

**Denman Island Residents Association
General Meeting June 13, 2016**

1. Call Meeting to Order at 7:31 pm. 19 members in attendance including five Executive members.
2. **Motion to Approve the Agenda, seconded, favoured.**
3. **Motion to Approve Minutes of May 9, 2016 General Meeting, seconded, favoured.**
4. Executive Report:

Denise highlighted that if anyone has an issue they would like to discuss with the Executive please call one of us and we will schedule you in during our regular Executive mtgs. At our last Executive mtg. the Dock committee came to discuss the interlocking responsibilities of the Dock and at the new boat ramp.

5. Old Business: None to report.

6. New Business:

- a. Ron and Liz Johnston brought up the issue of paying volunteers. Payment for services done by Committee volunteers, there is a question regarding the validity of this as there was no motion passed by the membership for this expense. Trails receives \$2,000 as a discretionary budget, the work is done by committee members once a week for \$100/month. Liz felt that the issue is around the payment for services rendered not being passed by the membership, there are policies in place that were not followed.

Comments from the membership included:

Discretionary implies the committee has the right to make a choice and we should trust good choices are being made

Bylaws should be honoured, particularly if there is a conflict of interest

Groups should be counselled on how to build this into their budget

Subject worth addressing in a philosophical way but in respect to the organization, no rules have been broken as long as the people who made the decision are not those being paid

Amount of money paid is minimal given the amount of work involved

Ron detailed that the Board needs to address the concerns expressed regarding transparency and conflict of interest. These discretionary funds come from the CVRD through the establishment of our service agreements with them. Due to the newness of this arrangement the Executive might not have thought it through enough and we will address the concerns expressed.

- b. The Dock Tenure Lease Renewal, the increase in the required deposit for the Dock is increasing to \$5,000 from \$2,000. Doug suggested using the Credit Union to take out a GIC in this amount and earn interest on it.

There is a suggestion the Dock and the Boat Ramp amalgamate their tenures for a thirty year lease.

Motion: DIRA renew the lease on the current Dock site for ten years. Seconded, favoured.

FLNRO & Telus both require as part of their separate agreements with DIRA that a gate barring public transport access to the beach at the Dock site be in place. This has been done.

c) Judy Armstrong brought forth concerns regarding BC Ferries lack of public information regarding their strategies for disruption of Ferry services. Frank, as Ferry Liaison for Denman Island, responded with the following facts: they do have a strategy and no it does not appear to be public knowledge. They do have a situation room in Victoria with a select response team. This team connects with the Island Liaison and they try to get the word out to Islanders (via Facebook). They access a list of services to keep transportation options available to Islanders.

7. Committee reports:

Waste Management
Bill Mee Park

Dock Committee: undergoing habitat restoration for Fisheries inspection. This year is the last one. Plantings took place. The construction of the boat ramp happened at the same time as the inspection. If they pass muster the committee receives their bond money back. The new camera policy will be posted on the DIRA website.

Graham Lake Swim Dock; rope hand rails being constructed. \$94 collected in the donation box in the General Store. An invitation to the public to join the committee.

Parks: Last mtg. June 1st. Daniel May is the new parks Tech. The CVRD discussed the access to east side of the Prov. Park by the gravel road which is all private land. They are trying to create a pocket park for accessing the main park.

Morning Beach Park might need to be closed due to erosion.

There is now a map in the northern part of the Park in the kiosk at the Butterfly Reserve.

They are looking to access Chickadee Lake off Lake Rd. as there is no public access off Lake Farm driveway.

Transition Denman Island initiated the training workshops for installation of the solar panels. They then received funding from the CVRD via Denman Works! to pay the workers to install the panels in the Community Hall.

Wildlife Advisory: Dorrie, in conjunction with Dennis & Peter, talked to Colin @ Roads and organized a spot up in the north for sky burials of road kill.

Pesticide Free

Trails: continues to maintain the Cross Island Trail. The next section will run from Swan Rd. to Corrigal Rd, construction will start next year. A meeting with Karin Albert resulted in her requesting an engineering report on the trail and the Big Hill. The Ministry of Transport has also expressed interest in reviewing the issue. There is a new bypass trail by Betty's Beach

and a new bridge was built at Boyle Point. The Wren Rd. Trail was worked on recently. On June 21st they will go back to Boyle Point for more Trail clearing. Anyone is welcome to join this committee.

Guardians of Denman Shores

8. Liaison Reports:

Islands Trust

Ferry Advisory Committee:

Met June 2 on Hornby Island where they discussed the following:

The capacity of the cable ferry is currently 150. They have employed a fourth crew member and are trying to bump the number up to 200.

They have 300 life jackets of varying sizes on board.

The washroom doors are very heavy, it is recommended if you are struggling to open the door please use the automatic door beside the door.

Ferries thought they had solved the engine noise issue. When the ferry goes in for its one year warranty check they will look more closely at this.

Hornby residents are concerned about the offloading process.

At the Denman West landing a few vehicles are jumping the queue when loading. Ferries will not provide anyone to monitor this situation.

The reserved lanes for Hornby traffic for the 8am sailing will start at the end of Sept.

The full schedule on Fridays has started and will last until Thanksgiving.

There is still work to be done on scheduling in general.

Ferries will cap the lights so they shine down at night.

They will be replacing the terminal rooms in Sept. If we want them we need to take on moving them.

Denman Island Volunteer Fire Department

Denman Works!

9. Motion to adjourn at 9:17. Seconded, favoured.