

Minutes of the meeting of the Denman Island Residents Association (DIRA) held on Monday, December 9, 2013 in the Back Hall, located at 1196 Northwest Road, Denman Island, BC, commencing at 7:30 pm.

Present: Chair Frank Frketich
Executive: Laurie Montemurro, minute taker
Doug Wright
Bob French

Apologies: Denise Mackean, Ron Shepard

Motion that the agenda be approved. **Carried.**

Motion to approve the minutes from Nov. 18, 2013 as presented was **Carried.**

Executive Report:

1. At the last Board meeting the Executive went through over half the current bylaws to review revisions. This task should be completed at the next Board Meeting and then they will be posted on the website and open for comment.
2. Deep Bay requested a letter from DIRA stating we will acquire the boats for \$1 and set up a sailing club or committee to oversee their use. An official transfer will then be sent to us, Once it is signed and returned to them Alex White can pick up the boats. The equipment will be stored at John Johnson's and the boats will be stored at the White's on Lacon Road.
3. The new boat ramp will be built fairly close to the Community Dock. Frank reiterated to the Project Manager that Ferries should provide the funds, the permits and the design for the ramp. The Manager did not say yes or no to this request. Should have confirmation by mid-Feb.
4. Union Bay Credit Union has pledged \$3,000 to support the Old School Roof project. DIRA has written a thank you letter to them.

New Business:

1. A motion was made for DIRA to send a response to the ferries engagement process detailing reasons why they should not cut three sailings from the schedule. **Carried.**
2. A motion was made for Waste Management to adjust their Budget, requesting \$4,500 from the CRVD to cover DIRA administration costs. This will replace the line item detailing the \$850 currently listed. **Carried.**

Committee Reports:

Waste Management: a new bike rack was installed at the recycling centre, courtesy of Cora Canada Industries.

Community Dock: continues to operate. There is \$35,000 in the account, rentals for Sept - Nov. totalled \$326. There have been no concerns or complaints from any of the residents surrounding the dock regarding loud behaviour or parties.

Trails & Parks: are meeting with the Regional District to discuss the Schedule required under the proposed Service Agreement will take place tomorrow morning.

Transition Denman: Veronica Timmins reported the Summer Sustainability Festival was a success; the Growers and Producers (GPA) have purchased a large dehydrator and a pipe bender (for building hoop greenhouses) for the community to use. There will be a membership signup at Seedy Sat. on Jan. 25, 2014. The Buy Local campaign has received funding from Denman Works to expand in 2014. The Grow your own Fuel project is on track, they are in the final stages of testing this year's crop. The Alternative Action Group is building a humanure toilet at the old School.

Liaison Reports:

Fire Dept: Don Lockett reported on the awards presented at the Banquet. A video presentation was to take place but could not due to technical difficulties and will happen at the next General meeting in January.

Denman Works reported they were held up as an exemplary organization at the Islands Trust economic Forum. The Denman Housing Association has a meeting on Sat. Dec. 14 to rally community support and continue to develop an action plan for affordable housing on the Island.

Islands Trust: Laura Busheikin reported on the recent Island Trust Economic Forum where economic groups and regional districts met to discuss enhancement possibilities. The Trust submitted a letter to BC Ferries detailing their concerns with the slated sailing cutbacks and are meeting with the MLA to discuss these concerns. The Trust budget is in its second go around, Jan./Feb. will be the time for public input. The Courts upheld their original ruling on the Swan Road property regarding bylaw infractions and awarded costs to the Trust. There is no local Trust Committee mtg. until Jan. 21st, 2014. This mtg. hopes to finalize plans for bringing the Housing Review back to the public and they continue to develop plans for input on shellfish aquaculture.

Ferry Advisory Committee: Many emails are circulating between the various Ferry Advisory Committee Chairs regarding the community ferry meetings. Chambers of Commerce, tourism associations, school districts and senior groups are all voicing their disagreement with the cutbacks in service. Frank is meeting with our MLA Don McRae to explain DIRA's position.

VIRL: The Vancouver Island Library Board has decided to provide time for someone to man the e-library which we hope will allow for better service to Denman Island.

Motion to adjourn at 9 pm Carried.

Minute taker:

Chair:

Laurie Montemurro

Frank Frketich