

Minutes of the meeting of the Denman Island Residents Association (DIRA) held on Monday, June 11, 2012 in the Back Hall, located at 1196 Northwest Road, BC, commencing at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Frank Frketich
Executive Anne Page
Denise MacKean
Bert Taylor
Doug Wright
Bob French

ALSO PRESENT: Minute Taker Wind Rombough

Agenda Items

Call to Order 30 people in attendance.

Approve the agenda THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

Approve the May 14 General Meeting Minutes - the Chair scrolled through the projected minutes as people read them.

THAT the minutes from the May 14 General meeting be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

Executive Report:

Membership Drive - Anne Page reported that there will be a membership drive starting this week in the Grapevine, and at the Saturday Market. They may do 2 consecutive Saturdays. Membership dues must be in by July 16.

Executive Liaison Positions - No changes to report except that Bob French will take on 2 liaison positions.

Notification of GIA - DIRA has been awarded a \$2000 Grant-in-aid from the CVRD.

Transition Denman Island Presentation: Veronica Timmons and Herb Jones gave a history of the Transition movement in the world, of Transition on Denman Island, and of TDI's current projects. The movement, called Transition Towns, originated in Ireland in 2005-6, and was in response to the peak oil crisis. TDI was sponsored by Renewable Energy Denman Island. The launch of TDI was in 2011. Later that year, community members and 44 local organizations took part in a Transition Exposition called Texpo. We were reminded that the DI Sustainability Festival starts on June 18 and runs until July 1.

Committee Reports:

Waste Management - Bob French reported that the Hazardous Waste Collection event put on by the CVRD was a success. Visit Encorp's Return It website if you missed the event: www.return-it.ca. When asked he spoke to the issue of DIRA's alleged non-compliance with the Canada Revenue Agency and the possible need to file an NPO form. The issue is up in the air because DIRA has been non compliant for 37 years and was only flagged this year because the WMC filed for an HST rebate.

Community Dock - John Johnston reported that the damage has been repaired to the concrete picnic table and fence post. As an experiment, local artists might set up in the dock parking lot on Sundays in July.

Trails Committee - Alan Danks reported that a TD Friends of the Environment grant has been applied for. There will be an article by the CVRD in this week's paper outlining the Cross Island Trail.

Wild Life Advisory - David Forsyth reported that there is a natural selection process at this time of year that leads to sometimes finding eagle chicks abandoned at the base of trees. There is nothing to be done about the situation except respectfully walking away.

DIRA Recreation Grant Committee - The deadline for submitting grant applications is Friday June 15 at noon. Get it in early to allow for review. Discussion ensued about DIRA bylaws and policies concerning bringing grant application motions before the membership in time for grant deadlines.

THAT the membership instructs DIRA to apply for the 2012 Recreation Grant for up to \$2000 for the benefit of the Graham Lake Swim Dock committee.

CARRIED

Liaison Reports:

Fire Department - Don Luckett reported that there will be a special celebration at the Pancake Breakfast to commemorate the 35th anniversary of the DIVFD. By June 17 only campfires and fires to keep warm will be permitted.

Denman WORKS! - Simon Palmer reported that the recommendations for the Community Project Grants 2012 total \$41,000. Today the Denman Business Association met for the first time with the new board. The DBA is not a sub-committee of DW but a group they are helping bring to life. The Grant Facilitator is looking for outside funding for the Grow Your Own Fuel ethanol plant, and to help the HDCHCS bring training to the island for Home Care Providers. He spoke to the DW request to the Local Trust Committee for a review of Bylaw 186 with the aim of making staying on DI friendly to visitors.

Ferry Advisory Committee - Dennis Forsyth reported that the BC Ferries call for Requests for Proposals for building a cable ferry has been made. There may be another public meeting this month.

VIRL - Bill Engleson reported that there was no support for a VIRL branch on DI at the last CVRD Executive meeting.

New Business:

John Johnston spoke about the possibilities around fairly dealing with the issue of which sub-committees pay how much for DIRA's insurance policy. Discussion ensued. A motion will be made at the next meeting to resolve the issue.

Adjournment: THAT the meeting be adjourned. **CARRIED** Time: 9:15 pm.

Minute Taker:

Chair:

Wind Rombough

Frank Frketich