

Minutes of the meeting of the Denman Island Residents Association (DIRA)

Monday, June 9, 2014 in the Back Hall, located at 1196 Northwest Road, BC, commencing at 7:30 pm.

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

Doug Wright
Bob French
Ron Shepherd
Margie Gang
Laurie Montemurro

Apologies:

Meeting was called to order: 45 attended.

Motion to adopt the agenda **Carried.**

Motion to approve the Minutes of May 12, 2014 General Meeting **Carried.**

Executive Report: Frank reported:

1. The Sailing and Paddling Club has asked to be a committee of DIRA pending approval of insurance by Axis Insurance. If insurance is reasonable this will be brought before the membership at the July General Meeting.
2. BC Ferries has allocated money for a boat launch near Denman West Terminal near the Community Dock and acknowledged this in an e-mail. John Johnston pointed out the overlapping of water leases and the community dock. Frank will make Ferries aware of this concern.
3. Broom Pulling project: \$1400 from CVRD plus a \$500 donation from Denman Garden Club and help from the Pesticide Committee of DIRA all went to making this a very successful project.
4. John Johnston will be joining the Committee Dock Committee.

Old Business: Frank reported:

BC Ferries has been asked to give a schedule of work to tell the community what and when things are happening to help people plan ahead.

New Business:

Don Luckett as Fire Chief gave a rundown of several June 7th incidents on the island. The Fire Dept. received a call-out at 4 am when 4 people in a pick-up were involved in an accident on Lacon Road. The same night a second vehicle was stolen and crashed on the north end of the island. A third vehicle was stolen and abandoned. Another parked car was smashed by another truck. He feels these incidents are important to the community as a whole and may have impacts on policing and Hall activities in the future. Perri Gorrara made a motion on behalf of Janine Walton that no youth-oriented events be allowed in the hall. She later withdrew the motion when Sharon Mackin and George

McFaul gave some history on what the Hall has done to mitigate this unruly behaviour. They have strengthened the rental requirements and moved to tighten controls on privately sponsored dances. Don forwarded warnings from the local RCMP Constable concerning due diligence by DIRCS (Hall) Board. Denman could request more RCMP presence and perhaps residents should be more pro-active. Discussion followed. **Motion** that DIRA support the DIRCS Board's actions and encourage them to consult with the Fire Dept. and RCMP. **Carried.**

Community Dock: Frank thanked Doug Wright and his committee for looking after the Dock this past year. Robert Fox had concerns and suggestions about management and control of the dock. He wanted more information on the present dock committee. He represented concerned islanders and would like DIRA executive to look into the functioning of the dock and report to the next general meeting. John Johnston reported from the DIRA Dock Committee. He gave some history and outlined his past involvement. John was concerned about the lease renewal and possible claims made by the First Nations. The Dock Committee is working out rules for the wharfinger. Frank spoke about the lease for the dock which came due in August 2011 but no renewal was pursued by the committee. In November 2012, just weeks after John Johnston resigned as Dock Chair DIRA received a letter regarding the renewal of the Temporary Permit. Upon investigation it was learned that a 30 year lease would best serve our needs. Application was made but when it went out for comment First Nations had concerns about the length of the renewal term. While we wait for a resolution of the issues the Temporary Permit remains in effect. This was confirmed by the Ministry of Forest, Lands and Natural Resource Operations.

Meeting Adjourned at 10 pm.

Next General Meeting July 14, 2014.