

Denman Island Residents Association General Meeting Minutes, September 12, 2016

1. Call the Meeting to Order @ 7:30, 52 people present.
2. Welcome to everyone, with a brief overview of DIRA and it's functions.
3. **Motion to Approve the Agenda, moved, seconded, favoured.**
4. **Motion to Approve the Minutes of July 11, 2016 (on DIRA website)**

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A request was made to change the minutes : Executive Report #d to *Letter from leaseholders with an oyster lease who are now prevented from driving along the beach to access their lease.*

Seconded, favoured, moved.

5. August Executive Meeting minutes will be presented for approval in October.

6. Executive Report:

Laurie Montemurro will be posting meetings on Facebook referencing DIRA's website to keep the membership informed through their medium of choice. Notification of meetings and a link to the website when our minutes are posted will be present.

Denise wrote a letter in support of DCLTA's grant application to the Real Estate Foundation.

The Executive is appreciative of the dedication of the dock committee for the beautiful dock we have today. If anyone is interested in helping please contact the Dock Committee.

7. Old Business

There is a long history between Telus and FLNRO relating to the Telus cable buried on the beach. Correspondence with Telus and FLNRO from DIRA and the Dock committee were posted on the board for members to read. DIRA feels they have met all the obligations between Telus and themselves. Feedback from the floor:

That Telus and DIRA could feel satisfaction of both sides having met their requirements when the issue is that DIRA & Telus could even feel justified in erecting a barrier when it is illegal to do so.

A letter was read from Telus issued today that the gate is to be removed.

FLNRO required a barrier to prevent shell fish growers and others from driving on the beach in order for the water lot license to be granted for the construction and operation of the dock. FLNRO has now reversed their decision.

Many agencies/interested parties were consulted regarding the site when the dock was constructed. Only First Nations and Telus responded. Telus wanted bollards, the Fire Department/First Responders need access to the beach. Everything was done according to protocol. Questions and issues should be addressed to FLNRO.

A query as to why FLNRO and Telus were not invited to the meeting?

A letter from FLNRO states there is no contract requirement with DIRA to erect a blocking of the beach.

A letter was read from FLNRO to the Dock committee stipulating that for the Dock to receive tenure it had to erect a barrier.

Another requirement was to observe all bylaws, one of which is to not drive on a marine 1 zone.

A note that since all requirements have been met what is the issue we are debating tonight?

Was this issue ever presented to the membership - response loud and clear - YES!

Can there be a motion to remove the swing arm permanently? No.

Can the Dock committee re-instate their binder in the public library? Yes, there is a binder in the library as of last spring.

Can the correspondence on the Board be provided to the public? The Executive will look into a manner of sharing information.

Thank you to everyone for providing feedback

Memberships and voting, a brief overview of how the memberships work, and assurance that the process will be posted on Facebook and in the Grapevine.

Ferry lineup news from George McCrae: the assured loading for 15 Hornby vehicles , from Mon - Friday is set to start Sept. 19 and the trial lasts until the end of October. Information should be coming out in the Grapevine and through handouts at the ferry terminal. On Sept. 19th a crew hand will be out in the terminal to facilitate the process along with other BC Ferry Administrators. Feedback can be given to BC Ferries as this is to be evaluated at the end of October.

8. New Business:

Treasurer's Financial Report. (Doug Wright)

A review of financials was completed by Paul Kubick as a review of our committees in respect to income and expenses, consolidated. This review is up on our website and was completed last spring.

Boat Launch Ramp report on completion etc. (Doug)

Ferries has agreed to a one year warranty on the ramp, the engineering company says their obligations last much long. Discussions needing to take place are marine insurance, upkeep also noted that the riprap from the ramp extends further then necessary into the dock tenure site. Frank and Doug have been undertaking regular inspections until Dec. 31st. Some feedback from the community around rates, this should be discussed with the community. Estimate of two launches a day, \$65 taken in for the month of August.

Motion that Frank Frekitch and Doug Wright act as short term caretakers for the Denman West Boat Launch until a committee can be struck to take this role on or Dec. 31, 2016.

Seconded, favoured, moved.

Feedback:

There should be no fee for a public boat ramp, response it is to help pay for the insurance. And off Island it is a minimal fee of \$15 to launch your boat. This is not a tax supported site so costs need to be generated.

Currently Bill Mee decals are not valid but this idea could be discussed with them in respect to sharing decals.

The announcement that Budget Reporting is at the October 17th Meeting.

9. Committee Reports:

Bill Mee Park: Ralph McCuaig will take back the suggestion regarding the shared decals to the next mtg. Two new picnic tables have been added.

Dock Committee: John Johnston goes down daily or twice a day to collect fees, inspect the dock, talk to the users, basically he is operating as a volunteer wharfinger.

The dock has been heavily used this summer and the sailing club is using the site happily. Morley Mckeachie stood up to acknowledge their appreciation to John for his hard work.

The camera controversy allowed the committee to research the rules around security camera use and they have found they are following all of the protocols. The system in place allows for tracking the number of boats. Four cameras, all directed at the dock complete with signage stating their existence.

Question around the \$2500 grant in aid from the Recreation Grants, what is it for? To use for engineering drawings to break out costs for providing another finger or more bays for long term moorage for Islanders.

Old School, there are new windows in the weavers room, thank you, they love them. A new flag pole was installed and it is beautiful. The composting toilet is complete. The committee is looking at a new source of heat for the building.

Trails recent talk with the CVRD, only insured for accidents which happen to other people not the volunteers doing the work. Alan Danks thanked DIRA for insuring the volunteers.

Liaison Reports:

Islands Trust, next meeting is September 20th at 10:30.

Ferry Advisory Committee, residents in the area have received notice that BC Ferries is asking for a variance for their sewage disposal system. George will look into this as a member of the Ferry Advisory Committee.

DenmanWorks! Sept 24 is an Open House from 10 - 3 with drop in child care available. An information session on what has been and they welcome your input on moving forward.

They have a new software package which accesses all donor sources in Canada.

Friday is their monthly mtg at 1pm in the Activity Centre.

BC Hydro is shutting down all power on the Island for twelve hours on Sunday Sept. 25th.

Motion to adjourn @ 9pm.