

Friends of the Rossland Range (FoRR)

Meeting: Friday October 17th, 2008 Rossland Library 4pm

MINUTES

Present: Kim Deane, Cindy Hall, Suzanne Paquin, & Stewart Spooner

Absent: Les Carter, Richie Mann, Sherry Sonfield & Brian Steeves

Chair: Kim Deane

Approved Minutes of September 11th, 2008 meeting. Approved Agenda.

- 1) Community Tenure for Old Glory Alpine & Nancy Greene Summit Cabin Areas. BCGov't Ministry of Agriculture has provided a detailed application package. Target is to have a draft application prior to the AGM on November 19th, 2008. SSp & KD.
- 2) Support from Municipalities for Planning:
Support letters in hand from Rossland, Warfield, Trail & Fruitvale .
Grand Forks deferred to RDKB Area C.
Reminders to RDKB Areas B&C, and RDCK Area J.
Will seek advice of MLA Katrine Conroy re: how best to approach BCGov't.
- 3) Photo displays. Add to and/or display..await Sherry's return.
- 4) FoRR Constitution, Bylaws & Mission Statement: review and revise at November 2008 AGM? Decided to postpone pursuant to AGM Agenda (7) discussion.
- 5) "Membership Lists": SP to do final corrections before AGM.
- 6) Wildsight: KD contacted lead person. He is willing to meet for 'coffee' (or other) to discuss the Rossland situation. CH is in ongoing contact with various Wildsite groups and is informed as to their activities. CH contacted the Nelson EcoSociety to inquire why they didn't amalgamate with Wildsight: their answer: Wildsight is excellent, but as their EcoSociety is a going concern they feel they can be more effect as a separate group. Decided no immediate action by FoRR – remain open to further developments.
- 7) AGM Wednesday evening November 19th, 2008 7pm at Parish Hall in Rossland
Agenda:
Discussion developed as:
 - (i) FoRR focus can be:
 - (A) mostly 'single-issue' Old Glory Alpine & Cabin Area as BCGov't planning/Community Tenure/history-photos/etc.all connected;
and/or
 - (B) 'Broader environmental group' (for want of a better term) a la Wildsite to take on a wide range of environmental issues in accordance with the interests and capacity of membership.
 - (ii) To date FoRR is mostly (A) with activity primarily by only executive persons.
 - (iii) (A) important to community...(B) likely to be as well.

- (iv) (A) & (B) may not mix well.
(A) has strong, long-term community support & will become an ops/mgmt entity if Community Tenure is obtained – and may shift to a branch of the Kootenay Columbia Trails Society; whereas
(B) typically will involve challenging authority, thus being less widely supported depending on issues and tactics.
- (v) Given FoRR's commitment, and work involved in (A), it needn't at this time take on the task of developing (B) in our community.

Given (i) to (v) above, meeting decided the 2008 AGM Agenda be focused on the draft Community Tenure application.

(B) can be discussed if raised from the floor...if there is interest, a group (with new persons) could be formed to explore this for Rossland, either as a future FoRR, or some other entity.

Proposed revisions to constitution, bylaws, etc. – again, given (i) to (v) above, meeting decided these be postponed beyond the 2008 AGM.

8) AGM Directors for 2009: KD to poll current Directors and coordinate replacement for any resignations. Noted value of having representation from the 'cabin' group.

9)AGM advertising: CH & SSp to do: mailout, new RosslandTelegraph, Shaw, etc.

10) AGM Parish Hall booking: KD has confirmed

Next meeting: Friday November 14th, 2008 at 4pm at Rossland Library.

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Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm