

**Friends of the Rossland Range
Annual General Meeting
November 16, 2005.
Rossland Parish Hall**

Approximately 30 people were in attendance

The meeting was opened at 7.05pm

Item #1

The minutes of 2004 AGM were read by Kim Deane

Motion to accept the minutes by Kim Deane, Sec'd Ari Gore, approved.

Item #2

Summary of status of the Big Red Cats cat-skiing tenure presented by Kim Deane.

- We paid \$20 for a copy of the tenure agreement.
- Tenure agreement is essentially a stamped copy of Kieren's original application.
- We issued a press release upon the approval of the application.

Discussion seemed to suggest that ongoing discussions with Kieren, and monitoring of the situation is on the ground, is our best strategy.

Item #3

Brian Sparky Steeves summarized our membership and financial position.

- We have 144 individual and 10 corporate members.
- We have a bank balance of \$1296
- We have taken in \$2000 in income, including \$400 from the Miners Hall event.
- Expenses included hall rentals, stationary, and paying back debts to directors.

Item #4

Ken Holmes summarized our efforts to obtain official protected status for the Old Glory Alpine.

- Previous government directives to initiate a process to develop a management plan for the area, have been shelved as a result of departmental reorganization.
- A letter from an assistant to Minister Abbot assures us that the non-motorized objectives of the NGHFMP will be respected by L&WBC.
- The existence of the official Old Glory recreation area could assist our efforts.
- A renewed letter writing and lobbying effort is required.
- Municipal candidates are generally in sympathy with our efforts, and there may be an opportunity to pursue some municipal level of protection, such as Municipal park.

Discussion included concerns about MSRMC looking into the Nancy Greene Summit cabins. Ken will look into it through personal connections.

Item #5

Ari Gore summarized our fundraising and public awareness efforts.

- Two hikes were publicized and hosted up Old Glory.
- An information booth was manned during winter carnival.
- A fundraising evening of music and entertainment was held at the Miners Hall.
- A map of the Old Glory Alpine has been prepared by Stacey Lightbourne.
- We purchased a copy of an historic short film, Old Glory Weather Station, which will be shown at the film festival.

Item #6

In other business, we discussed the issue of plowing the parking area at the Hanna Creek Trailhead. We resolved to make enquiries.

Item #7

A new slate of 7 directors were elected by acclamation. The motion was made by Cedric, sec'd by Barry Williscroft, and approved.

The new directors are:

- Kim Deane.
- Ari Gore.
- Ken Holmes.
- Richie Mann
- Sherri Sonfield.
- Stewart Spooner.
- Sparky Steeves.

Item #8

Membership dues were affirmed at \$5. Moved by Ken Holmes, sec'd by Regin Paquin, and approved.

Item #9

Barry Williscroft argued that conservation values (especially in regard to bears) should take precedence over recreation values in the Old Glory Alpine.

Item #10

Louise Drescher has donated a painting to be auctioned off and the proceeds donated to the FORR.

The meeting has closed at 8.10pm.