

**Minutes of the meeting of the Denman Island Residents Association (DIRA) held October 20, 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  
Margie Gang  
**Apologies:** Ron Shepherd  
Laurie Montemurro

Before the meeting two candidates for Regional District representative introduced themselves briefly.

**Meeting was called to order:** 37 attended.

**Motion** to adopt the agenda **Carried.**

**Motion** to approve the Minutes of September 8, 2014 General Meeting **Carried.**

**Executive Report:** Frank reported:

DIRA will host an Election Forum in the front hall on November 9 being organized by Margie Gang. It will be open 1-5 pm with formal presentations starting at 2 pm. 8 candidates are expected. Voting requirements were explained.

Both DIRA and Denman Works! were planning meetings to discuss recruiting volunteers. DIRA will step back and Denman Works! will take this on to eliminate duplication. It is planned for November 22 at 1:30 in the Seniors Lounge. Main points to be discussed are centralizing common functions, collaboration to avoid overlap, planning a community calendar to better utilize dates.

**Old Business:** Frank reported:

He met with ferry representatives to discuss the proposed **Boat Ramp** at the Denman West Ferry Terminal. Frank discussed certain concerns our Community Dock committee has with the present plan and a counter proposal for the location of the Ramp was presented. This involves moving the Ramp off our Dock site property. John Johnston spoke to this proposal  
**Motion:** That DIRA supports BC Ferries building a boat ramp at Denman West. Frank clarified that the present plan by BC Ferries is very preliminary and to date they only appointed a Project Manager There is a verbal agreement from the BC Ferries Vice President in charge of Community Relations to build the Ramp.

**Motion** that the DIRA membership is requesting the DIRA Executive to contact the DIRA insurance provider ASAP and request a quote for liability insurance for the proposed boat ramp at Denman West. The amount of coverage shall be \$2 million. The concern is that DIRA will be the owner without knowing what it will cost to insure the ramp. The suggestion was made that the Regional District might take on the new dock similar to Bill Mee Park and therefore would

cover insurance. A **Motion** was made to Table the above Motion but was **not Carried**. The original motion was **Carried**.

#### **New Business:**

**Motion:** That the DIRA membership accept the agreement with BC Parks to cover insurance for volunteers on the Parks and Trails Committees. **Carried**

Frank read a note from Laura Pope to say the Parks Committee is OK with the new Service Agreement and Margie Gang said the Trails Committee will also accept the agreement and will submit a yearly plan ahead to BC Parks which will simplify insurance coverage.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Waste Management:** Bob French explained that they need more floor space under the new MMBC system and plan a 10 foot (recycle) and 4 foot (bottle depot) extension at the back of the present building. CVRD has \$18,000 for such a project. If approved Waste Management will get a grant via DIRA before the March 31st deadline. As a grant the project will be under local control.

**Bill Mee Park:** Nice and quiet and looking at possible extension of breakwaters.

**Trails:** Work in Boyle Point Park nearing completion and they are looking at more work in the North Island Park. Cross Island trail progressing as far as Swan Road so far and no horses until it settles.

**Parks:** They have up to 10 regular members and good rapport with Trails. They support no-vehicle beaches and are trying to control vehicle access to the new provincial park. They expect to have signage on new provincial park by summer.

**Swim Dock:** Margie noted that there are a few clean-up jobs on Graham Lake.

**Transition Denman:** Veronica Timmins reported that there are two workshops lined up to complete the composting toilet at the Old School. Also that the Grower and Producers group had a very successful Apple Fest.

**Guardians of Denman Shores:** Liz Johnston presented a report from this new committee which plans a community survey soon concerning vehicles on the beach. She asked about committee insurance. Frank checked with our insurer and they see no problem.

#### **Liaison Reports:**

**Denman Works!** will hold its AGM on October 30 and will host a Denman Visitors Workshop on November 7.

**Islands Trust:** Laura Busheikin reported that the local trust committee has now placed visitor accommodations in the top 3 of their Priorities List. She also reported on a meeting with the local RCMP and it was a quiet summer on that front. The RCMP was happy with the community response to the problems associated with the "June Dance"

**Ferries Advisory Committee:** There will be a meeting on November 6 and assured access for Hornby residents on the Buckley/Denman run will come up. Frank asked for reaction to the suggestion and, after discussion, 6 members voted in favour of the idea and 10 against with 5 abstainers. This will give some guidance to DIRA's input at the meeting. He will also bring up the subject of promised window washing on the ferry hill promised by BC Ferries.

**Meeting adjourned.** Next meeting November 10, 2014

Chair:

Minute taker:

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Frank Frketich

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Denise MacKean