Minutes of the meeting of the Denman Island Residents Association (DIRA) held on Monday, May 14, 2012 in the Back Hall, located at 1196 Northwest Road, BC, commencing at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair   Anne Page

            Executive   Bert Taylor
                                     Doug Wright
APOLOGIES: Frank Frketich
                                     Denise MacKean
ALSO PRESENT: Minute Taker   Wind Rombough

Agenda Items

Call to Order

We started with the Public Meeting portion of the agenda, until enough people arrived to make quorum.

DIRA Grants Committee Bert Taylor presented the Terms of Reference for how the Recreation Grants are disbursed. The terms have been publicized previous to this evening. Bruce Joliffe has reviewed the document and has no problem with it. Successful applicants must be non-profits. The total of the Rec Grants is $20,000 and has been from the beginning. The Chair scrolled through the document and people asked questions. The original establishing bylaw, about what kind of service a non-profit must provide, was highlighted. It was noted that a date and address need to be on a cover letter attached to the application package.

THAT this public meeting approve the DIRA Grants Committee Terms of Reference as presented at the meeting of May 14, 2012.

CARRIED

THAT the application package be approved as presented.

CARRIED

The Recreation Grant Committee The DIRA board offered 4 people to be on the committee: Bev Hollingsworth

Dennis Forsyth

Steve Ord

Clark Siferd

Jennifer Villard was nominated by Sharon Clarke, and approved.

By 8:10 pm, 21 members had arrived. Enough for a quorum.

Approve the agenda

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

Approve the AGM Minutes the Chair scrolled through the minutes and comments were made.

THAT the that minutes from the Annual General Meeting be approved as amended.

CARRIED

Executive Report:

Nominations for DIRA Executive - Only 6 out of 8 positions are currently filled.

Committee Reports:

Waste Management - Bob French reported that the committee has lost management of the trucking contract for hauling recyclables.

Community Dock - John Johnston presented a motion. Discussion ensued. Could a motion detector be used instead of leaving the light on all night? Maybe.

THAT the DIRA membership grant approval to allow the Executive of DIRA to make application for hookup of the dock site to the electrical grid and approves the allocation of the dock committee's funds ($3600) towards payment of the monthly invoice generated.

CARRIED

Swim Dock Committee Christopher Taylor has agreed to chair the Graham Lake Swim Dock Committee.

Old School Committee Gloria Michin reminded us that the Saturday Market opens on May 19.

Wild Life Advisory Mike Nestor reminded us to keep dogs under control.

Trails Committee Alan Danks reported that the committee will be applying for the TD Friends of the Environment Grant.

Liaison Reports:

Fire Department - John Ralston reported that a new "Jaws of Life" auto extraction device has been purchased.

Denman WORKS! - Simon Palmer reported that Jennifer Villard has been busy administering the Community Project Grants and that the deadline for the grants is tomorrow. John Roberts has been working on an Ethanol Plant project proposal. John Andrew has been working on a public meeting, to be held on May 16, to possibly form a Denman Business Association. Denman WORKS! has requested that the Islands Trust look at the Guest Accommodations bylaws with an eye to being friendlier to tourism on the island.

Islands Trust - Laura Busheikin reported that Denman Island has 2/19 of the possible nominations in all of the Trust area for Community Stewardship Awards. There has been a short term suspension on following up on bylaw infractions for 2 specific issues concerning Guest Accommodations: accessory dwellings and cooking facilities.

Ferry Advisory Committee - Dennis Forsyth reported on the last BC Ferries meeting.

New Business:

Anne Page reported that a DIRA membership drive will begin soon.

Adjournment: THAT the meeting be adjourned.   **CARRIED**   Time: 9:07 pm.

Minute Taker:	**Chair:**

| Wind Rombough |

| Anne Page |