

## Minutes of meeting on Tuesday, 24th January 2017.

Camilla will be leaving Denman Island and therefore offers her resignation from the Committee. On behalf of the Committee Allan thanked her for her past help in maintaining trails, and wished her luck in the future.

Committee members discussed with Ron, Doug from DIRA the payment of an honorarium to our CIT maintenance people. Ron and Doug stated that they support our honoraria, but they said that objections concerning insurance and transparency have been raised at DIRA meetings.

The Committee members explained that from the start of the CIT maintenance program, the DIRA executive, as well as CVRD, were aware of the honorarium to be paid and had no difficulty with it. Our Committee expects that its members will be covered by a DIRA insurance policy while working on the trail, as the CVRD insurance policy doesn't cover this. Trails committee minutes are posted on the DIRA web site.

The Trails Committee representatives stated that should our members not be insured or able to receive the honorarium, that when the current contract expires in April we won't continue to do maintenance walks on the trail. We would continue with the trail clearing work we do in the 2- BC Parks on Denman where we work together as friends.

The discussion ended with both Ron and Doug stating that they think the insurance issue has been dealt with, we will continue to receive coverage, and that they would discuss the matter further with the DIRA Executive and then bring the matter to the general DIRA membership to vote on.

### **Reports:**

The monthly CIT maintenance list is as follows:

**Allan, February: Graeme, March: Margie & Ralph, April:**

On 3-occasions trees have been cleared from trails in the BC Parks. A recent work party improved trail access the bluff above Betty's Beach.

Daniel May of the CVRD Parks Dept. informed us that plans for continuing the CIT include having surveyors mark the road allowance. Daniel suggested that perhaps the trail should proceed on the west side of East Road where he thinks there is sufficient road allowance to place a trail. Daniel placed a \$50.00 gift certificate at the Guesthouse Bistro from the CVRD for our use.

Graeme reported that the Parks Committee with the help of Peter Karsten and a local map-maker will be creating a map of certain trails within the Denman Island Park for the general use of Dr. Ron's walking group.

Allan handed Doug Wright a cheque for \$255.17 to cover the recent purchase of chainsaw equipment reimbursed by BC Parks.

**Old and New Business:**

A switchback trail to replace the direct route on the bluff area above Betty's Beach is a priority for this year.

Our next trail clearing work-bee will be in Boyle Point Park to continue the improved route to the bluff and switchback.

We have a new member to our Committee, Ian Lark. Thanks for joining us, Ian.

Margie suggested a snowshoe trip in the latter part of February. A walk around Paradise Meadows is planned.

It was suggested the Trails Committee get together for coffee and cake at the Guesthouse Bistro to celebrate the up-coming Spring Equinox.