

**Friends of the Rossland Range BOARD MEETING Thursday Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**5:00pm MINUTES [Final version: Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023]**

Present:

Les Carter\*, Kim Deane\*, Dan Derby\*, Demitri Lesniewicz\* & Rob Richardson\* \*Director  
Meeting room at Prestige donated by Gabriella (Gabriella's Restaurants).

Meeting called to order at 5:05pm

- 1) Quorum present? Yes – 5 Directors present.
- 2) Minutes of previous meetings April 20<sup>th</sup> & June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 – Approved.
- 3) AGM: Date set: [Wednesday November 29th, 2023](#) 7pm Location to be confirmed).  
Nominations for 2-year terms (2024 & 2025): Les, Kim, Gerry, Stewart & Dan  
Continuing for 1 More Year: Bob, Troy, Larry, Demitri & Rob  
FoRR may have up to 11 Directors – must have at least 5 Directors. Current: one vacancy & some Board members willing to step down if new candidates arise.  
Kim to arrange Meeting Notice (with Sheree) & arrange venue.  
Kim to confirm 2023 AGM nominations with each person involved.
- 4) Following AGM, proposed that Board comply with FoRR Constitution. Elect Chair & Vice-Chair (must be Board members) and appoint Secretary & Treasurer (do not have to be Board members).
- 5) Additional Board members – Kim to discuss with each Board member and report back to Board.
- 6) Hazardous situations in Rec Site reported by public users that require urgent action for safety.  
Questions: a) how to have these reported to FoRR; and  
b) how to have FoRR respond in a timely and responsible manner?  
The challenge: FoRR volunteer Directors, etc. are not set up for “24/7” rapid response to hazardous situations that warrant prompt action.  
Discussion ‘thoughts’:  
a) FoRR Chair be responsible for receiving and organizing a response to a report of a hazardous situation. Back-up persons probably required.  
b) Put notices in cabins & trail-heads – how ‘public’ can contact/report to FoRR  
c) Contact ‘phone numbers’ or other may change relatively frequently.  
d) Use website – given it would need to be kept current? Other?  
d) Kim to discuss with absent Board members.  
e) All Directors to consider further. Decision required.
- 7) Spacing Project by Contractor underway Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> to mid-October 2023.  
Most work was completed last week (Sept 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>): i) above Mosquito Cabin; and ii) beside Plewman FSR (across from 100 Acre Wood parking lot). \$20k of \$25k budget spent.  
Remaining work is ‘dead&down’ in Lepsoe Basin. May draw on \$5,000 ‘project contingency’ funds.
- 8) Possible machine work this fall if Contractor/machine available and judged to be cost-effective.  
a) Enlarge and level parking lot at 'Camera' & '100 Acre Wood'.  
b) Crowe: (i) Enlarge lot at Hwy somewhat; (ii) 'water bars' on Chimo access road and parts of Crowe Road; (iii) improve south end of Midline Trail; and (iv) fill Old Mine Hole near Cookie's Road (Les in contact with Ministry of Mines in Cranbrook – re: method and cost contribution).  
Estimated total cost: approx. \$5,000. Approved.

- 9) Clearing roads (brush saw) is mostly done - Rob (assisted by Sandra) - approximately 30 hours.
- 10) Finances: Current balance: \$103k (including \$50k in 4.2% Term Deposit due Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024).  
However, \$30k to \$40k will be used this fall (Spacing: \$20k to \$30k, Machine \$5k, miscellaneous \$5k). Thus, we will have a 'carry-over' into 2024 of \$60k to \$70k (less \$10k 'Reserve').  
This amount will all be available for 'large projects' in 2024 because 'operations' funds for 2024 (snowplowing, admin, mtce, etc) of about \$10k will be raised additionally during 2024.
- 11) Cabins:  
Seeking Keeper for Red Dog;  
Igloo – major chimney failure & water intrusion being addressed by Pete and Lee (chimney expert);  
Crowe – Les installing meatal cladding (wolverine attack) & fire-guarding  
Chimo – stain & Rob plans removal of interior wall;
- 12) Plane Crash Site – possible 'Heritage' status (Museum, Ron Dennett, FoRR). Waiting for Justin Dexter's input.
- 13) Ongoing items not discussed at this meeting:  
Rec Site Boundary Adjustment  
Cookie Painting Signs replaced/saved  
Outdoor Recreation Council of BC – FoRR membership?  
Archive arrangement with Museum  
Old Growth Trail – upgrade wet/messy section at bottom

Meeting adjourned at 6:05pm