

Friends of the Rossland Range BOARD MEETING Thursday Jan. 11th, 2018
Rossland Library 5:00pm MINUTES

Present: Bob Bechaud*, Les Carter*, Troy Colautti*, Kim Deane*, Larry Doell*, Gerry Heacock*,
Demitri Lesniewicz*, Don Liszt, Laura Mackay*, Rob Richardson*, Sheree Sonfield, Dave Watson &
Bob McQueen *Director

- 1) Commercial winter tours in Rec Site: none by Kootenay Gateway; off their website.
- 2) Charitable Tax Receipts: Sheree: good system established; 2017 receipts mostly done.
- 3) Snow Host Program: Rob: well advertised. One group (3) so far, hosted by Rob.
- 4) Broken Goat Race: Les: commercial trail running event well received by community in past.
Meeting: FoRRS input to RS&T be positive; subject to caution re: thunderstorms on ridges involved.
- 5) Snow plowing: Kim: - good by Rod Newton (Main, New and Crowe lots). 6 plowings over 2 1/2 months from early November to mid-January at \$200 per plowing. Public very positive.
- 6) Large groups – sharing in cabins. Discussion - “An outcome of the success of the cabins”. Ideas to be sought with our partner KMC (several Directors are members) who have had some large groups themselves, and are involved with alpine cabins elsewhere. Overall, meeting felt best to manage by example and mentoring.
- 7) Name Change: “Rossland Range” to “Strawberry Pass” (or other?): Kim: Need to address confusion using term “The Pass” (vs Kootenay Pass) and “Nancy Greene Pass” (not official, and “Nancy Greene” name entrenched with the nearby busy lake, and the Blueberry Paulson area in total). This, coupled with “Rossland Range” & “Rec Site” not being meaningful to the public at large. However, changing “Rossland Range” name would be a major job re: the Website and administrative documents.
Suggestion: keep “Rossland Range” as overall umbrella name, and use effective names extensively for sub-areas such as “Strawberry Pass”, “Murphy Creek” and “Hanna Creek” (nb: examples only). To be considered further. In meantime, Highways to be asked about changing their sign at summit from “Nancy Greene Summit” to “Strawberry Pass”.
- 8) Winter Carnival: Laura and Sheree at table at Powderhounds mid-day Saturday. Will call for assistance as needed.
- 9) Mandatory Society Act changes during 2018: Les: To be done.
- 10) Financial: Kim - C150 \$170,000 3-year project ends March 31st, 2018. All costs incurred except last \$6,000. Planned shutters for Old Glory Lookout (e\$5,000) cancelled due to need for final design/measurement check next summer. Meeting discussed other ideas – no conclusions.
- 11) Financial: Kim: 2018 plans. Forecast funds available will be about \$32,000 (including \$5,000 from RS&T for 2018 ‘Operations’).
2018 allocations discussed. Tentatively established as follows:
2018 ‘Operating Expenses’ about \$11,000
(Admin, plowing, cabin & trails maintenance, minor upgrades, etc.)

2018: 'Projects' to receive \$21,000 from FoRRS divided as follows:

(A) Miscellaneous (trails, driveway, etc.)	e\$4,000	[FoRRS \$ 4,000]
(B) Completion of Old Glory Lookout restoration	e\$15,000	[FoRRS \$ 5,000]
(C) Complete new Igloo Cabin;	e \$12,000	[FoRRS \$12,000]
(D) Build new Eagle's Nest Cabin	e \$10,000	[FoRRS \$ \$0]

This will require 2018 fund-raising :

(B) Old Glory Lookout restoration : \$10,000 (Rossland Rotary & RS&T for some)

(D) New Eagle's Nest Cabin: \$10,000 (MEC for some)

The 'community' will be approached for the balances.

Next Meeting - Open to all: Feb. 8th, 2018

**Following meetings: Mar. 8th April 5th May 3rd June 7th July 5th Aug. 9th
Sept. 6th Oct. 4th, 2018**