

Minutes of the meeting of the Denman Island Residents Association (DIRA) held on Monday, July 8, 2013 in the Back Hall, located at 1196 Northwest Road, BC, commencing at 7:30 pm.

Present:	Chair	Frank Frketich
	Executive	Denise MacKean, Minute taker
		Doug Wright
		Bob French
		Ron Shepherd
		Laurie Montemurro

Call to Order: 12 people in attendance.

Motion to adopt the agenda: **Carried**

Motion to approve the Minutes of the General Meeting June 10, 2013: **Carried**

Executive Report:

Ron Shepherd explained the rationale for the members of Trails and Parks Committees automatically having membership in DIRA in order to be covered by BC Parks insurance. He made the following **Motion:**

Whereas B.C. Parks insurance for volunteers working in parks must be through a Society in which the volunteers hold membership:

Be it resolved that members of the Trails and Parks Committees, who are identified as volunteers working in B.C. Parks on Denman Island, be considered members of DIRA, the Society, in order to be eligible for the B.C. Parks volunteer insurance coverage.

Bill Engleson found problems with this feeling it makes two levels of membership, payers and non-payers. It was agreed that we first try to encourage those committee members who are not DIRA members to pay the fee to in fact become members. Failing this we could encourage the committees to pay for their members' membership in DIRA. **Carried**

Constitution and bylaws update: Bert Taylor and Frank are looking at changes to bring these up to date. In particular, defining the membership/Board relationship and also membership fees. Their hopeful time-line would see changes made by December.

Drinking at Ferry Facilities Laurie prepared a letter to BC Ferries asking them to tighten up on enforcing the no drinking policy on their facilities. Discussion followed in light of their recent press release regarding their liquor policy.

Motion to send the letter to reinforce Ferry's policy of zero tolerance. **Carried**

Letter to Highways expressing safety and road condition concerns on Denman Island was read by Frank. Centre lines and safety on the two major hills was emphasized. There was also a reminder that we feel we are not receiving our share of taxes paid for roads.

Motion that we send the letter to Ministry of Highways **Carried**

In view of a recent letter from Laura Pope suggesting it is not too late to resist the cable ferry, Frank wrote a letter to support the community's objections to the process and plans for a cable ferry. **Motion** to send Frank's letter to BC Ferries. **Carried**

Old Business: Discussion of Big Tree signage moved forward.

New Business:

Laura Montemorro outlined rules regarding liquor licences and a discussion followed about DIRA being a “licence sponsor” for island groups wishing to serve liquor at public events. Liability is the big issue and the rules are confusing. This discussion will be carried forward.

Jane Guest brought up the location of the Denman Sign and Anchor at the Ferry which she has looked after for many years. It needs a new location. Doug Wright will talk to the Dock Committee about giving the anchor a new home and in view of other parking and road changes coming at the Ferry, the sign placement and design may be deferred.

Committee Reports:

Bill Mee Park: Ralph reported that work parties recently did work around the ramp and breakwater and with help from the Fire Dept. washed down the ramp. There is also new signage.

Waste Management: Bob reported they will have a new fence by mid-July designed and built by Michael Rapati.

Community Dock: Doug Wright reported on the RCMP vehicle in the parking lot. It was decided we should support the parking of the RCMP vehicle there.

Parks: There is a new trail in Boyle Point Park and checkerspot butterfly activity continues.

Trails: Ralph told about building a small bridge in Boyle Point Park and showed a good video of the action.

Graham Lake Swim Dock: Margie Gang mentioned large groups of up to 30+ people coming to the Dock and she feels this could affect the drinking water system. Perhaps such large groups should be encouraged to go to the beach. The Graham Lake Water Board will be made aware of this by Frank.

Liaison Reports:

Island Trust: Next on-island meeting on July 15 in the Seniors Lounge

Motion to Adjourn: Carried

Next meeting September 9, 2013 and will be a budget meeting.

Frank Frketich, Chair

Denise MacKean , minute taker