

Friends of the Rossland Range BOARD MEETING Thursday March 5th, 2020
Rossland Library 5:00pm MINUTES

Present: Les Carter*, Troy Colautti*, Kim Deane*, Pete Golden, Demitri Lesniewicz*, Rob Richardson*, Mike Packham, Don Vockeroth*, and Sheree Sonfield. *Director

- 1) Motion to approve Minutes of last meeting (February 6th, 2020). Passed.
 - 2) Bulletins (1-page) have been placed in 8 cabins (Rob); and on Facebook (Sheree). Being well-received.
 - 3) Archives (Rob & Roma): FoRRS hard-copy documents & photos to be organized somewhat and stored at the Museum. Kim to add 'governance' documents from 2003 to present.
 - 4) Photos: permission to use. Discussed at meeting.
 - a) Old Glory interpretive signs to include photos from 3 individuals. Permission to be sought.
 - b) Many other photos are in FoRR's possession – most without formal permission, and many with unknown owners. Judged to be beyond FoRRS capacity to obtain written approval from many, many contributors. And, most photo owners are happy to have FoRRS use their photos for FoRRS (community) purposes.
FoRRS principle: For these many photos, FoRRS will use them for its purpose only and 'seek forgiveness' rather than 'approvals up front'. FoRRS will be pleased to give credits, or withdraw the photo if asked.
 - 5) Chainsaw course this summer? Discussed. Approx. 20 individuals have taken the 1-day course held twice during past years. Few have done any chainsaw work subsequently in the Rec Site. Decided to hold off holding a 3rd chainsaw course. Wait to see if a demand arises.
 - 6) Plowing, YRB, costs to date, etc. report (Rob); 8 plowings to date. Simms good & cost-effective (about \$3,000), especially when combined with Biathlon plowing by Black Jack. YRB poor.
 - 7) Issue: Seek community support for 'No Overnight Use'. Use Website to explain rationale ("Why not?") and consequences if abused (ie: "Cabins will be removed"). (Les & Sheree)
 - a) Financial: 2019 Financial Report completed. (Issued with this meeting notice)
 - b) 'Charities' annual report submitted
 - c) GST 6-mo. claims reports submitted (2) – 1/2 back from 2019 GST paid; approx. \$800 rebate.
 - d) Donations/Memberships during Jan & Feb 2020 are greater than for same period in 2019.
 - 8) 2020 Summer/Fall Work Plans & Budgets:
 - a) Signs (Old Glory, Cookie Paintings & Booty) \$ 3,000 funds in hand
 - b) Igloo Completion (stove?) & Crowe's Nest \$27,000 * Need to raise \$12,000*
 - c) Cabin maintenance \$ 3,000 funds in hand
 - d) Accessible Trail Project completion \$ 26,000 funds in hand
- *FoRRS has \$15,000 in hand, of the required \$27,000.
Seek \$12,000 from: RS&T BC, CI&AAP (CBT), Area B, Corporate and user donations)
- 9) FoRRS received a letter of apology from a Webster School student who dropped a used yoghurt container along the trail on a class hike to Eagle's Nest Cabin. FoRRS replied -complimenting her on the nice letter, and pleased she and her class are learning about wilderness etiquette.
 - 10) Donations: Sheree presented summary information; and highlighted the positive comments attached to CanadaHelps on-line donations. Almost all expressed appreciation for the work of

volunteers, the amazing area, and the cabins, trails & signage. One family was in the Rec Site for 5 days during Christmas and plans more this summer. Abby Wilson Art in Nelson donated \$100 from sale of the "Chimo Cabin Study" painting –*"love the Rec Site as a destination and (how it provides) good artistic inspirations"*.

Broken Goat (running) race donated \$100.

11) Igloo & Crowe's Nest Cabin construction discussed in some detail.

Meetings: Rossland Library 5pm First Thursday each month Next: April 2nd, 2020

Following April meeting, none until Sept. 10th, 2020 (unless called for by special circumstances)