

DIRA Executive Minutes
March 3, 2025
Old School - Conservancy Room

Attendees:

Ron Shepherd (chair), Stirling Fraser, Jenny Balke, Chris Danks, Andrew Pringle and Claudia Kroll-Gray

1. Meeting called to order at 4:10 PM.
2. Motion to approve minutes from the January 6, 2025 executive meeting - seconded and passed.

3. **Bookkeeping Transition:**

The Waste Management bookkeeping transition is underway and once the year-end financial information from all committees has been received, Ron will start working with the new bookkeeper to transfer the DIRA financial recording.

4. **Community Dock and Boat Launch Update:**

The last committee meeting was on Feb 20, 2025 and the following items were discussed;

- fee changes, in season and off season rates will be the same, \$1 / foot for a 12 hour stay,
- free time has been reduced from 6 hours to 3 hours,
- 5 days maximum stay is unchanged,
- maintenance work is ongoing including new collars, and
- BC Ferries has agreed to pay for crew use of the dock.

5. **Hornby/Denman Health, Nonprofits Public Forum:**

Hornby/Denman Health organized a public forum on Feb 1, 2025 for nonprofit organizations to set up in the community hall to inform residents of their presence and solicit new members if needed. DIRA, the dock, the pesticide free and the climate change committees had a table with information and participated in the presentations.

6. **DIRA Website Maintenance:**

The DIRA website is using a software program which is out of date and we are no longer able to update. A programmer has been hired to update the website which should be completed in March.

7. **Highways Meeting:**

A special meeting has been organized for a representative from the Ministry of Highways & Infrastructure (David LaRue) to discuss road issues with Denman residents on March 24th, 1-3 PM. A detailed article was put in the Flagstone and more advertising will be put in the other 2 local papers. Laura Pope will assist but we are still looking for a facilitator.

8. Purple Martin Committee:

The newly formed Purple Martin Committee was set up as a subcommittee under the Parks Committee. However, due to internal conflict, change is required. Discussions are underway regarding how to ensure the success of this committee.

9. DIRA Committees Requesting Grants:

The Old School Committee will be applying for a DenmanWorks grant to partially pay for the purchase and installation of a heat pump.

The Graham Lake Swim Dock Committee will be applying for a Recreation Grant of \$1,250, to pay for insurance (\$750) and maintenance (\$500).

As these are DIRA committees a motion was made to approve the applications. Everyone voted in favour. The motion was passed.

10. 2025 Membership Renewals:

Members of the Parks, Trails and Bill Mee Committees must also be members of DIRA to be covered by BC Parks and CVRD volunteer insurance. A reminder will be sent to each committee chair.

All DIRA memberships must be renewed every year.

11. 2025 Board:

The current board indicated their intention for next year:

Ron will not be returning, but agreed to act in an advisory capacity if needed,

Claudia will not be returning,

Stirling will not be returning,

Andrew will return for a short time - until move,

Jenny will return, and

Chris will return.

12. Agenda Items for March Public Meeting:

Updates are expected from the Dock & Boat Launch Committee and the Waste Management Committee.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:15.