

Minutes of the meeting of the Denman Island Residents Association (DIRA) held Monday, February 17, 2014 in the Back Hall, located at 1196 Northwest Road, BC, commencing at 7:30 pm.

Present: Chair of meeting: Bob French
Executive: Denise MacKean, Minute taker
Doug Wright

Apologies: Frank Frketich, Chair
Ron Shepherd
Laurie Montemurro

Call to Order: 17 attended.

Motion : to accept the Agenda. **Carried.**

Motion: to approve the Minutes of January 13, 2014 General Meeting **Carried.**

Executive Report:

Bob French reported that we had signed a contract to take the offered sailboats from Deep Bay and then we will transfer them to our Denman Yacht Club. If they do not use or want them Deep Bay group has right of first refusal. The Ferry Advisory Committee is having a meeting on Feb. 20 to get practical suggestions for what we want in the new ferry schedule.

Proposed changes to DIRA Constitution. Bert Taylor was on hand to explain changes and answer questions being considered by the Board. He welcomed comments and suggestions from the floor and the Board will consider these before bringing it to a vote of the membership. The size of a quorum and membership were discussed. A fixed number seemed to be preferred over a percentage of the membership and the Board will revisit this.

Committee Reports:

Community Dock: Doug Wright reported on some tree-cutting and a plan to get some gravel in the parking area and outlined plans for general maintenance. They have been collecting some fees even in the winter.

Old School: Gloria Michin announced that they will be getting a new roof. There were 4 proposals of between \$18,000-\$28,000. Nelson Roofing bid at \$21,000 was accepted. The bats will be accommodated.

Transition Denman Island: Veronica Timmins reported that Seedy Saturday was very successful.

Waste Management: Bob French reported that the Old School and Waste Management had a meeting to discuss rent. Waste Management decided to purchase 9 months of rent in advance for about \$5600. This helps with the Old School budget particularly the contingency fund for on-going maintenance and their roof project. The MMBC operation is still not clear but there is a meeting coming up.

Liaison Reports:

Islands Trust: Laura Busheikin discussed upcoming Local Trust Committee meetings, one with the Comox Band Treaty representative when aquaculture will be discussed. And they will have a DFO representative at their next public meeting when shellfish monitoring will be discussed. They also will meet with the CVRD to discuss the next section on the cross-island trail. She also mentioned the upcoming nominations for Community Stewardship awards.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next General Meeting March 10, 2014