

DIRA Executive Minutes  
August 5, 2025  
Old School - Conservancy Office

Attendees:

Jenny Balke (chair), Stirling Fraser, Tony Gregson Ron Wikson and Andrew Pringle

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:10 PM.

2. **Membership:**

Responsibility for updating the membership list will transfer from Jenny to Tony. Andrew will send instructions Ron Shepherd passed along to Tony.

3. **Vice-President:**

Ron Wilson agreed to take on the Vice-President role after Rosa Telegus resigned.

There was a motion to accept Ron Wilson as vice-president. The motion was seconded and everyone voted in favour. MOTION PASSED

There was a motion to add Ron Wilson as a signatory to the DIRA account #24083 at First Credit Union and remove Rosa Telegus as a signatory. Jenny Balke, Stirling Fraser and Virginia MacCuspik will remain as signatories.

The motion was seconded and everyone voted in favour. MOTION PASSED.

4. **Finance:**

The following committees do their own banking, bookkeeping and report to DIRA at year-end: Old School Committee, Climate Action Committee and Bill Mee Committee.

The following committees rely on DIRA to do their bookkeeping and banking: Denman West Dock and Boat Launch Committee, Pesticide Free Committee, Graham Lake Committee, Parks Committee and Trails Committee.

Jenny would like to have all committees doing their own banking and bookkeeping and report to DIRA at year-end.

5. **Marine Insurance Renewal:**

The annual marine insurance has been paid by DIRA. Stirling will find out the amount which applies to each of the Dock/Boat Launch and Graham Lake Committees so our bookkeeper can charge those committees.

6. **DIRA 50th Birthday:**

Jenny has organized a place at the Saturday Aug 16th market for DIRA to serve cake and cupcakes. There will be musical entertainment and speeches. A list of at least 119 former and current executive members has been compiled. Advertising will be on Facebook and the Grapevine.

**7. Old School Heat Pump:**

The Old school and Climate Action Committees have raised enough money, mostly from community donations, to pay for the installation of a heat pump and the removal of the old oil furnace and oil storage tank. As a result, greenhouse gases will be reduced and the old school will save money on heating.

**8. BC Hydro Presentation:**

BC Hydro will be coming to Denman Island on September 27th to do a presentation on energy efficiency and other related things. The Community Hall has been reserved and advertising will; be in the Flagstone and Grapevine.

It is hoped people (possibly vendors) can be available to discuss heat pumps and solar panels.

**9. Climate Action Committee:**

September 20'th is going to be a world-wide weekend for protests under the theme of Drawing the line. An event, yet to be named, will be held under the covered outdoor space to discuss energy use, sustainability and other related issues.

**Meeting Adjourned at 6:00.**