

## Minutes of Agricultural Plan Steering Committee March 11, 2010

### Attendees:

Jill Hatfield  
Bruce Jolliffe  
Ralph Walton  
Marina Reid  
Doug Wright  
Courtney Campbell  
Peter Janes  
Danni Crenna  
Dave Neidermoser  
Harlene Holm  
Anne de Cosson

### Agenda:

- Questions re minutes
- Purpose statement
- Vision statement
- Grants

### Clarification re Minute Taking:

Record results; summarizing is consensus-building. Individual comments not required but individual objections need to be recorded.

### Purpose Statement:

Several rounds of suggestions and alterations resulted in the following:

**To protect and encourage agriculture within the context of Denman Island and to create guiding principles for the Islands Trust to use in making policies and bylaws**

#### **Through:**

- Studying areas of regulatory conflict
- Education
- Alliances
- Facilities for agricultural community
- Food security

- Agricultural land protection
- Silviculture
- Local/ small scale / diversity
- Removing barriers to entry
- Community engagement
- Work with/ provide input to other levels of government
- Encourage youth engagement in farming

It was agreed that this purpose statement was a work in progress and may be tweaked/changed as we go on.

### Vision Statement

Insufficient time to properly discuss a vision statement though a suggested statement was read by Ralph Walton. We agreed that for now our Purpose statement would stand for both and that we will create a vision statement as part of our process.

### Grants

Courtney will gather info and templates for applications for up-coming grants and this will be carried over to next meeting's agenda.

Tabled for next meeting:

A discussion about silviculture and its role in agriculture on Denman

Agenda for next meeting:

Grant application

Silviculture

Homework:

Thoughts about where we want "paid help" and application for grant needs

Next meeting:

Thursday March 25 @9:30 to 11:30 in the Conservancy Room