

## **Denman Island Residents Association Public Meeting June 10, 2019**

Present: Ron Shepherd; chair, Robert French, Andrew Pringle and Frieda Werden and 14 other members

### **PART 1 - Public Meeting to Approve Recreational Grant Recommendations**

1. Public meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M.
2. Presentation of Recreation Grant Committee Findings and Recommendations:

Jack Forsyth presented the following:

The grant committee this year was composed of Dr. Ron Wilson, Charlie Tait, and Jack Forsyth as elected chairperson. Advertising appeared weekly in the Grapevine and blank applications were available at Abraxas and completed applications could be returned there. Final cut-off for applications was May 31.

This year we had seven qualified applicants that met the requirements set out by the CVRD. The following list is the applicants, the amount requested and the amount of money they are recommended to receive:

1. Denman Island Community School (PAC)  
Applied for \$500.00 to receive \$ 500.00
  2. Denman Island Slo-Pitch Team  
Applied for \$1,000.00 to receive \$ 850.00
  3. DIRA's Graham Lake Swim Dock Committee  
Applied for \$2000.00 to receive \$ 750.00
  4. DIRA's Denman West Boat Launch  
Applied for \$700.00 to receive \$ 400.00
  5. Denman Island Sailing and Paddling Club  
Applied for \$4,486.00 to receive \$ 2,500.00
  6. Denman Seniors and Museum Society  
Applied for \$22,250.00 to receive \$ 8,000.00
  7. Denman Island Community Education Society  
Applied for \$8,000.00 to receive \$ 5,000.00
- Total Available for 2019: \$18,000.00

The committee extensively reviewed each application paying close attention to the requirements that each applicant use the funds for physical activities that will benefit the diverse population on Denman Island. They took into consideration also the ability for each group to apply a user pay principle as well as their ability to find and receive other grants and alternative funding.

A motion was made to accept the recommendations as presented. The motion was seconded and there was unanimous approval. **MOTION PASSED**

There was a motion to adjourn this portion of the public meeting, which was seconded, and all were in favour. MOTION PASSED

Part 1 adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

## **PART 2**

1. General Meeting called to order at 7:45 P.M.
2. Motion to adopt the agenda was moved, seconded and all in favour - MOTION PASSED
3. Motion to approve the minutes of May 13, 2019 was moved, seconded and all voted in favour - MOTION PASSED

Executive Report:

4. DIRA Executive met with CVRD to discuss current issues, one of which was the amount available for the Recreation Grant. It appears there may be up to \$23,000 available for the Recreation Grant, if requested in advance, such as at budget time. The grant comes from more than one account. Most is funded directly from Denman Island specific taxes and the rest comes from a general account.

Letter of Support to Seniors' Centre Application for Funding:

5. The board of the DSMS (Activity Centre) requested a letter of support from DIRA for their application for funding to the federal New Horizons For Seniors Program. DIRA agreed, however, DSMS have decided not to go ahead with the application at this time.

DIRA Board Volunteer Concerns:

6. Ron sent a letter to the committee chairs describing the need for more volunteers or ideas to keep DIRA going. A date of June 23<sup>rd</sup> was given for replies.

One resident suggested having a collective meeting of DIRA and the committees to discuss the lack of volunteers. The committees benefit from being part of DIRA and should be expected to provide people to be part of the DIRA board.

Concern was expressed that new people on the island need to have information regarding DIRA and the committees.

A suggestion was to ensure all committee activities under DIRA should be clearly identified as DIRA activities.

A resident offered to write an article for the Flagstone to increase publicity and other residents offered to help with getting more board volunteers.

The following motion was made, DIRA form a publicity and recruitment committee.

All voted in favour and the motion was passed with 5 residents offering to be part of the committee.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Dock Committee:

On June 5, 2019 the Dock Wharfinger reported a vessel had broken free from its moorings and was drifting. No damage was done to the dock but there was some damage to the vessel. It appears the polysteel line was roughly abraded some distance up from the shackle. The mooring buoy was still attached to the boat.

A professional dive team will be required to determine the cause of the failure and what other action needs to be taken (if any) to ensure the other 2 moorings are secure.

The Dock Committee will be meeting ASAP to determine the best course of action and the potential costs.

### Internet Committee:

The Internet Committee has received endorsement from the following organizations or people; Islands Trust, DIRA, MLA, MP and CVRD.

Their grant application is a work in progress.

### Marine Guardians:

On World Oceans Day, Marine Guardians and other volunteers removed loads of plastic from the beach off Hinton to Reginald. Shellfish equipment continues to escape at an alarming rate.

DFO and FLNRO orders regarding rebar spikes is mostly ignored, even with the threat of tenure cancellation. When an inspection was done to ensure all rebar had a shepherd's hook (rather than sticking straight up) only 1 or 2 tenures had complied with the order.

There is a problem determining who belongs to each tenure because they are not marked and need the GPS lat and long to identify.

There was a motion that DIRA write to all levels of government and ask for mandatory mitigation (a friendly amendment to add the words "and enforcement") measures for the potentially dangerous shellfish tenure infrastructures (such as rebar spikes, loose nets, etc.) currently being used which makes our beaches and offshore waters dangerous for swimmers, boaters, children and other recreational users, or at least have warning signs posted near well defined tenure boundaries.

All voted in favour. The motion was passed.

## **LIAISON REPORTS:**

Islands Trust:

Laura Busheikin informed that by-law officers are now allowed to issue tickets. It's not intended to be heavy handed but should help when landowners refuse to engage with Islands Trust. There is a policy to protect secondary housing from ticketing to avoid evictions.

Fines are variable, depending on the infraction, but can be reduced to zero if the situation is brought into compliance. It's a complaint driven process.

A resolution was passed by Islands Trust to look into getting more money (for staff) specific to Denman to get moving on the housing initiatives which are big and slow to get approved.

The next Islands Trust meeting is July 4th.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20, seconded and passed.