

**Denman Island Residents Association
General Meeting (Unapproved)
May 9, 2011**

Held in the Back Hall

Executive in Attendance: Frank Frketich, Doug Wright, Jane Kerr, Clark Siferd, Bert Taylor

Call to Order: 7:29 PM

Frank thanked the previous executive for all of their work.

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

CVRD Director Bruce Jolliffe, Baynes Sound – Denman / Hornby Islands (Area A) chatted briefly to the meeting. He commented on the April workshop and thanked all those who showed up. Bruce wants to move forward with the Denman Works Society concept. He discussed some of the issues of the current library policies, and stated there will not be an immediate response to the library concerns raised by Denman Residents. Bruce was asked about the closure for DIRA with regard to Denman Works/DICES. DIRA membership has not voted to shut down the committee. DIRA should vote on this situation in order to achieve financial closure. The DIRA Executive in consultation with Bruce will report back with respect to this situation at the next meeting.

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

Business arising from the Minutes

Motion: To bring the tabled February 14, Motion #3 off the table. M/S/C

Motion: To rescind the February 14, Motion #3. M/S/C

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Treasurers Report clarification from AGM: Derek Hood explained that the Director's liability insurance for \$1000 should have been reported as Commercial Liability insurance for the Dock.

Motion: To accept the Treasurer's report as amended. M/S/C

Executive Report: Clark Siferd reported that a committee has been struck to oversee the rec. grant applications that close on May 31, 2011 @ 4 PM. This committee will review the applications and make their recommendations to the DIRA executive.

Motion: To approve the following people as the selection committee for the CVRD recreation grants. Hammish Kimmins, Audrey Egan, Denis Forsyth. M/S/C

Due to the vacancies on the DIRA executive, would be membership be willing to approve a Director without having an Election/Special Meeting. Membership agreed to strike while the iron is hot.

Motion: To approve Anne Page as a Director of DIRA M/S/C

Committee Reports

a. Denman Island Volunteer Fire Department

All backyard burning now requires permits, campfires and beach fires less than 1 meter are still OK to burn. There are now approximately 35 volunteers with the Fire Department and 4 more individuals came out to last week's meeting.

b. Denman WORKS No Report

c. Waste Management Committee

The crusher is now working and the WMC recommends that folks use crushed glass where they might use sand as it is available.

d. Bill Mae Park Committee No Report

e. Dock Committee

Motion: That the DIRA membership approve the Dock Committee's application for project funding in the amount of \$8,000.00. This application will be made through Denman Works. M/S/C

f. Parks Committee

The staircase design for Morning Beach has been sent to the Islands Trust and the committee is currently waiting for the IT to issue a development permit. They hope and expect construction to begin this summer.

g. Swim Dock Committee No Report

h. Old School Committee

The regular Saturday morning market will be starting up again on the May long weekend.

i. Wild Life Advisory No Report

Liaison Reports

a. Island Trust

1. The Denman Island Local Trust Committee is holding a public hearing on Wednesday, May 11th at 7:30 p.m. in the Seniors Hall regarding proposed Bylaws Nos. 199 and 200, which amend the Denman island Official Community Plan and the Denman Island Land Use Bylaw respectively. Public hearing materials are in the Dora Drinkwater library on Denman Island and on the Islands Trust website.

2. The June quarterly meeting of the Islands Trust Council will be held on Denman Island on June 14 to 16th. All sessions are in the Seniors Hall. The program will be announced in the Denman newspapers and posted outside the Seniors and on the two Islands Trust notice boards. The public is invited to attend and observe. A Town Hall will be held on June 15th after lunch.

3. The 7-member Agricultural Plan Steering Committee continues to work on developing a Farm Plan for Denman Island. The Local Trust Committee is again applying to the Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC for funding, this time for Phase Two of the planning process. It is anticipated that the Farm Plan will be completed by the spring of 2012.

b. Ferry Advisory No Report

c. VIRL No report as there is no news from CVRD as per Bruce's comments earlier in the evening.

8. New Business

The executive would like to get input from the membership regarding how they want DIRA to function as we move forward. Could we restructure General Meetings to allow more time for discussion about what DIRA should be doing in the future?

Suggestions - to make better use of the DIRA website to have a better sense of what is going on, and have other Denman organizations report at a General Meeting or links on the DIRA website as well.

Action Item: The Executive will report back to the membership on what the costs would be to post letters and other items on the website.

Motion to Adjourn: 8:58 PM M/S/C