

Minutes of the meeting of the Denman Island Residents Association (DIRA) held on Monday, February 13, 2012 in the Back Hall, located at 1196 Northwest Road, BC, commencing at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Anne Page
Executive Denise MacKean
Bert Taylor
Doug Wright
ALSO PRESENT: Minute Taker Wind Rombough
APOLOGIES: Frank Frketch

Agenda Items

Call to Order

38 people in attendance for the General Meeting.

Motion to Approve Agenda

PAGE/ ENGLESON: THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

Presentation of December 12, 2011 and January 9, 2012 General Meeting Notes

ENGLESON / KARSTEN THAT the report be accepted as scrolled.

Motion to Approve November 14, 2011 General Meeting Minutes.

MCQUAIG / KARSTEN THAT the minutes be approved.

CARRIED

Executive Report:

Presentation of Preliminary 2011 Year End Financial Report - Doug Wright has agreed to act as interim treasurer. He reports on the information Jane Kerr had compiled before she resigned. Liz Johnston noted that in the future DIRA should keep track of the different uses of grant monies.

Nominations for DIRA Executive - Anne Page calls for 3 - 4 more members on the executive committee.

Website upgrade - Executive members are waiting for word about a Grant-in-aid for 2012.

Directors Insurance - Quotes from other companies are still coming in. The goal is to reduce the annual rate without compromising coverage.

Recreation Grant Committee - Burt Taylor has been working on a report to submit at the DIRA AGM this autumn.

DIRA membership fees due at AGM - The executive committee will still do a membership drive for 2012 but not as extensive as the one in 2011.

Emailing Agenda - If members want to receive the agenda digitally then they are requested to put their name and email address on a list at the AGM.

Invitation to Comox Valley MLA Don McRae - After Don McRae's report comes out (when??) DIRA will invite him to come to a meeting. Members are requested to submit questions for him to DIRA before the invitation is sent.

Committee Reports:

Dock Committee - John Johnston reported that if the Dock Committee decides to go forward with the new lighting, he will be coming to the DIRA membership to move that the hydro be set up at the dock.

Parks Committee - Laura Pope reported that bridge repairs to Morrison Marsh (??) are being done right now. She also spoke about the questionable status of BC parks while treaty negotiations are underway.

Trails Committee - Allan Danks read a portion of a letter from the CVRD that states a cross island trail has been deemed a priority by Denman Islanders. He explained options for locations of trails and noted that any islander wishing for input or for clarification into the following motions be urged to contact any of the listed committee members include Allan himself at 250-335-1838.

DANKS/ MCQUAIG: THAT the Ferry to Ferry Cross Island Trail be constructed along Denman and East Roads as recommended by the DIRA Trails Committee.

CARRIED

DANKS/ MCQUAIG: THAT the name of the route be known as The Cross Island Trail as recommended by the DIRA Trails Committee.

CARRIED

Wild Life Advisory - Cindy Critchley reported that the Terms of Reference are being renewed.

Liason Reports:

Fire Department - John Ralston reported that the time it takes for First Responders on Denman Island to arrive on scene is only 9 minutes whereas the national average for official Fire Departments is 14 minutes.

Denman WORKS! - Simon Palmer reported that a 2-part Food Tree Pruning workshop is coming up in March, and also a BeeKeeping Basics session. Also, \$2000 has been granted to HDTSS for the Tourist Brochure, and the Community Project Grant deadlines are going to be from April 15 - May 15, 2012.

Islands Trust - David Graham reported that the next meeting will be on February 28, in the Old School, but to watch for a new location for the March meeting. Trustees are going to experiment with the Seniors Lounge, which is wheelchair accessible, closer to the hub of activity, and easier to heat.

Ferry Advisory Committee - Dennis Forsyth comments on David Macatee's recent report. He also noted that most communities in BC when up in population according to Census Canada 2012 , but that ferry dependent communities saw drops in population. Denman Island lost 6.7 % (75 people) since the last census was taken, and Hornby Island lost 10.8 % (110 people). He urged people to continue letter writing.

New Business:

Denman Conservancy - Peter Karsten reports on upcoming workshops including initiatives around Purple Martin conservation.

Adjournment:

PAGE/ MCQUAIG: THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Time: 8:58 pm.

Minute Taker:
Wind Rombough

Chair:
Anne Page