

Minutes of the meeting of the Denman Island Residents Association (DIRA) held Monday, March 10, 2014 in the Back Hall, located at 1196 Northwest Road, commencing at 7:30 pm.

Present: Chair of meeting: Frank Frketich
Executive: Denise MacKean, Minute
taker

Doug Wright
Laurie Montemurro
Bob French
Ron Shepherd

Apologies:

Call to Order: 14 attended.

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

Motion: to approve the Minutes of the February 17, 2014 General Meeting. **Carried.**

Executive Report:

Bert Taylor reviewed small changes he made to our revised Constitution which were suggested at our February meeting. After brief discussion we settled on the number 12 to constitute a quorum. Committee responsibilities were discussed. Changes were not seen as necessary. Frank commented that the Board might consider asking for more reporting to the General Meeting from committees . The new Constitution will be on our website and the membership will vote on it at the AGM in April.

New Business:

Frank updated us on the most recent **Ferry Advisory Committee's** meeting with BC Ferries which dealt with Hornby/Denman runs. It was again made clear that the Provincial Government was setting policy which required cost savings and therefore cuts. The FAC will still be able to make suggestions after the schedule comes into effect. The employees 7 1/2 hour workday makes a 10 pm sailing impossible. Doug pointed out the two shifts suggested should be able to cover the later sailing. Over all, the whole process is very discouraging.

CVRD Service agreement: After over a year the agreement is nearly finalized. The separate committee Schedules have been carefully reviewed with some reservations. It will go on the website and will be discussed by the membership at future General Meetings and hopefully will be signed soon. DIRA's high insurance and administration costs means we will need the hoped for operating costs coming with the agreement.

Transit Future Plan Priorities meeting was reported on by Frank. There will be a 10 am and a 6 pm bus still from Buckley Bay to Courtenay but the 2 pm bus does not work with the new ferry schedule and will be looked at. They are working towards a cross-Denman bus link to the ferries but far in the future.

Committee Reports:

There were no committee reports.

Bob gave a brief up-date on the new waste management program and we were all urged to spread the word about our April AGM.

Motion to adjourn Carried.

Next General which is the AGM April 14, 2014.