

**Friends of the Rossland Range (FoRR)**  
**Annual General Meeting 2023**      **MINUTES**

Issued: Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 7:00pm**    at **Seven Summits Centre for Learning**

Present: Directors: Les Carter, Troy Colautti, Kim Deane, Dan Derby, Gerry Heacock, Demitri Lesniewicz, Rob Richardson, Stewart Spooner & John Stephens. And, approximately 10 FoRR members, and others.

The Chair (Kim Deane) welcomed all present, especially FoRR members, and others.

- 1) Call to order at 7:04pm
- 2) Motion to accept Agenda as circulated in the AGM Handout. Carried.
- 3) Quorum confirmed (5 members required) – at least 14 of the attendees were members.
- 4) Minutes of 2022 AGM (on Website during 2023). Motion to approve Minutes. Carried.
- 5) President's Report:  
See (A) below.
- 6) Financial Report:  
See (B) below.
- 7) Fees for 2024. Motion to continue \$5 Lifetime Membership fee. Carried.
- 8) Elections:

Up to 11 Directors (must have at least 5) – 2-year terms in alternating groups.

5 Directors continuing for one more year:

Bob Bechaud, Troy Colautti, Larry Doell, Demitri Lesniewicz & Rob Richardson

6 Members nominated at this meeting:

Les Carter, Kim Deane, Dan Derby, Gerry Heacock, Stewart Spooner & John Stephens

Calls for additional nominations – three calls. No further nominations.

The 6 persons nominated were declared elected by acclamation.

(Chair advised that FoRRS can accommodate persons interested in a Board or Executive position. Please speak to any Board member)

- 9) Old & New Business – open discussion:
  - a) Les Carter noted several items for information:
    - i) RS&T BC requests numbers of volunteer hours; plus contractor details;
    - ii) RS&T BC requests FoRR's sources of funds;
    - iii) FoRR looking to clarify Board functions to a greater extent;
    - iv) Province becoming aware of the key role that non-profit, volunteer organizations play in providing services of high economic value to communities (FoRR is a good example); to sustain these, some government funding for operations may be forthcoming in future;
    - v) Each cabin has a point person ('hut keeper') to ensure it is being looked after. Present hut keepers should look ahead and keep an eye out for potential future hut keepers;
    - vi) FoRR considering its defacto practices from a risk management perspective (emphasizing that FoRR does not 'advise' Rec Site users); and
    - vii) Technically the Rec Site is 'owned' by the Province with FoRR similar to being an 'employee'.

- b) It was noted that, with regard to back-country recreation tenures, the Province is apparently gradually getting into more detail; example: considering a requirement that maps be posted to show avalanche areas with ratings.
- c) Specific items were discussed – FoRR relations with YRB, overnight use, new water bars on steep road to Chimo Cabin, Igloo Cabin outhouse condition and snowplowing.
- d) Noted that ATCO continues to be a good partner in the Rec Site – helped FoRR this year by coordinating the Spacing Project work directly with the contractor. At times in the past FoRR has reciprocated when ATCO logging in the Rec Site has led to concerns expressed to City councils and raised in the media. FoRR has responded in the media advising that cleanup will follow, and the recreation we enjoy is built on the sharing of the lands and importantly on logging roads and logging openings in the forests.
- e) Appreciation was expressed for what has been achieved and how well the Rec Site is operating.

10) Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

## (A)

### **President's Report - FoRR AGM Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023:**

- 1) **2023 'Operations':** Rec Site facilities in good order with high usage; including a bike camp, running race and avalanche courses. Old Glory hikes continue to be very popular. New Cedar Trail resulting in higher day use of Eagle's Nest Cabin. Good snow plowing by Simm's Excavating (overseen by Rob). 15 plowings (most in a year so far); shared with Black Jack Cross-country Ski Club. Maintenance of cabins accomplished by the cabin 'Keeper' groups involved. Significant cabin work: Igloo Cabin: chimney repair; Chimo Cabin: stained, wall removed & new heat shields beneath & behind stove; Red Dog Cabin: ceiling insulated & panelled and Crowes Nest Cabin: metal cladding to thwart wolverine attacking wood. Road/trail seeding & brushing (Rob). Old Glory Lookout shutters off & on (Demitri) Upgraded Kiosk at Old Glory Trail-head. Website (Sheree S.) maintained as a priority – FoRR's primary means of communication.
- 2) **2022 'Developments':**  
**Spacing Project** by contractor Chris DeRosa. To improve down-skiing. Three areas: beside Plewman Road, above Mosquito Cabin and in Lepsoe Basin. New interpretive signs installed (Demitri) on Old Glory Met Station foundation walls. Accessible Trail – (Rob) added bench at viewpoint. Summer ramp up & down at Booty's (Rob). Cedar Trail (by Trail Society): built last link from Plewman Road to Seven Summits Trail near Eagles Nest Cabin. Trails now link all the way from Rossland to Strawberry Pass area.
- 3) **Governance:**  
 FoRR maintained close ties with RS&T BC (Justin & Travis in Nelson), highway contractor YRB, Ministry of Highways and Search & Rescue. Two of FoRR's eleven Board members resigned this year – Laura MacKay who, with partner Don Liszt built the busy Mosquito Cabin and will continue as its 'Keepers', and Don Vockeroth who led upgrading of the Red Dog Cabin building a new outhouse, porch & woodshed. Our thanks to them for years of service to FoRR . Dan Derby was appointed as a Director at mid-year. Will be nominated at 2023 AGM.

John Stephens has taken over as Red Dog Cabin 'Keeper', and will be nominated for Director at 2023 AGM.

- 4) Future development plans & opportunities:
  - (a) Pit area – upgrade wet bottom of Old Growth Trail; possibly add winter trail loops to the east; and, also to the northwest (off Old Growth Trail;
  - (b) Parking Lots - enlarge: 100 Acre Wood & Crowe Road;
  - (c) Spacing for down-skiing (costly work) – do more; after assessment of 2023 Spacing work.
- 5) Other items:

FoRRS kept up contacts with Highways re future of Pit area (FoRR has a plan).  
B.C. Ministry of Mines responded to FoRR advising of old mine holes in the Rec Site. They found several more – engaged a local contractor and filled three of concern during October.

**Submitted by Kim Deane, Director (Chair)**

## **(B)**

**Friends of the Rossland Range Society (FoRR)**

**November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

### **2023 FINANCIAL SUMMARY – for AGM November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT FOR AGM – UP-TO-DATE as of NOV. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Opening Bank Balance: \$ 81,148.83**

**Closing Bank Balance: \$ 66,358.52 (\$16,358.52 in cash & \$50,000 Term Deposit)**

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>Total: \$ 46,479.88</b>		
Administration	\$ 490.45	Accessible Trail	\$ 1,936.87*
Snowplowing	\$ 9,528.75	Spacing Project	\$29,400.00*
Signs	\$ 772.54*	Igloo Cabin	\$ 1,055.04
Red Dog Cabin	\$ 1,589.20*	Chimo Cabin	\$ 633.74
General Op. & Mtce	\$ 907.69		*Development

### **REVENUES Total: \$ 31,689.57**

Donations: ** Charitable Tax receipts issued			
CanadaHelps (Website)**	\$ 2,343.49	KMC	\$ 1,000.00
Direct**	\$13,608.28	GST Rebate	\$ 685.03
Donation Box on site	\$ 775.10	RDKB Area B	\$ 8,000.00
Rec Sites & Trails BC	\$ 5,000.00	Teck Employees	\$ 120.00
Bike Camp	\$ 130.00		
PayPal transfer (memberships & donations)	\$ 27.67		

**All expenditures by cheque (double-signed) issued by L. J. van der Ham & Associates Accounting.  
Detailed records available.**

**Prepared by: *(Kim) R. D. Deane* Director, Friends of the Rossland Range**