

Friends of the Rossland Range BOARD MEETING Thursday Mar. 8th, 2018
Rossland Library 5:00pm MINUTES

Present: Bob Bechaud*, Les Carter*, Troy Colautti*, Kim Deane*, Gerry Heacock*, Laura MacKay*, Don Liszt, Rob Richardson*, Stewart Spooner*, Sheree Sonfield, and Don Vockerth *Director

- 1) Overnight use of cabins. Discussion indicated some concern, but no undue alarm that such illicit use is out-of-hand. "If it is happening they are being discreet and very neat". Noted there are some factors that reduce interest in overnight stays: not 'remote', lack of privacy and unease leaving car near highway overnight. Suggestion: signs in lots "No Overnight Parking" (benefits plowing as well).
- 2) Financial – Basic 2018 Budget: \$12k for 2018 operating costs; \$8k 'reserve' into next year 2019; and, \$40k for 2018 development completion projects (see below).
2018 situation: FoRRS will have sufficient funds "in-hand", except for a \$20k shortfall.
Plan: fund-raise \$20k during 2018; campaign built on meeting ½ the \$40k 'development completion projects'.
Development completion projects:
 - a) Remaining Trails & Parking Jobs \$ 3k
 - b) Old Glory Lookout Restoration \$15k
 - c) Complete New Igloo Cabin (materials)* \$12k
 - d) d) New Eagle's Nest Cabin (materials)* \$10k*Each will involve about 500 volunteer man-hours.
- 3) Draft fund-raising letter was reviewed. Discussion re: possible financial contributors. Brief discussion re: encouraging members and Rec Site individual users to make more donations. Social media options noted.
- 4) LeRoi Foundation opportunity discussed. Meeting appreciated being informed, but uncertain whether it suits FoRRS circumstances. No immediate action. Possible future consideration.
- 5) BCRegistry mandatory revisions. Deadline this fall 2018. Outstanding.
- 6) Snowplowing update: Plowing by Rod Newton has gone well (8 times to date). Emcon has plowed twice after their loader moved to Pit in mid-February. Coordination with Emcon has been somewhat hit-and-miss. Their efforts much less than past years due to exceptional snowfall this winter. Snowbanks currently so high that Rod Newton's skidster and Emcon loader have no place to put snow – other than accept shrinking of lot sizes. Seeking that Emcon blower push back the snowbanks.
- 7) Mosquito Cabin. Uninsulated status has been questioned. Don & Laura advised results of experiments lighting fire and measuring temperatures. Cabin heated quickly. Firewood use is not of great concern. This the only uninsulated cabin. Meeting supported leaving Mosquito Cabin uninsulated, at least for some years.

Next Meeting - Open to all: Apr. 5th, 2018

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