

Minutes of DIRA Board of Directors' Meeting
September 4, 2012

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

Regrets: none

1. Frank Frketich called the meeting to order.

The Agenda, with two additions, was approved.

The Minutes for the Board meeting of July 30, 2012 were adopted as amended.

The Minutes from July 2, 2012 will be clarified by Frank with Gloria regarding the comment about the Pesticide Free committee.

2. DIRA Goals/Strategic Plan for 2012/2013: Went over Franks compilation of goals we had previously discussed.

Under Goal #2: Bob French suggested re-cycle is interested in a web-site and they could be on DIRA's. Also Goal #2: Moving new business before committee reports may encourage discussion.

Goal #1: Anne suggested re-wording them by replacing "negotiating" with "working towards" an agreement with the CVRD ...

We will present these Board Goals to the next General Meeting for discussion and ask for feed-back.

3. Website Criteria: Anne Page outlined website changes at present. After consultation Anne made some changes to the criteria and will present them to the General Meeting.

4. Community Insurance Policy: Denman Works! sent out a questionnaire and 10 groups are interested in pursuing this group coverage. A summary of the responses was sent to Axis and Ric McDermmot who felt underwriters are not interested in various entities but need a single entity.

Someone will be coming to Denman on Sept. 14 from Western Financial Group to give insurance ideas and answer questions. Denman Works! is organizing this event.

Bert brought up an "umbrella" island group whose sole function would be to carry all the group insurances.

5. Replacement for Dennis Forsyth: This will be brought up at the General Meeting.

6. Denman Debates: will be held at the Seniors on Tues. the 25th at 7:30 pm. It may become a place for "Big Topics" outside the regular meeting. Denman Works! is actually putting this on and may use ideas for future guidance. DIRA is acting as the host. Spread the word.

7. DIRA Budget: In the conference call in July with Ian Smith (CVRD) he requested a budget of Administrative costs. Doug prepared a breakdown of our budget needs and a possible sharing of costs with CVRD. Bob explained Waste Management's contribution in the past. He needs figures for his budget at the up-coming General Meeting. He will explain a slightly higher budget line. Frank and Doug will meet again with Ian before that meeting.

8. Andrew Scruton plaque: Anne reported that the clinic garden is done and a sign will be installed. At the same time a plaque for the memorial cherry tree will be set up and paid for through donations already in the Andrew Scruton Fund. Frank will look into getting a plaque.

9. Community Hall renovation project and opening ceremony: Anne suggests a display booth for DIRA and will work on that.

10. Waste Management Contract: Bob had received a bid for next year's garbage contract at \$750 plus tax per pickup. Bob moved we approve the contract proposal. Passed

11. In an e-mail to the Board, Ralph McCuaig suggested a public dock on Chickadee Lake. We felt this could wait until Parks has access to the lake when new park is set up.

12. Next Board Meeting Monday October 1. Meeting adjourned.