

Minutes of the meeting of the Denman Island Residents Association (DIRA) held on Monday, October 21, 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

**Apologies:** Ron Shepherd  
Laurie Montemurro

**Call to Order:** 14 people in attendance.

**Motion** to approve the Agenda **Carried.**

**Motion** to approve the minutes of the general Meeting of September 9, 2013 **Carried.**

**Executive Report:** Frank reported.

**CVRD Service Agreement update:** We received revised schedules with CVRD expectations. Bill Mee's is much like the present arrangement so therefore has no problem with the schedule. Waste Management would like to wait for new MMBC regimen to come into effect before finalize their schedule. We are discussing this with the CVRD. Parks and Trails have no precedent for such an agreement but with some amendments they have agreed with it and now these schedules are back with CVRD. The Recreational Grant Committee submitted our vision of the process and we await CVRD reaction about the end of November.

There is no hard and fast money coming with the arrangement so far but \$7-9,000 might be an approximate figure. The final agreement will come before the membership when completed.

**Interim Budget for Parks and Trails:** They are all volunteers and at present no money coming to them. **Motion:** That DIRA recommend to the CVRD that the Parks and Trails Committees each receive an interim budget of \$2000. Discussion followed and Doug clarified that the funds would be held by DIRA and the committee would draw on it when needed. It was asked how Denman compares to other jurisdictions as regards volunteer work and if wages would be covered. These issues will be looked into. **Carried.**

**Update on Amendments to DIRA Constitution and By-laws:** Frank and Bert Taylor have nearly completed the task and the Membership will soon have a chance to review it.

**Upcoming Policing Meeting with CVRD:** Frank will bring up the need for reporting by the RCMP on a regular basis about their activities on Denman Island.

**Letter to Highways:** Laura Pope wrote a letter to highways with a copy to DIRA asking for a breakdown in Denman's part of their budget. The Board will inform membership when the budget is received.

**New Business:**

**MADD** (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) sign for calling 911 was suggested at the bottom of the ferry hill. **Motion:** That DIRA support the placement of a MADD sign on the

highway right of way at the base of the ferry hill. Discussion for and against followed.

**Motion Not Carried.**

Frank will ask for a sign on the Buckley Bay side at the up-coming Ferry Advisory Committee.

**Committee Reports:**

**Trails:** A bridge has been built off Park Road which is part of an all-purpose trail system to connect to Pickles Road.

**Wild Life Advisory:** A bear has been sighted on the island. There may be two.

**Pesticide Free:** They have a Broom Pulling Project funded by CVRD and invite neighbourhoods to become involved.

**Old School:** Islands Trust passed along \$1500 arising from a Hydro Aerial Right of Way payment to DIRA. We are going to pass that amount on to the committee possibly towards roof repairs.

**Liaison Reports:**

**Fire Dept.** A new cement pad for storage space was poured and they will also be holding an Auction in April or May.

**Denman Works!** Simon Palmer reported that their AGM is tomorrow night and encouraged the community to come and discuss and vote on increasing Community Projects Grants. He outlined their activities over the year.

**Islands Trust:** Laura Busheikin reminded us of their business meeting tomorrow. They will be discussing the shellfish issue and the Housing Review report by Trust staff. The planner recommends legalized secondary suites as suitable for Denman.

**Ferry Advisory:** There is still a lot of discussion about the cable ferry. The replacement of the Boat Ramp by the ferry parking area is still being discussed.

**The meeting was adjourned.**

Minute taker:

Chair:

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Denise MacKean

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Frank Frketich