

Minutes of the meeting of the Denman Island Residents Association (DIRA) held Monday, November 18, 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: 13 people in attendance.

Motion to approve the Agenda **Carried.**

Motion to approve the minutes of the General Meeting of October 21, 2013 **Carried.**

Executive Report:

Frank reported that he and Bert Taylor completed work on the amending of DIRA Constitution and By-laws and the Board will now look it over and then hopefully present it to the membership at the December General Meeting. Acceptance will be formally considered at the January General Meeting.

Acquisition of Laser Sailboats was brought to the November Board Meeting by Alex White who requested DIRA take control of the six boats presently owned by the Deep Bay Sailing Club for \$1. He hopes to get a sailing club here on Denman in 2014 and has a winter storage place lined up.

Motion that DIRA acquire 6 Laser boats from Deep Bay for \$1. Discussion followed concerning insurance and DIRA's ability to own property. Both issues seemed manageable. **Motion Carried.**

New Business:

When the ferry dock and parking area are re-designed we will lose the small boat launch. BC Ferries verbally agreed they could have a new launch site in that plan and would help with design, financing and permitting if required. Frank is meeting with them tomorrow to give input and hear their ideas.

Frank will look into how many people use DIRA's website.

Committee Reports:

Waste Management: Bob French reported that they have a new 6 slot bike rack on site. The MMBC business plan still unclear and their time lines are very short. It seems to be coming on-stream with little consultation and no promises. CVRD is now saying we need to change our budget to accommodate the new contract now in place. This may affect our future Service Agreement. Frank will send a letter, read by Bob, to Mr. Boatman at CVRD concerning these matters.

Graham Lake Swim Dock: A year-end inspection showed it to be in good condition.

Wild Life Advisory: Dennis Forsyth said a lot of deer had been hit by cars recently and wants drivers to report hits to this committee. Fish net fencing also a big problem and deer are difficult to remove if they become entrapped. People should be warned of this situation. He had photos of recent situations with deer.

Pesticide Free group had a very successful Broom Eradication program hiring two hard-working people who worked with Islanders covering more areas than expected.

Liaison Reports:

Denman Works! Simon Palmer reported on their October 22 AGM. Their budget was submitted to CVRD.

Island Trust: Laura Busheikin reminded us of the next Trust Committee meeting with a report on aquaculture. A Trust officer will be speaking on the subject. She also mentioned another housing open house in early 2014.

Ferry Advisory: Frank attended the last meeting where the new terminal and a possible boat launch were discussed. He will attend the “committee chair” meeting in Nanaimo tomorrow as he will be moving into that position to replace Tony Law. The newly announced reduced Ferry schedule was discussed. There is a meeting with Ferries about this on November 28.

Motion: that we invite our MLA Don McRae to the Nov. 28th meeting. **Carried.** Clare Trevena should also be invited.

Vancouver Island Regional Library: Bill Engleson reported that they are looking at ways to help our local use of the e-mail system.

Motion to Adjourn Carried.

Minute taker:

Chair:

Denise MacKean

Frank Frketich