

**Denman Island Residents Association  
Annual General Meeting  
April 13, 2015**

The DIRA AGM was called to order.

**Motion** to adopt the Agenda, amended to include a report by Denman Works!, **Carried.**

**Motion** to approve the Minutes of March 10, 2015 General Meeting with the change suggested by John Johnston that the Dock Committee was not informed of the change to the Dock Management Plan prior to the Executive's changing the management plan.  
The motion was **Carried.**

**Executive Report:**

Frank reported that the CVRD is allocating \$1500.00 and the Garden Club is adding \$500.00 for another broom pulling initiative coordinated by Pesticide Free Committee.

**Old Business:**

Frank provided some background on the following motion. BC Ferries said DIRA had to apply for the license for the mentioned water lot for the ramp. John Johnston does not support the fact that the DIRA board was late in bringing this to the membership

**Motion** that the DIRA Membership supports the Executive's application for a portion of water lot #C.T. 39445-1 for the purpose of constructing a boat launch ramp. **Carried.**

**New Business:**

Frank presented a **Motion** that DIRA ratify the recommendation of the Waste Management Committee by accepting the bid of Marinus Blitterswyk of \$19,162.50 for construction of the addition to the Recycling Centre. **Carried.**

**Frank presented his Year-end Report** highlighting:

Passing constitutional changes

Signing the CVRD Service agreement

Signing of the agreement with BC Parks to insure our committee members working in the Provincial Parks.

Frank thanked Bob French for his long and strong service to the community. He had to resign recently.

Frank thanked the Executive for hard work and our good Board spirit. We also thank him.

**Nominations for the DIRA Executive Board.** **Motion** to accept the nomination of Laurie Montemurro, Ron Sherherd and Denise MacKean for another term **Carried.**

**Annual Year-end Financial Reports:**

**Bill Mee Park:** The committee reported that they spent last year \$2268.70 and had budgeted for \$3960. **Motion** to accept report **Carried.**

**Waste Management:** Leslie Dunsmuir presented their year-end financial report reviewing income and expenses. MMBC (the new recycle regime) had new requirements pushing up expenses this year. However, they were close to their predicted budget. **Motion** to accept her report **Carried**.

**Bottle Depot:** This group receives no tax funding. Their income was about \$45,000 and income and expenses are very close, which is challenging.

**Old School Committee:** Gloria Michen reported that this is a self-supporting group and not tax supported. **Motion** to accept the report **Carried**.

**Denman Island Residents Association:** Now with the new service agreement with CVRD we are required to have a consolidated financial statement. **Motion** to approve the treasurer's presentation of the report **Carried**.

**Fire Department:** John Ralston lauded our volunteer fire department which is fantastic. He presented the financial review of expenditures and income. **Motion** to accept the report **Carried**.

**Denman Works!:** John Roberts stated that they have no assets or liabilities as it is a "flow through" organization. He then went over the budget from last year showing how their monies are dispersed.

**Annual Reports from DIRA Committees.** These reports will be on the DIRA website.

**Parks Committee:** Frank summarized the report mentioning the Checkerspot project in the park, the lack of a management plan so far for the new Provincial Park, the continuing work of the Parks Committee with the Parks people which is going well. And the Morning Beach stairs (a CVRD Park) is still closed but repairs are planned.

**Trails Committee:** Anne Page reported for Allan Danks and highlighted the completion of the first section of the cross-island trail. They have also purchased new tools making work easier and completed work on two long trails in Boyle Point Park.

**Graham Lake Swim Dock:** Chris Taylor via Frank asked for feedback about the trail and lake dock so they can follow up on any needed work.

**Wildlife Advisory Committee:** Dennis Forsyth highlighted last year's activities which included dealing with lost dogs and other distressed animals. He urged people not to feed deer, described big scoter duck gathering at herring time and warned about dogs chasing birds. No cougar or bear sightings this year.

**Pesticide Free Committee:** They did a broom pulling project in 2014 and plan another in 2015.

**Transition Denman Island:** Veronica Timmons reviewed their busy year: Seedy Saturday, Transition Sustainability Festival, equipment rentals, Apple Fest, and a nearly completed composting toilet.

**Guardians of Denman Shores:** Edi Johnston presented their March report and submitted a yearly review (attached). Frank asked for some clarity on beach vehicles and asked for a meeting with the DIRA Board. Liz Johnston read a statement on regulations covering W3 zones. Their earlier motion wanted to limit vehicles in "Conservation Territories".

**Liaison Reports:**

**Islands Trust:** They will be having regular meetings as posted.

**Ferry Advisory Committee:** Their next regular meeting is in late May.

**Vancouver Island Regional Library:** Bill Engleson reported no change for Denman Library but is ever hopeful.

Meeting was adjourned.

Chair:

Minute taker:

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Frank Frketich

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Denise MacKean