

Minutes of the meeting of the Denman Island Residents Association (DIRA) held on Monday, December 12, 2011 in the Back Hall, located at 1196 Northwest Road, BC, commencing at 7:30 p.m.

<b>PRESENT:</b>	President	Frank Frketich
	Directors	Anne Page Bert Taylor Doug Wright
<b>ALSO PRESENT:</b>	Minute Taker	Wind Rombough
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>		Jane Kerr Denise MacKean

## **Agenda Items**

### **Call to Order**

Seven people attended. No quorum.

### **Presentation HDCHCS's Child Youth and Family Program**

Mike Nestor gave a presentation on the Hornby Denman Community Health Care Society (HDCHCS) programs, new logo and the new website that is under construction. He fielded questions, noting that although there is a recognized gap in services on island for young adults, the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) does have a program available, although narrow in scope. He also noted that local AA and ALANON meetings can help to fill the gap as well.

### **Executive Report:**

**Dealing with insurance in the future** - Bob French will meet with the Executive Committee in the summer to work out a disbursement arrangement. One idea that has been brought forward already is to raise the rental rate that the Waste Management Committee pays for the Old School facility. David Graham interjected that the Islands Trust rent could stand to be raised also.

An idea to amalgamate on island resources to increase bargaining power was brought forward.

**DIRA website and the Grant-in-aid funds** - As it stands, DIRA currently pays about \$500 - \$700 per year for website maintenance. An application has been submitted for a Grant-in-aid for \$3000 and part of it would possibly be allocated for a new website. The website would be hosted on the Content Management System Wordpress.com so that members of the Executive Committee could ideally make updates to the website themselves.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Trails Committee** - Alan Danks reported that a cross island trail is currently being investigated, starting with the Village. Karen Albert is approaching the Ministry of Highways to gain aid from surveyors. There is currently little information on record about Denman Island Roads.

**Wildlife Advisory** - Mike Nestor reported that there has been no new cougar spotting or bear sighting, and that the hunting season for deer is now over. He noted that if anyone hears shots, especially at night, he or she should call the Conservation Officer. The hotline is available 24/7. The

exception would be for bird hunting, which is still on, but the gun sounds are more like pops than shots.

**Liason Reports:**

**Fire Department** - Don Luckett reported that 140 islanders have now been trained in CPR, and that the Fire Fighters Awards were handed out this month:

- Junior Fire Fighter of the Year - Jacob Stewart
- Rookie Fire Fighter of the Year - Nino Kimmins
- First Responder of the Year - Jeremy Carter
- Fire Fighter of the Year - Vali Majd
- George Ferry Award - John Ralston

He also reported that the new Ambulance Station should be finished and occupied by the end of January. They may call on the community to help with landscaping around the new Emergency Services Centre.

After fielding questions Don noted that the Fire Department is wanting more transparency from the CVRD on the Fire Department's Reserve Funds.

**Islands Trust** - David Graham extended his thanks for re-election, on behalf of himself and Laura Busheikin. They had just gotten back from the Orientation Meetings and will have the first meeting of the Local Trust Committee in early January. He advised all to take note of the location when the meeting is announced because it may not be in the Old School. The main concern with the Old School facility is that it is not wheelchair accessible.

**New Business:**

**DIRA meeting schedule for 2012** – The full schedule will be on the website soon but F. Frketich noted that the first General Meeting of the year is scheduled for January 9, 2012 in the Back Hall.

Time: 9:00 pm.

<b>Recording Secretary:</b>
Wind Rombough

<b>Chair:</b>
Frank Frketich