

## **DIRA Minutes General Mtg., May 12, 2014 7:30 p.m. Back Hall**

1. Meeting. Called to order at 7:31pm.
2. Motion to Approve Agenda; Carried.
3. Motion to Approve Minutes of April 14th AGM w/correction to by-laws: Carried.
4. Executive Report:
  - a. Executive Officers for 2014/15 are the same as 2013/14.
    - Frank Frketich – President
    - Bob French – Vice President
    - Doug Wright – Treasurer
    - Denise Mackean – Secretary
  - b) Appointed Anne Page as Membership Coordinator w/Margie Gang assisting.
  - c) Anne Page appointed as Website Coordinator.
  - d) A motion for Graham Lake Swim Dock to apply for a Recreation Grant for the sum of \$500, Carried.
  - e) The Pesticide Free Committee received funding from the CRVD for invasive species removal, 1400 – 1600 dollars. The Pesticide Committee is teaming up with the Garden Club and will hire two people to pull broom in areas where there is a commitment from property owners to maintain the site in the future.
5. Old Business
  - a) The Community Dock Financial report was presented, with revisions based on input received at the AGM. A motion was made to approve the report, Carried  
The Executive is reviewing how we report our financial statements to the Membership, trying to move towards a recognized financial standard instead of reconciliation statements.
  - b) CRVD Service Agreement,  
This is a new era as DIRA committees have never had a service agreement. Why now? For consistent financial input from the Regional District – getting some of our tax dollars back into the community to work for us. The legalities of fund transfers and insurance concerns have all prompted this action. This Agreement is for a two year term at which time there will be a review and a possibility to sign on for three years.  
A motion was made authorizing the DIRA executive to sign the Service Agreement with the CVRD, Carried.
6. New Business

A discussion around a dedicated line for Hornby Residents at the Denman Terminal for the 8 a.m. sailing.

Feedback:

- \* majority of Respondents from Denman disagree, majority of Hornby respondents agree.
- \* a suggestion to research the process on Cortes & Quadra to see how they work
- \* a suggestion made for the Captains' to communicate, hold a number of places
- \* the perceived problem might not be a problem at all
- \* suggestion: to check with BCF and their load records to see if people are being left behind. Do it over a couple of weeks to see if there is a problem.
- \* suggestion to do an earlier sailing off Hornby for residents to catch the 7:20 off Denman
- \* cost prohibitive, too expensive to hire someone to monitor situation
- \* pink slip from a doctor presented to reserve a space if they have an early appointment
- \* suggestion: if Hornby residents get this than Denman residents should receive something in return, ie: reserved space from Buckley Bay at 4pm sailing
- \* the anxiety of Hornby residents trying to make the ferry should be addressed.
- \* if it is only a perception problem then what is the harm in saving spaces
- \* offer to host Hornby residents who need to leave early

## 7. Committee Reports

Waste Management: 1 week from MMBC program and no conversation with the partners involved. Hoping for the best.

Wild Life Advisory: Good winter, fewer deer deaths due to a warmer, dryer year. Very quiet.

## 8. Liaison Reports

a. Islands Trust: the Housing Regulation Review Community Information Meeting will be on June 10th, followed by a public hearing. Regulations to open up the housing by-laws to address an array of housing needs will be presented. Proposing to allow homes 1 secondary suite without the need for application and a secondary use permit for 4 – 5 years for small cottages.

b. Ferry Advisory: if you have a comment you wish presented at the meeting on the 27th please contact Frank or Laura.

c. VIRL, a report has been requested for a virtual librarian.

9. A motion was made to adjourn at 8:46pm, Carried

Chairperson Frank Frketich

Minute Taker Laurie Montemurro

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