

Friends of the Rossland Range BOARD MEETING Thursday Sept. 19th, 2024
MINUTES Minutes: Oct. 6th, 2024

Present:

Les Carter*, Troy Colautti*, Kim Deane*, Demitri Lesniewicz*, Rob Richardson* and John Stephens
*Director

Meeting room at Prestige donated by Gabriella (Gabriella's Restaurants).

Meeting called to order at 5:05pm

- 1) Quorum present? Yes – 6 Directors present.
- 2) Minutes of previous meeting April 11th, 2024 – Approved.
- 3) Motion: “Board recommend to AGM that membership fees for 2025 continue at \$5 lifetime”.
Approved.
- 4) AGM: Date set: [Wednesday November 27th, 2024](#) 7pm Location to be confirmed.
Nominations for 2-year terms (2025 & 2026): Bob, Troy, Larry, Demitri & Rob
Continuing for 1 more Year (2025): Les, Kim, Gerry, Stewart, Dan & John
FoRR Directors: maximum 11; required to have at least 5.
Currently 11 Directors, with some willing to step down if new candidates arise.
{Discussion: FoRR Board would benefit having some female Directors – looking forward}.
Kim to arrange Meeting Notice (with Sheree) & arrange venue.
Kim to confirm 2024 AGM nominations with each person involved.
- 5) Following the AGM, Board must elect a Chair & Vice-Chair (from Board members) and appoint a Secretary & Treasurer (not necessary to be Board members).
Meeting recommended this occur at a Board meeting held during early-to-mid January 2025.
- 6) Financial Situation:
Current balance: about \$75,000 (including \$40k in 5% Term Deposit due in February 2025).
The remaining ‘free’ \$35,000 is forecast to be spent by February 2025 as: about \$27,000 in 2024 Capital Projects (see item (7) following) and \$8,000 in Operations (snowplowing, administration, maintenance, etc.).
Thus, we will have a ‘carry-over’ into 2025 of \$40k - less \$10k ‘Reserve’. So, \$30k will be available all for ‘large projects’ in 2025. This is because we expect ‘Operations’ funds for 2025 (snowplowing, admin, mtce, etc) - typically \$8 to \$10k) will be raised additionally during 2025 (primarily the annual \$5k from RS&T BC, and donations).
- 7) 2024 Capital Projects:
Managed by Rob within the above-mentioned budget of about \$27,000.
Rob reported the 2024 plan and expenditures are on track. Much of the work has involved Rob directly. The projects that have been completed include:
 - a) Three gates (cables) on roads to Eagle’s Nest (1) and Chimo (2) with RS&T BC summer students.
 - b) Od Growth Trail bottom (i) remediation (Les’ plan with RS&T BC summer students); and (ii) draining pool to enable creek flow through culverts.
 - c) Old Glory Lookout exterior paint in poor condition. Demitri has applied one coat to two sides
 - d) Bench at Eagle’s Nest – wonderful addition at spectacular viewpoint; rave reviews.
 - e) Tree felling at !00 Acre Wood Parking lot by volunteer Pat Sim - to increase snow removal area.
Clean-up by Rob and Sandra.

Work in progress this fall:

- f) Red Dog woodshed move, or other steps to mitigate risk of snow sliding off Red Dog roof.
- g) Machine contract work to (i) upgrade Mid-line Trail; (ii) clear alder on Gordski Road; and (iii) expand Crowe Parking Lot.
- h) Igloo Cabin 'Completion' Projects: work parties being organized for weekend of Sept. 21st.
- i) Spacing contract: contemplating (i) Lepsoe side – widen narrow section above U-bend (and below Sunspot Cabin); and alder patch from 2023 Spacing work; and (ii) Crowe side – line from top of Cliff Road elevation down to Rob's Road.
- j) Plane Crash development as a historic site. BC Heritage Archaeological Branch is supportive and are expected to provide a "Site Alteration Permit". (Rob- working with Ron Dennett).

- 8) FoRR – RS&T BC Partnership Agreement renewal (after 10 years)– with associated 'Management Plan'. An important matter for the FoRR Board.

Les will lead this. He did an excellent job with the first Agreement & Management Plan in 2015.

Les plans to proceed through email communications with Directors, keeping open the possibility of a meeting of Directors if necessary.

He noted three elements: (a) The 'Core Agreement' which will be difficult to alter as RS&T BC uses it for many of its partners; (b) 'Schedules' attached which may be tailored somewhat to FoRR's specific situation; and (c) the Rec Site 'Management Plan'.

The 'Management Plan' is currently Schedule H of the 'Core Agreement'. Les plans to seek a short addition to the Schedule H head-note. This is to highlight that the 'Management Agreement' refines and clarifies more general language elsewhere to describe our particular Rec Site situation.

Les outlined some probable new items to be included such as over-lapping tenures (Rec Site, Trail Society trails and Highways [Pit]), provision for boundary adjustments and standards of trails in the Rec Site to match the very broad public use.

Related discussion:

- a) FoRR seek clear written directions from RS&T BC for actions in the Rec Site for risk- management situations (eg: lightning protection at Lookout, and danger trees);
- b) FoRR should establish a procedure when users of the Rec Site report a hazardous situation; one that ensures RS&T BC is informed forthwith, and confirms RS&T BC decisions in response.

- 9) Outdoor Recreation Council of BC – should FoRR join?

Kim raised this briefly at the meeting – will follow up by email to Directors.

- 10) Cookie Jar: Rob advised this unused, empty and locked old shelter is infested with pack-rats and is rotting away significantly.

Recommended it be burned down and cleaned up.

The meeting supported this action in principle. Kim will contact old-timers to alert them to this likelihood and determine if they have any input.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05pm.