

Denman Island Residents Association Annual General Meeting April 8, 2013

Minutes of Denman Island Residents Association (DIRA) Annual General Meeting held on Monday, April 8, 2013 in the Back Hall commencing at 7:30 pm.

Present: Chair Frank Frketich

Executive Anne Page
Bert Taylor
Doug Wright
Bob French
Denise MacKean – minute taker

Members in Attendance: Approximately 40

1. Frank called the DIRA AGM to order.
2. **Moved** that the Agenda be accepted as presented. **Carried.**
3. It was **Moved** that we accept the minutes of March 11, 2013 meeting as presented. **Carried**

4. Executive Report:

a. Frank asked for membership approval for DIRA to apply for a CVRD Grant-in-Aid.

Moved that the DIRA membership supports the Executive in its application for a Grant-in-Aid. That the amount requested be \$2000.00; \$1000.00 to help offset insurance costs and \$1000.00 to help offset administration costs. **Carried**

b. Frank introduced BC Hydro's request for a Statutory Right of Way through the Old School property.

Moved that the Denman Island Residents Association advise the Islands Trust Council that it has no objections or concerns related to the proposal for Islands Trust Council to enter into an agreement with BC Hydro to grant a statutory right-of-way, approximately 3 meters deep, over the property located at 5901 Denman Road, Denman Island.

Further that Islands Trust Council forward the \$1500.00 in compensation for the Statutory Right-of-Way to the Denman Island Residents Association to assist with maintenance of the Old School Building.

Carried.

5. Executive Year-end Reports:

a. Frank's report can be found on the DIRA website and it speaks mainly to our goals, our insurance needs and future By-law changes.

b. **Treasurer's Year-end Report:** Doug Wright presented a "fine-tuned" financial report as of March 31, 2012 and the DIRA general account giving 9 month expenditures having it end December 31, 2012. It shows approximately \$886 disposable income – most set aside for committees. The bottom line shows about \$300 more in 2012 than in 2011. All these figures are available on the DIRA website. The books were reviewed informally by Jackie Hipwell, an islander, and she states that our report agrees with bank transactions and funds available. **Moved** that the membership adopt the 2012 year-end financial report as presented. **Carried**

6. Annual Year-end Financial Reports from tax-based committees.

a. Bill Mee Park Committee: Glen Snook reported for the launch site stating that their expenditures came out under budget for the year. They presently have 9 volunteers and recent activities include bumpers at the dock, water tanks for the fire department and general maintenance.

Moved that the membership accept the financial report from Bill Mee Park. **Carried.**

b. Waste Management Committee. Bob French presented the 2012 Budget compared with actual expenditures. The change in the trucking contract changed the revenue stream dramatically and adjustments were made.

Moved that the financial statement be accepted as presented. **Carried.**

c. Bottle Depot: Bob then presented the bottle depot's Profit and Loss Statement for Jan. - Dec. 2012. It shows less refundables being returned which means income is down. It is hard to reduce operating costs so a challenge to keep the operation viable.

Leslie Dunsmore pointed out that \$9000 comes back to the community from the Bottle Depot over the year.

Moved that the financial statement be accepted as presented. **Carried**

d. Denman Island Volunteer Fire Department: John Ralston gave the year-end Financial Review going over the Budget and Actual expenditures. He discussed the sources of funds. **Moved** that DIRA receive the Fire Department's year-end report. **Carried.**

There was some discussion about funding from CVRD and the amount set aside for major capital equipment. John pointed out that by setting funds aside before a purchase we have had no financing costs. The Membership thanked John Ralston and John Kirk for their hard work.

7. Annual Reports from Non Tax-supported DIRA Committees:

a. Old School Committee: Gloria Michin reported that there was a fire on the porch of the Old School which damaged the mural and a replacement is now in place. There was also other damage which is now fixed. Luckily it was spotted early. Gloria presented a Financial Report showing income remaining steady and a surplus of \$4000.00.

Moved that the financial statement be accepted as presented. **Carried.**

b. Community Dock: Doug Wright reported some salt water invasion on the parking area and a need for a clean-up there. Some sea-water resistant plants will be planted soon.

c. Parks Committee: Frank read a few highlights from the report submitted by Laura Pope.

d. Trails Committee: Derek Hood presented their report prepared by Allan Danks. He also mentioned the advantage of having BC Parks designated trails as they are covered by their liability insurance.

e. Swim Dock: Anne Page presented the report for Chris Taylor.

f. Wildlife Advisory Committee: Dennis Forsyth reported their activities and let us know which of their members cover which tasks.

g. Pesticide Free Committee: Bert Taylor read a report for Peter Thomsen. They are relatively inactive with some educational role. However they look after the availability of the Broom Pullers, at the Hardware Store, which are heavily used.

8. Liaison Reports:

a. Denman Works! Simon Palmer presented his report and commented on some of their activities.

b. Ferry Advisory Committee: Frank presented their report as he had attended their recent meeting. The Cable Ferry is scheduled for July 2014 with preparation work to start soon. The FAC expressed the need to consider the community dock, boat launch and parking area in the new construction. They discussed the Experience Card situation which is an issue to the Ferry Corp. as well as the islands. Local marketing possibilities were also explored.

c. Regional Library: Bill Engelson gave the report and said there is no new regional library on the horizon. He will stay on as DIRA liaison person.

d. Islands Trust: Laura Busheikin gave a brief report mentioning the Trail project, affordable housing coming on stream and a revived Island Trust Library archives and reports plan.

9. Nominating Committee: Frank announced 3 people to be nominated for the next term. They are Laurie Montemurro, Ron Shepherd, and Denise MacKean. He then invited further nominations from the floor. None were forthcoming.

Motion that these new Board members be accepted. **Carried.**

Motion that the Meeting be adjourned. **Carried.**

Chair

Minute Taker

Frank Frketich

Denise MacKean