

**Friends of the Rossland Range BOARD MEETING Thursday Jan 18th, 2024
5:00pm MINUTES**

Present:

Bob Bechaud*, Les Carter*, Troy Colautti*, Kim Deane*, Larry Doell*, Scott Forsyth, Demitri Lesniewicz*, Rob Richardson*, Sheree Sonfield, Stewart Spooner*, John Stephens* *Director
[Meeting room at Prestige donated by Gabriella (Gabriella's Restaurants)].

Meeting called to order at 5:05pm

- 1) Quorum present? Yes – 9 Directors present.
- 2) Minutes of previous meeting Sept. 28th, 2023 – Motion to approve. Carried.
- 3) Financial Report by Kim – attached to these Minutes.
To inform Directors of FoRR current financial situation; and, to present a Preliminary Financial Plan for 2024. Meeting discussed, and generally supported the Preliminary Financial Plan. Directors to be involved in significant changes during 2024.
The largest planned project is more Spacing in 2024 – will depend in part on assessment this winter of the Spacing done last fall.

Term Deposit renewal: Motion to place \$40,000 Feb. '24 to Jan. '25. Carried.

- 4) Governance:
Election of President for 2024: Kim offered to stand. Nominated. Elected by acclamation.
(Kim advised he would not stand for President next year; rather, would continue as a Director in Past President role)
Election of Vice-President for 2024: Rob offered to stand. Nominated. Elected by acclamation.

Appointment of Secretary and Treasurer: Discussed. Modest tasks in FoRR's situation. Proposed that they be accomplished jointly by the President & Vice-President.

Moved the President and Vice-President jointly serve as Secretary and Treasurer for 2024.
Carried

- 5) FoRR Partnership Agreement ("PA") with the Province (RS&T BC) expires Dec. 1st, 2024.
Les is FoRR's contact with RS&T BC (Justin Dexter) with regard to this PA.
Les has a meeting with Justin next week to begin work on a renewal, or replacement agreement.
Following this, during February FoRR will schedule a Board meeting to involve all Directors in this process.
General discussion.
- 6) "As The Crowe Flies". A 'one-page' newsletter from time to time to all FoRR members and posted in the cabins. The meeting supported continuing these. Rob will coordinate an issue forthwith.
- 7) Rossland Winter Carnival Friday to Sunday Jan. 26th to 29th, 2024.
Float – Rob advised this was possible. A previously used model cabin is at Rob's. It can be put on a trailer - pickup provided by DJM Contractors (Mark Daugherty). Meeting supported this. Some Directors offered to assist.

Sidewalk Table -Display in front of Outdoor store; 10:30am to 2:00pm Saturday. Rob advised FoRR could do this. FoRR has the display materials. Again, meeting supported FoRR doing this. Directors offered to assist. .

- 8) Old Cabin (not in use) – small ‘Snowmobiler’s Cabin’ or ‘Trailblazer’s Cabin’ just outside Rec Site boundary on a knoll. For some time, it has been recognized to be an attractive location adjacent to the popular Low Road Trail. A FoRR cabin here could be a great addition to the Crowe side network of trails and cabins.

Scott Forsyth attended the meeting. He reported he has done some work on this cabin (keeping rats out, etc.) to prevent more deterioration. It is in reasonable shape. Scott offered to continue modest work on the old cabin if it makes sense to do so.

On hold pending (a) the Rec Site boundary being expanded to include this knoll; and (b) whether RS&T BC will authorize more cabins than the current 10. Both topics are being explored currently by FoRR & RS&T BC.

- 9) Igloo Cabin: concern expressed that for two winters at least, this cabin has been incomplete There is much clutter and no furniture. The meeting supported FoRR develop a plan to complete this cabin in a timely manner.

10) Next meeting: February 22nd, 2024 5:00pm at Prestige Hotel.

11) Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Financial Report: Jan. 18th, 2024

a) ' Carry-over' from last year: \$10k Reserve, plus **\$55k** available for this year.

b) **Oper Exp:** Admin \$0.5k; Plowing \$6.5k; Mtce \$3.5k; Crowe Signs \$2.5k; Cookie Painting Signs \$2.5k TOTAL: \$15.5k

c) **Oper Rev:** RS&T \$5k; Term Dep Interest \$2k; KMC \$.5k; GST Rebate: \$1k; Donations: \$7k* TOTAL: \$15.5k * Donations possibly \$5k to \$10k higher. If so, reduce 'draw down' in (e) below.

d) **Dev Exp:** 'Machine' - Crowe & 'Camera' lots expanded & Midline Trail upgrade \$7.5k; Spacing \$30k Total: \$37.5k (Note: No allowance herein for upgrade of bottom of Old Growth Trail)

e) **Dev Rev:** RDKB Area B \$8k; 'Draw down' Bank Balance \$29.5k TOTAL: \$37.5k

f) Forecast 'Carry-over' \$10k Reserve, plus **\$25.5k** available for next year.

g) Renewal of Term Deposit: \$50,000 expires Feb. 3rd, 2024. Recommend 1-year renewal of \$40,000.

Ongoing matters & Items not discussed at meeting:

- (i) Larry working on 'Cookie Painting Signs'
- (ii) Roma will complete setting up 'Archive' during February
- (iii) Rob (at RS&T BC's request) working on Plane Crash Site heritage designation, or other. Communicating with Museum (including Ron Dennett) and Canadian military.
- (iv) FoRR Holiday Season 'Thank You' to Gabriella, Chris DeRosa, Mark MacAulay and Linda Worley
- (v) Member Anna Anderson made donation from calendar sales
- (vi) Wood business at Waneta Mall (Melissa) has small, wooden Rec Site cabin models for sale; part proceeds will be donated to FoRR.
- (vii) Rec Site boundary adjustment
- (viii) FoRR joining (or not) Outdoor Recreation Council of BC