

**Friends of the Rossland Range BOARD MEETING Thursday Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**Curling Lounge 5:00pm MINUTES**

Present:

Kim Deane\*, Larry Doell\*, Leif Devantier, Gerry Heacock\*, Demitri Lesniewicz\*, Rob Richardson\*, and Dolf VanNus. \*Director

- 1) Decisions made regarding upcoming Annual General Meeting:  
Date: Wednesday November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 In person (ie: not Zoom)  
Location: Kim (noting attendance last 5 years have been: 40, 20, 19, 17\* and 14\* (\* Zoom – Covid)  
6 current Directors terms ending have advised Kim they are willing to stand again.  
Bob, Troy, Larry, Demitri, Laura & Rob  
Setting 2023 Fees (obligatory Societies requirement):  
Board will submit a motion at AGM “To Continue \$5 Lifetime Membership fee”.
- 2) Demitri: Old Glory Met Station 3 interpretive signs (2 ft x 3 ft) have been developed by Moraine Consulting (Heather Smith). Extensive detail (text & photos) in artistic displays.  
Demitri had hard copy set at meeting. Brief viewings elicited favourable comments.  
Will send to Executive Group by e-mail. To be mounted outside on concrete foundation walls.
- 3) Stewart – sent report in his absence (election event) re: New Cedar Trail (Rossland to Pass).  
Significant link (7.7 km) from Biathlon to Pass above Hwy 3B: 3.8 km from Biathlon to Igloo access road will be completed by this mid-October. 3.9 km on to the Pass will be done next summer.  
Also, City building portion in Black Jack XC area from base to near Gibbard’s Cabin (on Aqueduct).
- 4) Financial: Kim’s report.  
At year-end 2022, forecast is \$10,000 Reserve plus \$40,000 Available in Main Account and \$25,000 Available in Accessible-Old Growth Trails Upgrade Project account (plans in progress to complete).  
No significant projects planned for Main Account funds (and Revenues in 2023 are expected to cover ‘Base Expenses’). Also, possible multi-year grants from Director, Area B.  
*Challenge for FoRRS Board: plan for future significant project expenditures – how much is needed?*  
  
During 2022, FoRRS Revenues were about ‘\$30,000 and Expenditures about \$30,000.  
About \$8,000 of Expenditures was for Base Expenses’ – snow plowing (\$5k), maintenance of shelters, new signs, and administration.  
The balance was primarily for New Crowe’s Nest shelter, signs at Main Kiosk & Old Glory, Accessible-Old Growth Trails project and Igloo.
- 5) Discussion. What possible significant projects in the Rec Site, given the 10 shelters permitted by RS&T BC have been completed and all of the Old Glory, parking, trails and signage are in reasonable shape?
  - i) Painting Old Glory Lookout (Demitri advises may be possible by volunteers hiking up)
  - ii) Helicopter lifting for say, Lookout painting, slinging waste from Old Glory & Igloo
  - iii) Road improvements (ie: steep hill to Sunspot, Igloo access, miscellaneous rough sections)
  - iv) Forest clearing for down-skiing, snowshoeing, views, etc. (See (6) below)
  - v) Other ideas?Demitri mentioned that a review of FoRRS ‘mandate’ might be helpful at this time.

- 6) FoRRS Sub-Committee (Gerry, Demitri & Kim) to explore 'Forest Clearing Projects':
- Prioritize key areas for clearing/thinning (best done this winter?);
  - Define these through digital, or other mapping;
  - Investigate extent of involvement of Forestry, ATCO, etc. (may be significant if contractors are utilized to a significant extent);
  - Obtain Preliminary cost estimates from contractors
  - Consider if, and how volunteers might assist (including efforts needed to manage this)
  - Objective: feasibility, or not of a significant (and possibly costly) multi-year project by FoRRS
- 7) "Winter routes" in the Rec Site:  
 Larry asked if more can be added.  
 Kim's understanding is that "winter routes" that do not require 'digging in the ground' so-to-speak – but, only the clearing of dead & down trees, some limbing and limited removal of live trees - can be done by FoRRS volunteers in the Rec Site – without review by RS&T BC. Thought must be given to how such "winter 'routes', beyond the core trails network shown on map signs, are publicized vis-a-vis the risks of the public using such "winter routes".
- 8) Not discussed at meeting – included herein for information:
- a) Shelters:
    - New Crowe's Nest - walls up & roof on; will be complete for this winter (Les)
    - Igloo - demolition of old shelter, trail clearing (40 large deadfalls cut out), new woodshed, ramp, chimney support and trail link at Plane Crash Site. Access road is worsening. (Dolf, Randy, Leif, etc.)
    - Mosquito - bird (pecked) holes filled & painted; tree removal and winter wood done (Laura)
    - Red Dog - chimney reinforcement or replacement being organized (Don & Rob)
  - b) WHY Resources proposing an open-pit mine on Record Ridge (south end). (Application Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022). No significant news – application still being finalized. Les is involved as one of two knowledgeable local community reps – level of influence is unclear.
  - c) Accessible-Old Growth Trails Project: short link to wetlands viewpoint has been completed. Platform or bench being considered. Small washout on Old Growth Trail filled. Bridge being considered for Old Growth Trail. (Rob)
  - d) Invasive Plants sign & boot cleaner. Re-installed by Rob in acceptable location.
  - e) FoRRS parade float in Golden City Days by Rob – well received; a credit to FoRRS
  - g) Roadside brushing (brush saw) in progress this Fall by Rob
  - h) Original Old Glory fire finder donation - seeking valuation for Charitable Tax receipt
  - i) Applications to RS&T BC for commercial activities in Rec Site (avalanche courses, guided trips, trail-running races, etc.) are referred to FoRRS for comment. Ongoing.
  - k) Future of Pit overall – no response to FoRRS letter of request to Highways. FoRRS making periodic follow-up queries to Highways.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.

Next meeting: Annual General Meeting November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022  
 Location and time to be announced.