

DRAFT Minutes of DIRA Board of Directors' Meeting March 6, 2012 at 7:30 pm

Present: Chair Frank Frketich, Doug Wright, Denise MacKean, Bert Taylor, Anne Page (recording)

Regrets: none

Guest: Bob French

1. Call to Order

Frank Frketich called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

2. Minutes for Board Meeting of January 30, 2012

MOTION: That the Minutes for the Board Meeting of January 30, 2012 be approved as presented.
M/S/C

3. Agenda for Board Meeting of March 6, 2012

The following item was added to the Agenda for the Board Meeting of March 6, 2012:

- Additional Signing Authority

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) Committee to Nominate Executive Members – Denise MacKean and Anne Page contacted the DIRA Committee Chairs to inquire if any committee members were interested in serving on the DIRA Board which yielded one positive response, from Bob French. Bob suggested that DIRA Committee Chairs could sit in on Board meetings as ex-officio members (not Directors) and that these ex-officio members could recuse themselves if a conflict of interest situation arose. He further advised that the CVRD had previously wanted a more contractual business arrangement with DIRA rather than individual committees going off separately, however this concern seems to have abated. In attempts to find additional DIRA members to sit on the Board, Frank Frketich felt that the personal touch would yield the most positive results, that members should be phoned and given time to think about it. Doug Wright suggested that DIRA might reduce the number of meetings to 7 or 8 Board meetings and 7 or 8 General meetings per year. Another idea presented was that reps from the tax-based DIRA committees (Waste Management, Parks, Trails, Community Dock, Bill Mee and Old School) could serve as non-voting members on the Board however this would necessitate a change in the DIRA constitution. Bob French advised that he would put his name forward to serve on the DIRA Board.

ACTION: Denise MacKean and Anne Page will contact some members to see if they would be interested in serving on the DIRA Board.

b) DIRA Website – Grant-In-Aid Application – DIRA has not heard anything from the CVRD if we have been successful in our grant-in-aid application and Frank Frketich advised that we would probably hear around the end of April.

ACTION: Frank will send a note or phone Bruce Joliffe, CVRD inquiring about the GIA.

c) Directors' Insurance – Frank Frketich advised that the quote from Axis Insurance came in at \$600 for \$1 million coverage. After discussion it was suggested that Axis Insurance compare their quoted policy with our current policy to ensure that the policies are comparable. It was suggested that there was an advantage to having one insurer for all our insurance needs. Doug Wright advised that we have received a cheque for \$600 from the Fire Department for support to DIRA.

ACTION: Frank Frketich will request Axis Insurance to compare their quoted policy with our current policy through First Insurance. Frank will also request a quote from First Insurance for a quote for \$1 million coverage as a comparison.

- d) Discussion Paper Directions for DIRA – Denise MacKean previously provided notes from the DIRA Revitalization Meeting of April 26, 2008 and also a document “Directions for DIRA”. It was agreed that these documents be discussed at the April Executive Meeting.

5. Recreation Grant Procedure

Bert Taylor and Anne Page provided a document “Recreation Grant Process Review” which outlined three alternatives to manage the Recreation Grants in the future. Bert and Anne advised the Board that their intention was to have the Board recommend one of the alternatives or propose another alternative. The public would be given an opportunity to provide input on the alternatives posted on the DIRA website. Comments would be brought back to the Board in April with a presentation to the General DIRA membership at the AGM on April 16.

There was extensive discussion on this item. It was agreed that one alternative would be recommended with a short explanation of the issues involved and posted on the DIRA website for public review, and an article would be written for the Grapevine. It was decided that a modified Alternative #3 would be recommended, the modification being that the recommendations from the Recreation Grants Committee would be forwarded to the DIRA Board with the idea that the Board would not change the recommendations but would review them for accuracy.

ACTION: Bert and Anne will make the change to Alternative #3, write a short summary and email it to the DIRA Board for review prior to having it posted on the DIRA website for public input. Public comments will be brought back to the DIRA Board in April and a presentation made at the April AGM. Bert and Anne will write an article for the Grapevine regarding this item.

MOTION: to post on the DIRA website for public review, the recommendations from the DIRA Board regarding the management of future Recreation Grants funding. M/S/C

6. DIRA Membership

It was confirmed that non-members who wanted to vote at the 2012 AGM would need to pay \$7 at the March general meeting and they would be paid up members to include the 2013 AGM.

ACTION: Frank will make an announcement to this effect at the March General Meeting.

7. Signing Authority

MOTION: that Denise MacKean be an additional signing authority for DIRA. M/S/C

8. Next Board Meeting – Tuesday, April 3

9. March General Meeting – Set-up, Signs, Grapevine Report

It was agreed that a fire would be lit and that coffee, tea and either cake or cookies would be offered at the General meeting from 7 to 7:30 pm and that:

- Denise MacKean would contact Bev Hollingsworth regarding cake or cookies and arrange for coffee, tea, cream, sugar and napkins and will write a piece for the Grapevine after the meeting,
- Doug Wright will arrange for signage,
- Frank will light the fire and arrange for keys and projector.

The DIRA Board Meeting of March 6, 2012 was adjourned at 10:06 pm.