

Minutes of DIRA Board of Directors' Meeting July 2, 2012 at 7:30 pm

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

Regrets: none

Guests: Gloria Michin, Old School; John Wigle, Bill Mee Park; Allan Danks, Trails; John Johnston, Community Dock; Bob French also for Waste Management.

1. Frank Frketich called the meeting to order.

The Agenda for the meeting was adopted.

The Minutes for the Board meeting of June 4, 2012 were adopted as presented.

2. DIRA's commercial liability insurance was discussed with those committee chairs attending the meeting.

-John Johnston asked that the notes from this discussion be distributed to all committee chairs.

-John felt the Bottle Depot should fund part of the insurance cost and Bob French explained it is actually part of waste Management and does not have excess funds of its own.

-John also felt Pesticide Free committee should pay the same as others as they also incurred risk in some of their activities.

-Bob reviewed Bottle depot income and costs noting their income is dropping and they use up 99% of income with costs. They also need cash up front for bottle refunds but their income is irregular so need a cushion. Frank pointed out that in the original breakdown of committees for insurance purposes there was no mention of a Bottle Depot committee. If there were such a group, it would have been there in the document.

-Gloria reminded us that Old School paid the whole policy for DIRA until two years ago. In 2010 with a change of insurers it became apparent all committees of DIRA were covered. Old School has income from rents. The Bottle depot has its own bank account to keep it separate from tax-supported entities. Waste Management was always an Old School Renter so they have contributed all along. As for Pesticide Free committee, Gloria understands volunteers not members of public so not covered by liability insurance. Frank mentioned that the Pesticide Free committee has changed its function considerably to one of education around the use of pesticides.

-Doug Wright feels Directors Insurance is also a part of the larger DIRA sustainability picture and is now covered by memberships which he would like to do away with. Also if we charge smaller committees we may discourage useful action. They need the help of larger committees and he feels we should look at "ability to pay".

-Allan Danks pointed out that Trails and Parks have some insurance under CVRD and BC Parks under their present mandate. He feels they might do without DIRA insurance and they do not see themselves working outside these agencies so feels insurance not necessary for Trails and Parks. Anne Page asked Allan when CVRD will be taking over the "downtown" trail and Allan said in the Fall.

-John Wigle spoke to the situation at Bill Mee Park where CVRD has some insurance. He read out relevant parts of their policy and Gloria explained her understanding of this coverage. Allan said Trails and Parks policy similar to Bill Mee Park/CVRD agreement. Doug suggested that DIRA is like a contractor for CVRD and the one suit which was brought they covered. At this point John

suggested we try to get information on what and who is covered more specifically and Bob suggests erring on the side safety.

-Gloria feels Old School should also share some of the liability as well as the \$2400 in total insurance cost. Frank stated there is a need to look at the welfare of DIRA as a whole.

-Anne sought some clarification of the shared Marine Insurance between Graham Lake and Community docks.

Motion: Bert Taylor moved and Anne Page seconded that the breakdown of contributions by committees, similar to those presented in the insurance proposal on the table to which the Old School has been added, be approved by this meeting of Board members and Committee Chairs, subject to further enquiries about coverage provided by CVRD, BC Parks and Axis.

After some discussion and requests for more specific and written information the motion was **passed** with Doug Wright and Allan Danks opposed. At this point it was agreed this motion should be treated as a recommendation to proceed further with the process when more information is available.

3. John Johnston expressed an interest in being of the Board. Anne questioned his busy schedule with the Community Dock and he said he was stepping down from that. Denise understands selecting a new Board member is a membership decision so needs a vote at the up-coming public meeting. This will be part of that meeting.

4. Business arising:

a) - Parks and Trails want to get into new parks to do things. Should we have Parks and Trails be a liaison with Parks or should both report to us and then the DIRA Board goes to Parks? Denise does not think DIRA should be the point person and that Trails and Parks could go together to the park agencies as a single delegation. Bob, Doug, Bert seemed to feel this could be made to work. The present conflicting mandate in the two committees' terms of reference is recognized and is being worked on. This makes a 2-person liaison reasonable to consider.

b) -John Ralston of the Fire Dept. is also concerned with green refuse dumping and will get back to us on this matter.

c)- Recreation Grant Committee Report:

Motion: Bert moved and Bob seconded that the recommendations in the Recreation Grant Committee Report have been reviewed by the Board for clarity and factual correctness and have been found to be satisfactory to go to the public meeting. **Passed.**

5. DIRA website: Our purchasing policy states we can spend up to \$1000 for goods or services by simply obtaining at least 2 quotes. For the new web page set up Doug suggested advertising on Denman Works job board, ask our present web person and explore other possible local talent. Also put an "expression of interest" on job board. Aim for a one month time frame.

6. RCMP patrol car incident: Rather than concentrate on this one event it may be time to have the RCMP come to a meeting to discuss their role on Denman in general.

7. Next Board meeting not set. Meeting adjourned.