

Friends of the Rossland Range BOARD MEETING Thursday Mar 2nd, 2017
Rossland Library 5:00pm MINUTES

Present: Bob Bechaud* & Les Carter* (Chairs)

Troy Colautti*, Kim Deane*, Larry Doell*, Gerry Heacock*, Demitri Lesniewicz*, Don Liszt,
Rob Richardson*, Sheree Sonfield , Stewart Spooner* and Don Vockeroth

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1) 'Commercial Activity' in Rec Site:

Les and Bob led the discussion.

They presented an Agenda with meeting objectives, a summary of relevant points from FoRRS Constitution and Partnership Agreement and draft policy guidelines that could be used to govern commercial activity.

Discussion.

Two overall options emerged:

- (a) a complete 'ban' on commercial activity, or
- (b) accept some commercial activity within guidelines established by FoRRS.

A motion was put forward to choose between these two paths.

"Moved that FoRRS explore the possibility of allowing some commercial activity in the Rec Site".

Discussion.

Motion passed by vote of 7 to 2 (2 Director's absent).

Subsequent discussion:

Guidelines governing commercial activity.

Some points noted (not a complete list):

- great emphasis on any commercial activity not impacting on free, public recreational use;
- have 'blackout' hours and days (eg: Sat, Sun, Holidays, evenings near full moon) ;
- should there be guidelines covering more than cabins; ie: areas for trail-based activities;
- max. numbers in cabins by groups sharing with public – meeting seemed to favour 6 (2 guides & max. 4 clients);
- max. number in cabins if sole use by a group –number for each cabin size;
- appropriate contributions to Rec Site - given volunteer efforts to create the Rec Site;
- demonstrable actions by commercial operators to share with, and welcome public users.

Next step: Les and Bob will draft guidelines for consideration by the Board.

2) Other topics discussed informally at meeting:

- a) Trail-head and/or 'Etiquette' signs – include entry that commercial use requires a permit;
- b) Letter of appreciation to Emcon & Highways for snow-ploughing this winter – favoured;:
- c) Host program being finalized - liability concerns; and
- d) Outhouse capacities.

Next Meeting - Open to all: April 6th, 2017

Following meetings: May 4th Jun 1st Jul 6th Aug 17th Sep 7th