



c) Motion: That the DIRA Membership recommend that the Graham Lake Swim Dock Committee apply for a \$500 Recreation Grant. Passed

d) Motion: That the DIRA Membership support the Executive's application for a \$500 Recreation Grant to cover startup costs for the proposed boat ramp by Denman West Terminal. Passed

#### 6. Committee Reports;

Parks: Ron Shepard, Morning Beach – CVRD engineers and an arborist checked the stairs and the slope – there is a lot of work to be done. The stairs cannot be opened until an estimate is made and the work completed. Peter Karsten has finished the work required by the CVRD to ensure the stairs are closed.

Wildlife Advisory: Dennis Forsyth, lots of Purple Martins on Buckley Bay side, two spotted on the Denman side.

Pesticide Free: Frank reported that the broom removal project has been completed.

#### 7. Liaison Reports:

Islands Trust: Laura Busheikin reported that the next Trust meeting is May 26 at 10:30 in the Seniors Lounge. Topics include Riparian Areas, Zoning proposal and the Visitor Accommodation bylaw review.

The Trust has put together a newcomers' package to be distributed through the Real Estate offices explaining the Islands Trust and the Islands ecosystems.

The Trust Council meets in June, Mike Corrigan from BC Ferries will be there.

Salt Spring is doing an Incorporation study. If they do ultimately incorporate they will still be part of the Island's Trust just in a different context.

Ferry Advisory: Frank is now the Chair for the Denman Hornby Ferry Advisory Committee.

BC Ferries will wait until the Cable Ferry is running in September to determine the feasibility of reserving 15 spaces for Hornby vehicles on the 8 a.m. sailing from Denman West.

The committee is going to begin lobbying the government to try to get the peak season sailing schedule to start from the May long weekend until Thanksgiving.

A committee was struck to discuss an alternate schedule to eliminate the 2 hr. gap in sailings midday.

The Cable Ferry crew size has still not been determined by Transport Canada. The Cable Ferry has been named the Baynes Sound Connector. It should arrive around the end of May with training beginning in June. According to BC Ferries there are now more locals hired than in the past.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.