

Minutes PIRA Directors Meeting September 25, 2006

Directors present: Liam Taylor, Denise Bonin, Cathy Pearson, Ralph Kirby, Shannon Taylor, Steve Peck, Fredrik Collin

Directors absent: Michael MacColl, Peter Frewin

Guests: Gil Parsons

1 Opening Remarks

1.1 Call to order at 7:21 PM

1.2 Late Agenda items - no late additions to the agenda

1.3 **MOTION:** (moved by Bonin and seconded by S. Taylor)
That the agenda for the September 25 2006 meeting be approved
 (Motion Carried)

2 Business Arising from the Previous Directors' Meeting

2.1 Liam Taylor reported from the ad hoc committee looking into neighbourhood strategy that:

A meeting was held and Carol Matthews, Michael MacColl, Liam & ShannonTaylor, China Goodhue, and Barb LeBrasseur were present. Information from the city including a neighbourhood plan recently instituted by Departure Bay, the Official City Plan, and guidelines for developing such a plan were tabled and briefly reviewed. It was the feeling of those present;

- That the majority of islanders were interested in maintaining where ever possible the unique nature of the island's biodiversity.
- In order to formulate any neighbourhood strategy it would be necessary to first encourage islander involvement in the process.
- The need to encourage open discussion would be enhanced by beginning with a series of information presentations about the unique natural setting we share, and that these activities needed to be affiliated with all islanders and not any particular existing organization. In that spirit of inclusive communication we dubbed this ad hoc and open to all process the "Island Café".

Arrangements for the first of these presentations are underway.

4 Correspondence

Mail: none

Email: none

5 Director's Reports

5.1 Treasurer's report -Peter Frewin
 (See **Appendix 1**).

6 Committee Reports

6.1 Communications Committee – Denise Bonin

The PIRA constitution, list of Directors, and director meeting minutes will be posted to the PIRA website.

6.2 Dock Committee – Cathy Pearson

(see Appendix 2)

6.3 Parks & Roads- Ralph Kirby

A discussion of invasive species on the island including ivy and broom and contacting the city arborist about the number of dying arbutus trees in Pirates Park. Liam to supply contact name to Ralph.

The faucet at the turn around for watering the garden there needs to be replaced.

6.4 MOTION: (moved by Taylor and seconded by Collin)

To accept all of the Director's reports

(Motion Carried)

7 Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

8 New Business

8.1 An open discussion with the new directors concerning a variety of issues including: The variety of different groups on the island, some of their activities, and how we might ensure effective communication with them. It was suggested that one of the new directors act as contact with the fire department.

8.2 Cathy Pearson discussed an idea for raising funds that is intended to be used to raise funds for the dock but could be used as a combined fundraiser with proceeds being shared by a number of island organizations. She expressed concern that this might be more effective than multiple separate fundraisers. Steve suggested that an event of interest would be more compelling than just asking for money. He used the recent play sponsored by the Lions as an example.

8.2 BC Assessment has requested that PIRA return a survey regarding our tax exemption for the lease in Pirates Park. It will be faxed to them.

9 Closing Remarks and Announcements

Gil Parsons was asked if he had any thing that he wanted to say. He asked about the Ad Hoc committee that had been struck at the previous meeting. (Gil had come to the current meeting just following the reading of the report - item2.1). Liam reviewed the report and a discussion followed concerning the importance of PIRA being open about it's activities. Gil suggested that the President's report given at the last AGM was a good step toward developing a sense of openness toward PIRA in the community.

Next meeting: November 22nd at 7:15 pm, Beacon House

10 Adjournment

MOTION: (moved by Bonin)

To adjourn the meeting at 9:25pm (Motion Carried)

Appendix 1

Protection Island Ratepayers Association
Interim Financial Report to September 17, 2006

Cash flows from General Account Activity

Cash Balance Per Last Report August 25, 2006	1,560.50	
Cash Received from Membership Dues	50.00	
Cash Received from Donations	0.00	
Total Revenue & Cash Balance		1,610.50
Director's & Officer's Liability Insurance	0.00	
Dues & Subscriptions	0.00	
Licenses & Permits	0.00	
Office Expense	0.00	
Postage & Delivery	0.00	
Printing & Reproduction	0.00	
Property Tax	0.00	
Total Expenses		0.00
General Account Balance September 17, 2006		1,610.50

Cash flows from Dock Account Activity

Cash Balance Per Last Report August 25, 2006	1,538.63	
Cash Received from Dock Fees, 2005	100.00	
Cash Received from Dock Fees, 2006	200.00	
Cash Received from Donations	200.00	
Total Revenue & Cash Balance		2,038.63
Dock Supplies	0.00	
General Insurance	0.00	
Director's & Officer's Liability Insurance	0.00	
Moorage Fee	0.00	
Office Expenses	0.00	
Printing & Reproduction	0.00	
Total Expenses		0.00
General Account Balance September 17, 2006		2,038.63

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Peter W. Frewin
Treasurer

**Appendix 2 -
DOCK REPORT September 2006 - Submitted by Cathy Pearson**

Decals / Fees:

The 2006 / 2007 season decals say "PAID to Sept 2007". Anyone who has paid has a decal. This year the decals are your receipt (unless you pay cash) and have numbers on them.

The rate is \$100 for the season. That is the minimum. If you cannot put in regular time helping to maintain the dock, you are expected to donate, the equivalent to the dock fee, as a donation toward repair costs.

So far we have a dozen Paid 2006 – 2007 decals issued. Thanks to those who have been so prompt.

Registration:

Last fall, I created a Mud Bay Dock User Registration form. All who attended the meeting completed it. As additional people dropped their cheques off, I had them complete Mud Bay Dock User Registration forms. Unfortunately, sometimes the fees are paid to other Directors or to Larry and Ruth. I am still trying to get registration information (i.e. type, size and colour of your boat) for all of the users.

Fund Raiser for Major Repair (Pylons) and Severe Weather Emergency Repairs:

We had a lively meeting on September 26, 2005. Before the meeting, I put together three sets of discussion issues. The focus was on; Maintenance / Safety, Moorage space and Financing the Costs.

All three groups had some interesting and sometimes controversial solutions. A Summary of the Meeting was posted on Pro-Isle and at the Dock Head. We all agreed to a second, larger meeting. That meeting was set for 10:00 am at Beacon House on the day of the PIRA AGM. Unfortunately, it was not well attended. People seemed to feel they did not have enough notice.

The lack of attendance did not change the need for an Emergency and Major Storm Damage Repair Fund. As noted in my report to the AGM in June, we desperately need pylons at the mid point of the dock. We also need a contingency fund to cover Major Storm Damage.

I have asked those users who can spare the time to form a committee to coordinate a February 2007 Fundraiser. The theme is "Welcome Back". The intent is to have a silent auction and invite former residents to come and join us.

Catherine Hebb has agreed to have the first Fund Raiser Committee Meeting at her home. Marge (former PI Resident) Wendy, Coleen, Greg and Tiffany have already agreed to work on the committee. John Gogo has offered to perform. Wes and Jo have offered a donation from Delacados. Carl is offering to do a pen and ink drawing of someone's home. I have a new microwave to donate.

Additional Committee Members Volunteers and Auction Item commitments would be appreciated. The first Fundraiser Committee meeting will take place sometime in November 2006.

Ongoing Repairs to the Dock:

Larry Iwasko and his group of volunteers, continue to put in uncountable "Hours of Power". On Saturday September 23, 2006 they formed another work party. I am thrilled to report I have never seen a turnout that large in the 8 years I have lived near the dock.

At times, they had more bodies than they knew what to do with. The dock repairs started at 9 am and went until about 5 pm. Thanks to everyone who participated.

As part of the Summary of the Meeting of September 26, 2005, we included a list of supplies needed. They are still posted in the glass case on the dock.

Salt and Sand:

Last fall, Larry Pelland built three Salt / Sand Boxes. We are using kitty litter containers to keep it moisture proof.

The Salt and Sand is donated by and brought to the dock by the Dock Users.

ATTENTION ALL DOCK USERS: It is time to start bringing salt and sand to the dock. We can expect frost in the next few weeks maximum.

Parking:

I want to thank everyone for respecting our lease agreement. I rarely see anyone park at the dock anymore. That is GREAT!!

Community Dock:

There seems to be some confusion regarding what a "community dock" is. I have put together a document titled "What is a Community Dock?" See attached. **(Appendix 3)**

Cathy Pearson
PIRA Director on the Mud Bay Dock Committee

Appendix 3 -

Mud Bay is a Community Dock. So what is a Community Dock?

Most docks are Public or Private Docks. Few are Community Docks. Private and Public Docks charge fees focused on profit or expansion. I don't think there is much confusion on the distinction between a Private and a Public Dock. The problem is trying to clarify the difference between a Public and Community Dock/

"Public" and "Community" sound similar. They are. Sometimes they are used interchangeably. However, they have subtle differences.

Community:

- People living in an area
- The area itself
- An interacting population of various kinds of individuals in a common location
- Group of people with common interests living together within a larger society
- Joint ownership or participation

Public:

- Relating to or affecting all the people
- Of or relating to government
- Relating to or engaged in the service of the community or nation
- Of or relating to mankind in general – universal
- Of or relating to business or community interests as opposed to private affairs
- devoted to general welfare
- Accessible to or shared by all members of the community
- Exposed to general view

If you look up **public versus community** in a dictionary, you see community is a smaller subset of public. Public relates to or affects all the people.

Community requires not just a common location, but interaction, common interests, living together in a larger society, and joint ownership or participation.

Participation is distinct from use;

- To participate is to engage or share in something in common with others. Share is to give or be given, to have a share.
- To us is to take. Use does not imply sharing or taking responsibility.

We have a Community Dock. It is not a Public Dock. Our dock is not a Public Dock. It is paid for and maintained by residents of Protection Island. We do this through a combination of fees (to cover our overhead and limited maintenance) and by way of hundreds of hours of volunteer time as well as by donations.

Those who have paid towards the overhead costs have decals showing paid member of Protection Island Mud Bay dock. At this point it would appear anyone else using this dock is doing so against the expressed wishes of the lease license holder (Protection Island Rate Payer Association).

If we look at our previously posted dock rules it becomes clear we have found the distinction relevant in the past. I thought it important to note the distinction. This is especially important as we hold the liability and maintenance obligations.

Our dock is located on the end of the Island heavily used by non resident customers of the Dingy Dock Pub. Visitors who walk through the park with little children and allow them to run down the dock are an ongoing concern.

I also noticed numerous overnight – two week stay (non resident) visitors using the dock this summer. Typically, they part the boat in areas that are the easiest for daily commuters to get in and out of, and leave them there for a week or even two at a time. More recently, some contractors have been tying up all day.

None of these groups should be using the Mud Bay Dock. These individuals are not part of our “community”.

Cathy Pearson, PIRA Director on Mud Bay Dock Committee
September 25, 2006