

Denman Island Residents Association

General Meeting Agenda November 14, 2016

10 present

1. Call the Meeting to Order @ 7:31 pm

2. Motion to Approve the Agenda, add salvaging the boat under #3
Moved, seconded, Favoured.

3 Motion to Approve the Minutes of October 17, 2016 General Meeting
(On Website, www.denmanresidents.com.) need to postpone until next
general mtg. for lack of a quorum.

3b A group presented at the mtg, representing the sunken boat tied to
the dock, said the fuel has been contained and they are trying to pump
out the boat to raise it. There should be no further damage to the dock,
generators coming, lights are on, divers are coming, they are working to
get it afloat and anchor it out in the bay.

It is stated the Dock Insurance does not cover any personal damage
suffered through the acts of raising the boat. Everyone present
understood this.

The boat was brought to Denman by the Coast Guard, tied up and sank.
Fox discussed the issue representing the Dock Committee and the
insurance issues.

DIRA is very appreciative that Phil and his friends came to inform us of
the process to raise the boat.

A member asked Island's Trust rep Laura Bushiken, when they are
going to look at the issue of boats and safety of our oceans and
foreshores.

Response: the Trust has a long history of pressuring the federal
government to legislate zoning for unsafe boats.

4. Executive Report:

Board staffing, Laurie will be stepping down as of Dec. 15th,
Denise is not well, Frank is a volunteer not a board member. DIRA
needs more public support for Board members. Please contact Ron

or Frieda if you know of anyone who might be interested. They are more than welcome to attend mtgs. for a couple of months on a trial basis.

Membership terms, to carry forward to the next mtg: the Board is looking to having members sign up and stay members until they state otherwise.

Pros: less work on both ends regarding the annual sign up.

Con: people will not take it as seriously, harder to maintain an active membership list.

Query: As a community how do the new Islanders know about DIRA and how to communicate with them, how to recruit them, members and staff?

A 'welcome package' for newcomers from DIRA, even a one page descriptor to be included in the Islands Trust pkg. that is given to the realtors for new home owners on the Island.

5. Old Business:

6. New Business:

Easement along Gravel-Pit Road: the east side of the provincial park has no public access. The CVRD is working with the Parks committee and approached the landowner who is amenable to an easement along his road for public pedestrian access to the Marsh Trail. The CVRD has asked DIRA to write a letter of public support to be included in their pkg. to take to the ALR. The Executive will write a letter of support for this initiative.

Financial dealings with Union Bay Credit Union: initial dock tenure security deposit of \$2,000 was required. The new tenure requires \$5,000 and is willing to accept a letter stating we have the money which is in a GIC account.

7. Committee Reports:

Waste Management

Bill Mee Park

Dock Committee: John and Liz Johnston have retired. Fox is the Chair, Doug, Dave Pick and Edi Johnston are still on the committee.

DIRA would like to recognize and thank John and Liz's contribution to the committee over the years. Their retirement leaves a big hole for the committee to fill.

Graham Lake Swim Dock: Ian Elliott will be taking over the committee. There was \$142.10 collected from the box in the General Store.

Parks: working with BC Parks to make a management plan for the parks. Morning Beach is closed due to some significant erosion on the stairway. The regional district thinks a bridge can be built across that place. The Parks committee is determining if they can take this on or if the district needs to do it.

Wildlife Advisory

Pesticide Free

Trails: lots of maintenance being done on various trails.

Marine Guardians

Boat Ramp

Old School

8. Liaison Reports:

Islands Trust: a regular business mtg. Nov. 15 at the Activity Centre. They are still looking at the Farm Plan and looking at recommendations as to which ones they want to move forward on.

Ferry Advisory Committee: met last week on Denman. A presentation was made by an ad hoc group on Denman who are dedicated to reverting to the pre-cut schedule. They will be lobbying different levels of government and have planned activities coming up.

Scheduling came up in a variety of ways during the mtg. Report on the 8am priority boarding for Hornby traffic. BC Ferries reported it is going reasonably well. There have been no overloads to date. Some concerns expressed that it could be chaotic in summer months. The trial is working well.

A petition was presented by business groups on Denman and Hornby, 250 names, expressing concerns over the afternoon gap and the impact on their business. The sub-committee involving scheduling stated the afternoon gap is a priority issue to be addressed.

A member expressed their frustration over the limited time allotted for public discussion.

Denman Island Volunteer Fire Department

Denman Works!

9. Meeting Adjourned @ 9:05.