

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

**Meeting: Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Rossland Library 4pm**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Les Carter, Kim Deane, Cindy Hall, Suzanne Paquin & Sherry Sonfield,

Absent: Richie Mann, Stewart Spooner, Brian Steeves

Member: Bob Bechaud

Chair: Kim Deane

Approved Minutes of March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting. Approved Agenda.

1) Mountain Cabin Project on S edge of Paradise Basin. Request for letter of support after presentation by Andrew Zwicker at March 20<sup>th</sup> FoRR meeting.

General discussion.

Motion approved: Not appropriate for FoRR as a watchdog group to provide such a letter. Respond with letter thanking Mr. Zwicker for his excellent presentation.

2) Public Event: Invasive Plants (Nancie Dohan). CH advised date set May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm at Parish Hall with Sparky & Richie Mann providing musical support. CH has divided up tasks among Directors (all plan to be present) including specific invitations to related societies, forest companies and motorized groups. CH to assign further tasks as necessary.

3) Possible Community Tenure for Old Glory Alpine & Nancy Greene Summit Cabin Areas: KD advised BCGov't ministries response still awaited. Continuing.

4) Support from Municipalities for Planning:

City of Rossland approved support March 10<sup>th</sup>. Requests awaiting responses ; RDKB, RDCK, Grand Forks, Trail, Warfield, Montrose, Fruitvale, Castlegar & Nelson.

Plan to contact snowmobile groups in Rossland, Castlegar and Grand Forks.

5) Proposed Red Golf Course & Residential Development Project (Nov. 2007 announcement): FoRR has significant concerns. SSp to confirm letter to City has been sent. SSp absent so carried to next meeting.

7) Old Glory Hikes for 2008: SP to lead again this year (SSo to help with flyers).

August hike same day as large Bike Race on Seven Summits Trail – no conflicts expected.

8) Photo displays. SSo advised new panels will be done by the fall. Existing panels to both Museum, and as yet undetermined other locations for the summer months. SSo

9) FoRR Constitution, Bylaws & Mission Statement: LC to review and propose changes with aim of having any changes made at November AGM.

10) “Membership Lists”: SSo has Excel files with about 300 “individual” names and 50 “Business & Press”, of which approximately 100 are “fails” or “no-e-mails” and only 33 are current paid-up members. Thus, approximately 250 “good” addresses now. Directors noted names they can check within a few days and advise Sheree.

SP offered to contact those remaining after this effort during the summer.

11) E-Newsletter: SSo presented draft containing all currently known information in an attractive format. Meeting complimented SSo and approved.

12) Wildsight: Initial idea was to bring a representative to Rossland during early June to make presentations to FoRR ,and to community through ‘Greendrinks’ (or other) event. This evolved to instead, gather as much information as possible on the Wildsight organization through the spring and summer. Then, to plan a course of action (or not) through next fall and winter.

KD to do information gathering (picking up on CH’s initial contacts with Wildsight)

13) Bob Bechaud (FoRR member) informed meeting of initiative in Rossland, “Committee for Responsible Development”, to advance the Visions to Action effort to more specific outcomes. They will ask Ministry of Environment (MOE) and Department of Fisheries & Oceans (DFO) to be recognized as a “stewardship group” to automatically receive public consultation referrals regarding water issues. BB suggested the FoRR seek the same status.

Motion approved: FoRR seek “stewardship group” status with MOE and DFO in order to receive referrals.

LC agreed to act on this.

14) BB advised of a multi-partner effort in Rossland to do a re-print of the historic book “Golden City Days”. He proposed the FoRR participate as the book reinforces the FoRR work to build the Rossland Range historic record. BB agreed to act for the FoRR to seek funding. Meeting supported pursuing this initiative further.

Next meeting: Wednesday May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at Rossland Library. 4 to 6pm.

Open to all.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50pm