financial review yearly. Doug and Nettie Cotter have carefully reviewed our Community dock books and found them accurate. He would like the membership to approve a more independent but informal (volunteer) "audit". Carl suggested the Dock assessment evaluation might be lower but Doug pointed out it is under cost at present.

New Business: Allan Danks read a letter he is sending to Denman Works! questioning them about their present membership rules and its implication for determining a quorum. Frank said Simon Palmer will

likely be at our Feb. General Meeting.

Bev Hollingsworth would like a Playground Committee to be considered by DIRA. It is presently under DIRCS (Community Hall) direction. We would need a Terms of Reference to set up such a committee.

Committee Reports:

Bill Mee Park has been consulted about the proposed Service Agreement with CVRD.

Community Dock: Doug Wright reported it needs a workbee for clean-up. Also they continue to generate some small revenue and “fish sellers” seen as a good idea.

Trails Committee: Alan Danks reported that the cross-island trail is about half surveyed and the CVRD will be presenting progress so far and taking input from the community on Wednesday the 16th.

Swim Dock: Anne Page reported on behalf of the Chair, Chris Taylor, that if any DIRA members have comments or suggestions regarding the swim dock they should be emailed to Chris Taylor.

Liaison Reports:

Don Lockett reported that the **Firehall** had a quiet holiday season so nothing to report.

Laura Busheikin reported for **Islands Trust** that the local trust committee meets next week and the public is invited. Their new planner will be there. Doug asked about the status of the secondary living unit issue. Laura says it is on their work program; one of 3 “top priority” items. The moratorium on non-conforming units was extended to Dec. 2013. Carl asked about Trust jurisdiction to high tide lines on Vancouver Island opposite Denman. Laura commented there is no written protocol and zoning in another jurisdiction difficult. A discussion followed about cooking in a B&B.

Ferry Advisory: Frank reported that Hornby islanders are trying to set up a Cable Ferry Meeting on Hornby.

VIRL report by Bill Engleson who said the library will be open on Saturdays 12:30 – 3:30 to fit better with re-cycle attendees.

Frank announced that DIMS (Cemetery group) will be at the Feb. Meeting.

Motion to adjourn was passed.

Minute Taker:

Chair:

Denise MacKean

Frank Frketich