

DRAFT Minutes of DIRA Executive Meeting January 2, 2012 at 7:30 pm

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

1. Call to Order

Acting Chair Doug Wright called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

2. Minutes for Executive Meeting of December 5 2011

Draft minutes were presented. The minutes were amended in Item 3a regarding insurance for the Graham Lake Swim Dock and the Trails Committee.

Motion: That the Minutes for the Executive Meeting of December 5, 2011 be approved as amended.
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3. Business Arising from the Minutes

None

4. Website Changeover

Anne Page provided a Draft document, "Criteria for Denman Island Residents' Association (DIRA) website upgrade". The criteria were discussed and amended. It was agreed that this item would be brought forward to the January 9, 2012 General Meeting to advise the membership that DIRA would be seeking an Expression of Interest to go to a WordPress-based website with a view to save money on website maintenance and that the deadline for submissions to DIRA would be February 1, 2012. Selected individuals would be invited to make a submission and a note in the Grapevine would further advise residents and invite submissions. The Executive would make a decision based on submissions and take it to the membership at the March General Meeting for approval. In the meantime Anne advised that she would seek more information on WordPress to share with the Executive.

5. Denman Opposes Coal (DOC)

DIRA received a letter from Graham Hayman of DOC inviting DIRA to join DOC to invite our MLA Don McRae to a community meeting regarding the Raven Coal Mine project.

Action: It was agreed that Doug Wright will ask Patti Willis or Graham Hayman to speak at the January 9, 2012 DIRA General Meeting to provide an update on the Raven Coal Mine project

6. Insurance Discussion

- a) **Possible future direction** – Doug Wright spoke to Beth Dunlop of the CVRD regarding adding DIRA as an additional named insured on CVRD's insurance and Beth Dunlop advised that this is not a possibility. However she did advise that she would explore how DIRA could receive assistance from the CVRD regarding our insurance costs. This would likely be in the form of a formalized Service

Agreement she will get back to DIRA with more information. It was felt that a Service Agreement may be problematic for some DIRA committees.

- b) **Directors' Insurance** – DIRA's Directors' Insurance policy is currently with First Insurance Services. The policy expires in April, 2012 and costs approx. \$1100 per year.

Action: Doug Wright will ask Frank Frketich to contact Axis Insurance for a quote on a policy for DIRA's Directors' Insurance.

7. Nominating Committee

Action: It was agreed that this item would be brought forward to the January 9, 2012 DIRA General Meeting and that interested DIRA members would be invited to form a Nominating Committee to seek individuals who would be interested in serving on the DIRA Executive. Depending on the number of nominees, either appointments or elections would be held at the DIRA AGM on April 16, 2012.

8. Other Items

- a) **DIRA Direction** - Denise MacKean presented a discussion paper 'DIRA Direction' which outlined the past, present and possible future direction of DIRA. The purpose of the paper is to share these ideas and receive input about the possible future of DIRA. Thank you Denise!

- b) **DIRA Website** - Anne Page advised that the 2012 schedule for DIRA meetings was not on the DIRA website and that possibly the webmaster had not received the information.

Action: Doug Wright would provide the 2012 Schedule of DIRA meetings to our webmaster for posting.

- c) **Financial Information** – Jane Kerr provided updated financial information for DIRA and the committees. It was agreed that Doug Wright would confirm some unspecified items with the Chair of the Dock Committee and that the Executive would discuss with Frank Frketich what information would be posted on the DIRA website. The DIRA Executive was advised that Treasurer Jane Kerr had provided a letter of resignation from DIRA for personal reasons. Thank you Jane for all your hard work on behalf of DIRA!

9. January General Meeting

Wind Rombough has agreed to take minutes, Denise MacKean advised she would write a short article for the Grapevine and Doug Wright will take care of setup and signs.

The Executive Meeting of January 2, 2012 was adjourned at 9:45 pm.