

## September 2<sup>nd</sup> APSC Meeting

### Attending:

Harlene Holm, Bruce Jolliffe, Courtney Campbell, Anne de Cosson, Marina Reid, Ralph Walton, Jill Hatfield, Doug Wright, David Graham, Dave Niedermoser, Danni Crenna, Andrea Lawseth (new employee)

### Agenda:

- Minutes from last meeting
- Introductions –
- ourselves to Andea
- questions for Andrea
- how can we support Andrea
- What else?
- Harvest Dinner
- Possible survey questions
- HDGPA blog request
- Revisiting “Scope”
- Next meeting

Minutes from Aug 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting were adopted as read

Introductions were accomplished and various materials previously agreed on were given to Andrea as a welcome package. She gave us copies of her proposed itinerary for the coming months and requested copies of local newsletters etc to “get up to speed”. Danni agreed to give her copies of this year’s Flagstones.

### Farm Survey

Courtney will produce a flier for the Grapevine to alert people to the coming driving tour planned for September 20-21. Various suggestions re introducing Andrea and lone to the farmers on Denman were offered and it was explained to us that this survey will be essentially conducted on a “drive-by” basis and will also include surveying of aerial photos etc to get a “biophysical snapshot of the area” and that this method is to be the standard for farm plans.

Andrea asked us about any ALR exclusions that are on-going at present and Courtney was able to assure her that there are none at present (the one exclusion request includes an equal-sized inclusion so would not cause any loss of ALR lands).

The survey plan includes a plan to contact key people, ie. those the committee deemed “Island Treasures” and conduct phone interviews with “Stakeholders” ie those most concerned with the agricultural direction on Denman at present and in the future.

It was stated by Ralph Walton that there are changes happening in agriculture on Denman and we need to know why this decline is happening. We need to know what the obstacles to farming are.

Questions to be used in the phone surveys in October will be “run by” committee members prior to the calls being made.

Teleconferencing is a possibility for future meetings when Andrea and Ione are not available to be present on Denman.

### Harvest Dinner

A committee will be formed to organize this event and it will also serve as an opportunity to share information with the community and gather information from it. An “exit survey” was proposed. It was noted that other relevant groups, eg HDGPA, will be interested in sharing information and soliciting members at this event.

### HDGPA Blog

A simple introduction to our group, including our vision statement, was agreed on for the blog. The GPA wants to list as many producers as possible on the blog as well as all appropriate organizations.

### Scope

It was agreed that the wording would become “...working with the Islands Trust bylaws...” instead of within.

### Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be a combined potluck supper and information-sharing session starting at 6:30 pm on September 20<sup>th</sup> at the home of Danni Crenna and Bentley le Baron. We will have the opportunity to meet our second consultant, Ione Smith, at this time.

Side Note: In a recent conversation with Graham Brazier about his historical research, he told me that many years ago, ie. ten years plus, there was for a short span of time an historical group on Denman whose one project that reached completion was a taped interview with Marcus Isbister about farming history on Denman and that this history is probably in the archives at the Denman Museum.

Since Marcus is no longer with us to provide his inimitable account of life on Denman, this taped interview would indeed be a treasure.