

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

Present:

Chair:	Frank Frketich
Executive:	Denise MacKean, minute taker Doug Wright Bob French Ron Shepherd Margie Gang Laurie Montemurro

Meeting was called to order: 14 attended.

Motion to adopt the agenda **Carried.**

Motion to approve the Minutes of October 20, 2014 General Meeting **Carried.**

Executive Report: Frank reported:

The insurance agreement with Axis Insurance has been renewed at a cost of just over \$5200.00. That includes the insurance on the Old School building, the Recycle Centre, as well as liability for all our committees

We are hoping to meet with CVRD this month to discuss the remaining issues around the Service Agreement with particular attention to the required financial review of our books on a regular basis done by an accredited accountant. We would like a less intensive, and hence less expensive, report and are looking to a non-registered accountant. Such an accountant is available and would make it possible to carry on as we have in the past.

There will be no General Meeting in December 2014 and the next meeting will be in January. We may need a Board meeting after seeing CVRD.

The Boat ramp/launch is covered by our insurance. Frank got a report from Castor, the group who looks after our environmental assessment at the dock, and the new boat launch should not affect this. He also learned at the recent FAC meeting that the ferry people may be able to turn the approach to the ramp if desired.

New Business:

Margie reported that DIRA presently has 120 members after a recent flurry of new signer-uppers.

Committee Reports:

Trails: It is hoped that people living near the new Cross Island Trail will help keep their section cleaned up. Trails committee will also be setting up monitoring for the sections that are finished.

Transition Denman: The Growers and Producers will be holding their AGM on November 27.

Liaison Reports:

Denman Works!: Simon Palmer reported that they had their AGM in October. Their officers remained the same and the next year's budget was approved. Minutes for the meeting are on their website. He also discussed the costs for legal protection which CVRD controls which amounts to about \$5000 or 12% of the society's allocation. He feels CVRD spends very little time on looking after Denman Works! He suggests that DIRA look at this "hold back" formula. Denman Works! had a very successful meeting of those interested in visitor/tourism activity on Denman. They will also facilitate a meeting on Nov. 22 "Managing Our Island".

Islands Trust: Laura Busheikin reported that the November meeting of the local Trust will be cancelled due to Trust elections. She urged us to get younger islanders out to vote. She thanked DIRA for the well-run all candidates meeting.

Ferry Advisory Committee: Frank reported on the Nov. 6th meeting which once again discussed scheduling adjustments: the mid-day break and the evening wait between 6 p.m., 8 and 9:45.

Priority loading for Hornby was again discussed and it appears the problem occurs infrequently. BC Ferries has been asked to look into how such an arrangement could be implemented for the 8 a.m. ferry from Denman West..

The question of Emergency Services during the non-sailing periods was brought up and apparently it has been dealt with.

We are going to begin lobbying the government to extend the summer "peak period" from May long weekend until mid to late September.

Senior travel is down since the change to their fares by 7% on Route 21 and 11% on Route 22. A larger "ferries are shuttling" that will be much more visible is being worked on but too much chaos for it right now.

The meeting was adjourned.

Next General Meeting January 12, 2015

Chair

Minute taker:

Frank Frketich

Denise MacKean