

FRIENDS OF THE ROSSLAND RANGE SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 23, 2022

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Rob Richardson, Acting Chair.

The members confirmed that a quorum of 5 was present.

Members present: Wake Williams, Rob Richardson, Les Carter, Demitri Lesniewicz, Maty Matyszak, Malgozata Matyszak, Larry Doell, Don Liszt, Laura Mackay

The members accepted the agenda as presented.

The members resolved unanimously to approve the Minutes of the 2021 FORR AGM as posted on the FORR website.

Rob Richardson read the President's Report prepared by FORR Chair Kim Deane. It was noted that the members of the committee looking into thinning and glading opportunities are Kim Deane, Gerry Heacock, and Demitri Lesniewicz. President's Report for 2022 is attached.

The members reviewed the Preliminary 2022 Financial Report as presented, and expressed approval (no formal resolution required). Preliminary 2022 Financial Report is attached.

The members resolved unanimously that membership fees for 2022 be \$5 per member for a lifetime membership.

The members resolved unanimously that the following people be elected as members of the FORR Board of Directors: Bob Bechaud, Troy Colautti, Larry Doell, Laura Mackay, Demitri Lesniewicz, Rob Richardson. (Les Carter, Kim Deane, Gerry Heacock, Stewart Spooner and Don Vockeroth continue as Directors for one more year.)

There was no old or new business raised.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM.

President's Report for 2022 :

- 1) **2022 'Operations'**: Facilities in good order with high winter usage -better with easing of Covid restrictions. Summer hiking was considerable – especially the Old Glory hike.
Snow plowing done well by Simm's Excavating (overseen by Rob).
Maintenance of our 9 new cabins – moderate requirements; thanks to the cabin groups involved.
Website (Sheree S.) maintained as a priority - FoRRS primary communications means.
- 2) **2022 'Developments'**: New Crowe's Nest Cabin (the 10th of the ten new shelters authorized by RS&T BC in 2015) was completed. (Les) Highest elevation cabin with foot access only. This cabin was pre-fabbed in Rossland, with gabion footings. Planning and execution (with 5 heli lifts in July) went very well – aided by good summer weather and no forest fire restrictions.
New signs (3 large panels) in Main Kiosk & Met Station new sign designs completed.
Igloo Cabin: woodshed completed (Dolf, Randy, Leif).
Accessible Trail – (Rob) added trail branch to a viewpoint. Summer ramp set up at Booty's.
Cedar Trail (by Trail Society): 3.8 km from Biathlon to Camera. Next year to Strawberry Pass.
- 3) Governance: Board of 11. Held 2 in-person meetings. Society & 'Charitable Status' filings done.
Close ties with RS&T BC (Justin & Travis in Nelson).
- 4) Future development plans: (a) Investigating feasibility of an ongoing program of thinning for down-skiing routes – cost, approvals, sustainability, etc; (b) Pit area – upgrade bottom of Old Growth Trail add possible winter loops (minimal ground disturbance) to east and off Old Growth Trail.
- 5) Other items: Invasive Plant boot cleaner installed (relocation by Rob); excellent FoRRS float in Golden City Days parade (by Rob); road seeding & roadside brushing (by Rob); FoRRS kept up contacts with Highways re future of Pit area, archives and FoRRS received the original Old Glory Lookout 'fire-finder' via Gibbard family and Ken Gresley-Jones - for display at Rossland Museum.
- 6) Finally, and the best for last, THANKS to the FoRRS Directors, hutkeepers, builders, the multitude of volunteers, providers of services, in-kind donations - impossible to remember everyone – but it takes all to makes it work. The Rec Site is a Rossland Community prize – a credit to all.

Submitted by Kim Deane, Director (Chair)

