

HIRA

The Howe Island Ratepayers Association

Date: 6:30 PM October 27, 2007
Location: St Philomena's Church Hall
Subject: Minutes of the HIRA Board of Directors Meeting

Attendance: Terry Botten, Geoff Hobbs, Gary Hall, Gary Nichol, Brian Humphrys, Faye Muller, Lisa Webb
Guests: Matt Fienne, Gerry Ross

<u>DISCUSSION</u>	<u>ACTION BY</u>
Minutes of last meeting were accepted as given.	
A decision has still not been made on the operation of the Foot Ferry over the winter. We will again try to determine the process that is required to get funding for the winter period.	Terry
The times of the breaks on the County Ferry have been changed but there is reluctance to post these times. HIRA is trying to get the new times and will post them on this website and on the Garden Buds notice board at the ferry.	Terry
Some members have not renewed their HIRA memberships. We will continue to talk to work to increase membership.	All
Clarification is required re using the new firehall meeting room for public meetings.	Geoff
A draft constitution for HIRA was given to the Board. This will be reviewed and discussed at next meeting.	All
Residents are still putting inappropriate items in the large bin or around the area. This is continuing to be an ongoing problem and we ask that all islanders respect the rules.	
It was acknowledged that the Garden Buds do an exceptional job on the island and that HIRA should send a letter to the Bud's president.	Terry
It was identified that there are problems with the agendas and minutes of Council meetings. There is often not enough time to respond to the items or to schedule time to attend the council meetings. We will continue to work with the council and staff to receive more notice of these events.	Geoff
Gerry Ross presented some statistics and ideas on the HIRA web site. Gerry has done an excellent job over the past few years in designing and maintaining the web site and the executive appreciates his input tremendously.	
HIRA is still looking for additional members for the board or to sit on various committees. Anyone interested in participating should email terrybotten@hotmail.com or discuss it with any member of the board.	All
Meeting adjourned 8:50 PM	
Next meeting November 26, 2007, 6:30 PM at St. Philomena's Hall.	