

Minutes: Denman Island Residents Association (DIRA) AGM 10 April 2017

Call to order, 7:30 pm. Chair, Denise McKean

Part 1: Nominations to the Rec Grant Committee.

Prior nominations: Jack Forsyth, Nancy Schneider, and Ian Lark

Call for nominations from the floor. No nominations.

Motion to accept the nominees made and approved unanimously.

Part 1 adjourned.

Part 2: DIRA AGM

Called to order by Denise McKean at 7:36 pm.

Minutes from previous meeting, **March 13, 2017** approved

Call for nominations to the DIRA Executive. Ron Shepherd, Doug Wright and Frieda Werden will continue to serve. Andrew Pringle nominated by the Executive.

Call for nominations from the floor. No nominations.

Motion to accept the nominees made and approved unanimously.

Executive Report read by Denise McKean

Year-end Reports

Fire Department: New 7,000-liter tanker; training; 13-member auxiliary help deliver water; civic addressing - changed about 60 addresses on the island; department has about 32 members.

Bill Mee Park: AGM TBA - will re-paint and fix up entrance and washrooms. Question about having to have its own AGM separate from DIRA. A: CVRD requires at least 1 annual meeting - aside from that, the committee meets ad hoc.

Waste Management: Highlights: \$9,000 profit on refundables. Garbage ticket sales are down. Deficit of \$10,292.73. Some of **deficit** is from doubling up staff during training. Enough cash on hand for now but may require additional funding for 2017. Bottle Depot and Recycling Centre provide a location for residents to socialize. They help keep garbage out of the landfill and roadsides. Recycling depot volume up 12% in 2016 to 432 bales (cardboard and plastic bags are compressed, the rest is in bags). 2017 YTD already 30% **of** last year's total and will be higher in summer. Garbage tippage is up 10%; tippage fees increased 19%. New manager of recycling, Stacy Armstrong, is very enthusiastic; Philippa Jolie is the new assistant. Contemplating expanding summer hours. Proposal that the basketball court not be used for parking because of

kids running around during market/recycling times - to be sorted between the Market and Old School.

Question from Andrew about how the \$10,000 loss is being covered. A: \$7,000 granted for capital repairs may be pushed back.

Q: how much does garbage removal from homes cost, and is it covering its cost?

A: \$14,000 came in for garbage collection from our homes. Comment: Bag fee was raised from \$2 to \$2.50 in 2008, but total receipts didn't go up.

Suggestion was made to raise the bag fee to \$3. Trade-off between increasing fees/revenues and risking more garbage dumped at the roadside.

The contractor picking up home garbage did not increase rates this year. We pay less for our waste service than other communities do. Waste management has traditionally had enough in the bank to pay for a small capital maintenance projects. \$15,000 was in the bank at the end of 2015 and \$9,000 at the end of 2016.

DIRA Management: Financial Report: We get about \$9,000 to run our administrative account. Our financial statements have to be reviewed by a third party.

Biggest expense is Insurance.

Trails Committee: Trails Committee continues to maintain the Cross-Island Trail and numerous trails in the Provincial and CVRD Parks. Much additional work required this spring due to the severe winter.

Boat Ramp: BC Ferries says it cost \$178,000 to build. Accounting standards require that this be reported as a donation in kind. Ramp fees for the year totaled \$118.

Dock Committee Finances: Income included a \$2,500 grant, \$393 interest, \$2,000 returned from a bond that was formerly required, \$6,000.07 revenue for dock rentals. Looks as if the Dock lost \$18,600 but \$15,075 was depreciation. Maintenance and professional monitoring had to be paid; the monitor required more plantings, etc.

Question about setting aside a contingency funds. Doug: This will be brought up to the Dock Committee. (Action item). Depreciation method is 25 years straight line.

Q: what do you have on hand for oil spills? A: call the spill response organization. Laura Busheikin: Spill control is highly regulated and under-funded. You can make it worse if you don't have the right training and equipment.

FLNRO [Forest Lands and Natural Resources] don't require a spill kit on hand.

Dock Committee Operations: discussion regarding boats parked at the dock that do not pay, need to be pumped out, etc. Two instances in past year. Marine law says as soon as you touch a boat, you are responsible for it. Need legal advice.

Parks Committee Report: Laura Pope and Peter Karsten co-chairs. The committee continues to work with BC Parks to establish a management plan for the Denman Island Provincial Park

Old School Committee: Old school has a deficit of \$3,000. Hydro was up, but repairs will help remediate problem. New windows on **the** West Side created the temporary deficit - amount was drawn from reserves.

Marine Guardians: Letter of concern to the Minister presented regarding proposed geoduck farming in the waters surrounding Denman Island. Motion made and approved to remove references to driving on the beaches and send the letter.