

DRAFT and UNAPPROVED
Denman Island Residents Association
Executive Meeting
Sept 6, 2011

Held in the Old School

Executive in Attendance: Frank Frketich, Doug Wright, Jane Kerr, Anne Page, Bert Taylor
Regrets: Denise MacKean
Guest: Louise Bell

1. Call to Order: 7:33 PM

2. Motion: To approve the Agenda as posted for tonight's meeting. M/S/C

3. Old School Committee - Louise Bell presented on behalf of Gloria Michin. The committee is seeking new members and we will hear more about this in the future.

The old school roof needs to be replaced. The committee had looked into solar panels but found this solution too unwieldy with trying to store the hot water until needed etc. It would require too much retrofitting.

There is a colony of bats called Keens Myotis, which is a red listed species and one of the three species that currently reside in the old school roof. The DCA, on behalf of the OSC would like to apply to for funding on this basis to help recover some or all of the roof replacement costs.

Motion: To propose the DIRA executive support the OSC partnering with the DCA to prepare a funding application to the Habitat Conservation Trust Fund to help defray some of the costs of replacing the roof? M/S/C

4. DIRA election forum, Island Trustees, CVRD Representatives and Old School Trustees.

There will be local Government elections held on November 19,2011. The nomination and challenge period begins on October 4 and ends on October 14. October 20 is the first day to publish the notice of election.

DIRA has typically organized an all candidates forum where residents can meet the nominees for Islands Trust, School Trustee, and CVRD representatives.

Action item: Frank to book hall for Sunday, November 6 asap.

Action item: DIRA to prepare the advertisements for the all candidates meeting and have it published in the Grapevine at least twice.

5. Motion: To approve the Minutes from June, 2011 AGM meeting. M/S/C

This motion is out of order as the executive wanted to hear what Louise had to say first.

6. Insurance - draft letter discussion

A sub-committee of the DIRA executive has prepared a draft letter to be sent to Axis Insurance. The intent of this letter is to provide DIRA with a better understanding of the contents of our policies with the aim of reducing DIRA's insurance costs.

Motion: To propose the DIRA Executive support the sending of this letter to Axis Insurance with the minor changes as discussed. M/S/C

7. Review of policies and procedures regarding Recreation Grants

In order to streamline the recreation grant process, a review of the policies and procedures, including a review of the application form should commence.

Action Item: Bert, with Anne's support will complete a process review and report back at the December executive meeting.

8. New Business:

a) Budget - Jane presented the proposed DIRA budget that she would like to present at the GM on September 12,2011.

Action item: Frank to ask if DIVFD will pay 50% of the Director's insurance in 2012 as a goodwill gesture.

Action Item: Jane will provide the Executive with revised budgets as discussed before Wednesday, September 8.

b) Banking - The Union Bay Credit Union has on-line banking and to have access to timely DIRA banking information the Treasurer would like to have DIRA move toward on-line banking.

Motion: To propose the DIRA go to on-line banking at the Union Bay Credit Union with the three DIRA executive signing authorities to have access. M/S/C

c) Andrew Scruton - Andrew was a long time supporter of DIRA and served several terms as a director. Andrew passed away last week.

Action item: Frank will make a recommendation at the September 12 meeting that a small memorial (possibly a bench at the community dock or a tree at the Denman Health Centre) be

marked with a plaque in Andrew's memory. A fundraiser for this endeavor will be organized and more information will follow.

Action Item: Jane to pick up a card for DIRA members to sign at the September 12 meeting.

d) Fire Department – The Fire Fighter's Association has signed an agreement with the CVRD effective July 19. A consultant is coming to Denman and also an all day meeting is scheduled off island. Frank will attend on DIRA's behalf and report back.

e) HDCHCS Project – Letter of support. The HDCHCS is applying for grant funding for a project called "Making Connections: Seniors helping Seniors". The purpose of this project is to reach out to isolated seniors and promote social inclusion. The HDCHCD has asked if DIRA will provide them with a letter of support.

Action item: Anne to prepare a motion to be presented to the DIRA membership at the September 12 meeting requesting approval to provide this letter of support. Anne will also ask Sherri Dunnet to write the letter for DIRA to sign and send to Frank.

f) Economic Enhancement - The DIRA executive wanted a status update. There is still \$3,612 in committed funds in DIRA's bank accounts relating to the 2010 community grants. Once Denman Works! receives their reports from the grant parties, they will provide DIRA with a cheque request to pay the committed funds.

Motion to Adjourn: 10:10 PM M/S/C