

## DIRA Recreation Grant Committee Recommendations

The total grant money available for this year is **\$20,000** while the total amount requested is **\$55,985**. Three community members (Judy Armstrong, Edi Johnston and Hamish Kimmins) comprised the Panel. They were each provided with copies of the applications and subsequently met on two occasions to review them. On July 2<sup>nd</sup> the Panel met and produced the following recommendations:

1. **Denman Seniors and Museum Society** – requested \$11,000 Cardio equipment, such as a treadmill and elliptical trainer, will be purchased to provide the opportunity for year round aerobic exercise. Weight and resistance machines will enhance training for sports, rehabilitation and general fitness programs. Safety and versatility will be primary factors in choosing equipment. Complimentary programming will be developed to encourage participation and expand the use of the Activity Centre by all age groups.

**Recommendation: \$10,000**

2. **Denman Island Community Education Society** – requested \$20,610 – DICES continues to rely on CVRD recreation grant dollars to help keep Community Programs operating and to ensure the continuation of our recreation programs.

**Recommendation: \$8,000**

3. **Graham Lake Swim Dock** – requested \$1,300 for repair and maintenance of the swim dock and for liability insurance. This is the only community operated swim dock and is also used for nature observation and bird watching as well as providing a viewpoint for hikers.

**Recommendation: \$750**

4. **Community Dock** – requested \$1,000 for site liability insurance and ongoing costs. The site is currently zoned for multi recreational activities.

**Recommendation: \$750**

5. **Denman/Hornby Island Equines Association** – requested \$1,500 to help purchase a portable, wireless microphone system, and to host an educational clinic by a trained, local equestrian. Recreational trails for horse use on Denman are either on private land, or are almost non-existent. For that reason, a lot of activities must be held in riding rings. A wireless mic is imperative if anyone is going to hear what's going on.

**Recommendation: \$500**

A total of 9 applications were received. One was withdrawn, one did not qualify, and two did not adequately meet the criteria as stated in the by-law. The panel attempted to support a cross section of applications and felt that though the applications were deserving of funding they did not meet with this specific criteria.

The final decision rests with the Comox Valley Regional District and if they accept DIRA's recommendations, cheques will be issued in August to the various organizations.