

Friends of the Rossland Range MEETING Tuesday November 15th, 2011
Rosslund Library 4:00pm MINUTES

Present: Les Carter, Kim Deane (Chair), Suzanne Paquin (Treasurer), Stewart Spooner, & Gary Westbury.

Absent: Bob Bechaud, Jen Coleshill, Rejean Paquin, Sheree Sonfield (Executive) & Jen Vogel (Streamkeepers)

- 1) Tenure Application: (LC) LC sent letter of reply to BCGov't (Jim Maxwell/Gary Townsend). Discussion (in depth) re: how FoRR is perceived by the public given the overall objective of FoRR, embracing all back-country users is BCGov't "integrated planning". While this is meaningful to those involved in the process, it is not easily understood or inspiring to the public. In contrast, the FoRR's project to establish an Old Glory Alpine recreation area in a small portion of the Rossland Range is easily understood and exciting for the public. There is a reluctance to have the FoRR perceived to have a limited objective (ie: a non-motorized project), but it may have to do this to garner public support. All this is for more consideration; no actions identified yet.
- 2) Film Evening: Seems to be organized as necessary at this point. All requested to put forward suggestions, or better yet to follow up on sources of some good films (ie: Kim: Golden ski hill bombing short film & Arrow Lakes school bus film; Suzanne: "The Champ"; Stewart: Films from shows in Kimberley & Golden).
- 3) AGM: Seems to be organized as necessary at this point. Notice accomplished by e-mail (thanks to Sheree); basic nominations confirmed (3 required): LC, KD & SS to stand (of course: more are welcome); fees to remain the same; Sheree has sent Membership Lists. Program ideas: Streamkeepers and/or Atco (Ron Ozanne). Noted that AGM attendance may be small and Atco should be so informed if to be invited.
Tuesday Nov. 29th, 2011 7pm. Consider Press Release after AGM.
- 4) Wilf Gibbard Memorial Donations: Ideas for project? SS suggested an interpretive sign focused on Wilf Gibbard's activities at the Old Glory/Plewman Trails Trailhead. Meeting enthusiastically accepted this. Aluminum backing plate is in hand – just need content (text & photos). Put on laminate and onto plate; kiosk exists for siting in field. Cost will be only \$100, or so. Thus, still have funds for more Wilf Gibbard commemorative project(s). SS to draft some initial wording for comment and review by others (including Richie Mann, who is familiar with much of Wilf's doings).
- 5) Trax Tracks Project: continuing.
- 6) Steamkeepers: Info' from JV. a) JV to apply for funding to complete City SHIM project – data must be collated and made available to all interested parties. (JV is not a FoRR Director and thus is free to apply for funding for work to be done by herself); b) school classes (Grade 8) led through "Know Your Watershed" program by JV on Oct. 27th; and c)

Tara (and JV) applying for CBT funding for planning and coordinating future Streamkeeper projects (probably with schools). Application under FoRR umbrella with Rejean named as sponsor.

- 7) Shelter Stories Project: Funding being sought.
- 8) Fall Shelter work parties: LC provided moderate guidance and coordination resulting in a successful fall campaign with most participants very pleased to have helped out; interest level is high.
Suggestion: Install information signs in each hut (LC estimated 10 required) – same sign in each. Aluminum backing plates in hand. Cost will be nominal. Meeting agreed. LC to draft message.
- 9) Interpretive Forest project (LC): continuing.

Next Meeting: Open to all. Library 4pm Tuesday January 10th, 2011

Meeting adjourned: 5:05pm