

**Denman Island Residents Association**  
**Public Meeting and General Meeting Agenda July 10, 2017**

1. Call to Order of the Public Meeting  
Meeting called to order at 7:33 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Doug, Frieda, Ron Shepherd  
Absent: Andrew Pringle  
In addition, 13 people were in attendance

2. **Recreational Grant**

Committee Members: Jack Forsyth, Nancy Schneider and Ian Lark.

Budget: \$20,000/year

Advertisements for application of these funds appeared in the Grapevine, once in May and twice in June. There was also an advertisement on Facebook.

Funds were allocated based on the following criteria:

- Nonprofit group
- Potential impact on the community
- How many people would be affected
- Money to be used for programming or facility rental

Organizations and the amount of funds to be received by each are:

DICES	\$8,000
Swim Dock	\$ 500
Parent Advisory Committee	\$1,500
Paddling & Sailing Club	\$4,000
Denman Activity Centre	\$6,000

Discussion occurred with respect to the Paddling & Sailing Club funds given the fact that they operate only during the summertime. Their representative indicated that they have had high start up expenses and they anticipate their needs will not be so great in the future.

Motion: That the membership approve the above recommendations and send the results to the CVRD.  
Seconded, favored.

3. Adjourn Public Meeting at 7:46 p.m.

1. Call the DIRA General Meeting to order, 7:46, 13 people were in attendance.

2. The Chair noted that there was no quorum at the last 2 public meetings and the minutes are on the website.

Discussion: The minutes of April 2017 indicate that the ramp fees for the year were \$11. The correct amount is \$118. April 2017 minutes are to be amended.

Motion to approve the minutes of April 2017, as amended and May and June, 2017 General Meeting, seconded, favored.

### 3. **Executive Report:**

- A. Changes to the Societies Act are required by 2018 - Mr. Bert Taylor is working on this. The changes should be complete and ready for a vote at the DIRA AGM in 2018.
- B. Frequency of Meetings - There are currently 10 meetings held each year (none in December). It was suggested that only 6 general and executive meetings/year could be considered (1 every other month) given the number of people who are able to be in attendance and the fact that there are not a lot of controversial agenda items.

Quorum for Public Meetings: 12 people

Quorum for Executive Meetings: 3 members

The Executive will work on a proposal to the members regarding the meeting schedule. Additionally the Executive will consider the ideas presented to improve Executive recruitment and member participation. Some of the suggestions proposed were:

- Each committee to have one member sit on the Executive Committee for a two-year period and then the member would rotate.
- An Administrative Assistant be hired to organize meetings, set the agenda and take minutes, etc.
- A luncheon meeting once every two months with guest speaker.

### 4. **Committee Reports:**

**Dock Committee** - Over \$1,300 collected since June. Discussion occurred with respect to long-term rentals, better signage and grant funds held for future dock expansion.

**Marine Guardians** - Discussion occurred with respect to several problems being experienced on the shores, namely: netting hampering the fishes' ability to return to open waters, dangerous debris laying around such as fencing and rebar which can injure people and boats and vehicles driving on the beach. It was suggested that a representative from DFO attend a joint meeting with DIRA and Islands Trust.

ACTION: DIRA to make contact. DIRA to correspond, in writing, with DFO to ask for the inspector's findings and to file an official complaint with respect to the above noted concerns, with a copy to Mr. Bruce Jolieffe, Shellfish Growers Association and other elected officials.

### 5. **Liaison Reports:**

A. **Ferry Advisory Committee** - Run added mid-day to close the gap starting September 5, 2017 when we return to the winter schedule. No changes were made to the Hornby route 22, which also has a big gap. Representatives from Hornby have expressed the desire to have additional spaces on some of the Denman West runs.

6. Meeting Adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 11, 2017