

Minutes of the meeting of the Denman Island Residents Association (DIRA) held on Monday, January 9, 2012 in the Back Hall, located at 1196 Northwest Road, BC, commencing at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Doug Wright
Executive Anne Page
Bert Taylor
Denise MacKean

ALSO PRESENT: Minute Taker Wind Rombough

APOLOGIES: Frank Frketich

Agenda Items

Call to Order

11 people in attendance which meant no quorum so it was an Informational Meeting instead of a General Meeting.

Executive Report:

Official Resignation of the Treasurer - Jane Kerr has resigned but she has completed the preliminary year end financial report. Bev Hollingsworth will bring a thank you card to the next meeting for people to sign before she sends it to Jane.

Expression of Interest for New Website - Anne Page has completed a preliminary set of criteria that would need to be fulfilled in order to change the existing DIRA website, denmanresidents.com, to a site hosted on the content management system Wordpress.com. An Expression of Interest will now be circulated.

Nominating Committee - Dialogue ensued about the options around increasing representation for DIRA. Options put forth were a Ward System, increased Committee participation, and more island groups amalgamating.

Committee Reports:

Dock Committee - Peter Karsten reported that the Conservancy, the Purple Martin people, and the Dock Committee will be putting up nest boxes soon. Also, there will be solar cell lighting erected at the dock soon.

Parks Committee - P Karsten read his Monthly Activity Report and also reported that he will step down and let someone take over as chair of the Parks Committee. A Page officially thanked him for all his good work, a sentiment to which the small group responded with rousing applause.

Liason Reports:

Islands Trust - Laura Busheikin reported that the next Local Trust Committee meeting is going to be held on January 24, in the Old School. The Local Trustees will be looking at their priorities for 2012. She also announced that David Graham had been elected to the Islands Trust Executive.

Vancouver Island Regional Library - Bill Engleson reported that the library now has internet access, because the Community Hall now has wireless internet service through the whole building. When asked, he replied that he did not think the Dora Drinkwater Library would become a branch of VIRL, and secondly, that the DDL would be closed during the entire period of renovation at the Community Hall.

The question of extended or varying hours for the local library was put forth as a way to allow islanders increased access to the service.

New Business:

Denman Opposes Coal wants Don McRae to visit

DOC has requested that DIRA invite Comox Valley MLA Don McRae to come to Denman Island for a community meeting, especially after coming so close to our island when he visited Hornby. Discussion ensued around how DIRA should be involved. Discussion will continue at the next General Meeting.

Membership Size Impacts Quorum – Discussion ensued around making quorum. It was noted that last year had enough controversy to inflate the numbers of members. These numbers are in some ways inflated because a large percentage of residents simply wanted to cast a vote on an issue or two. Now DIRA has been left with a hard to reach need for approximately 20 members to come out to meetings to make them official. Executive members are going to look into a bylaw work-around to counter quorum deficiency.

Time: 9:00 pm.

Recording Secretary:
Wind Rombough

Chair:
Doug Wright