

Minutes of the general meeting of the Denman Island Residents Association (DIRA) held on Monday, June 10, 2013 in the Back Hall, located at 1196 Northwest Road, Denman Island, BC, commencing at 7:30 pm.

Present:	Chair	Frank Frketich
	Board	Doug Wright
		Bob French
		Ron Shepherd
		Laurie Montemurro
		Denise MacKean (minute taker)

16 members present

Moved that we approve the agenda for the June 10, 2013 meeting. **Carried**

Moved that we accept the minutes from the May 13, 2013 General meeting. **Carried**

Executive report:

- a) DIRA received the \$1000 Grant in Aid from the CVRD and this years budget looks doable.
- b) DIRA has been promised \$1000 to deal with Invasive Species from the Parks Committee of CVRD. Pesticide Free Committee will hire someone to get rid of Broom on the island in the Fall.

Old business:

- a) a group met this morning to draw up the Terms of Reference for Transition Island. These were presented by Frank for discussion. **Moved** we approve the terms of Reference as presented. **Carried**

New Business:

- a) The "Big Tree" signage was put forward by Frank. Bob French suggested 2 angled boards to view coming up the hill and from the road from the store. Bev Hollingsworth brought up the church ownership and Derek Hood explained the present situation. The synod in Victoria is now involved as is Hydro. A survey is in process to clarify where boundaries really are. Discussion followed. DIRA might try to clean up for starters and, if renovated, wants to maintain its character.
- b) Emergency Support Services came to the Island to discuss procedures with the emergency group here. Bev thought DIRA might help give this effort more visibility in the community.

Committee Reports:

- a) Trails Committee just completed a bridge on the trail in Boyle Point Park.
- b) Transition Denman Island Sustainability Festival will be held again this year with workshops, picnics, art etc. The Growers and Producers will be taking over the Hall for a Buy Local Eat Local display. That group is looking to having a "coop" truck or car on Denman. Their food directory is now out and will be in the store. They also have a seeder and rotatiller for rent. Herb reported that the composting toilet is again being worked on and that islandrideshare.com is up and running.

Liaison Reports:

- a) Fire Department: Don Lockett thanked DIRA for the Islands Trust Community award. A new truck has been added to the department's fleet and will be used as a first responder. It is good for small areas and will be on display at the Pancake Breakfast.
- b) Islands Trust: Laura Busheikin reported the recent trust committee meeting where Keystone's affordable housing request for rezoning was brought forward and a decision will be made at the Trusts next meeting. The new Trust planner was on hand and he is very experienced. At the end of August there will be several public meetings to review housing policy on the island. Options for secondary units and the conditions under which they could be implemented will be looked at.

Moved that the meeting be adjourned. **Carried.** Time 8:35

