

Regular Meeting: Wednesday November 17th, 2010

Rossland Library 4pm

Present:

Les Carter, Jenny Coleshill, Kim Deane (Chair), & Gary Westbury;

Absent: Bob Bechaud, Patrick Hinds, Suzanne Paquin (Treasurer), Jen Vogel (Streamkeepers) & Stewart Spooner

- 1) Tenure/ Forestry Recreation Area/ Designated Trails (Polygons) (LC)
On hold pending FoRR providing letter to ATCO confirming its (oft-stated verbally) commitment that the recreation activities will not impede logging operations (as is the case apparently for the Paulson XC Trails). Then ATCO will provide a letter of support for the application.
Letters of support received from KCTS; promised by Red & Big Red Cats.
- 2) Upkeep of Informal Cabins
For information of FoRR Executive, but not an FoRR project at this time, LC informed the meeting of his efforts to develop a volunteer list, and to have volunteer groups do some upkeep and firewood supply. All with as much communication with existing cabin “owners” and users as possible.
Also, using this opportunity to inform area users of the Application for a Forest Recreation Tenure.
LC noted that core issue isn’t keeping the huts going, but rather managing the Rossland Range so that it is not over-used.
LC advised the volunteer list has 45 names, of which about 30 are relative newcomers.
- 3) AGM 2010: Planned as follows:
Date: Tuesday November 30th, 2010
Time: 7pm
Location: Parish Hall in Rossland (Catholic – 2 blocks up Columbia Avenue from Alpine Grind Coffee Shop).

Fees: Will propose they remain : \$5 per member

Nominations:

7 Directors

Les Carter, Kim Deane & Stewart Spooner continue for 1 more year.

Bob Bechaud (to be confirmed), Jen Coleshill, Pat Hinds (to be confirmed) &

Gary Westbury will stand for the 4 available positions.

Suzanne Paquin will continue as Treasurer

Jen Vogel will continue as Streamkeepers Coordinator

Sheree Sonfield & Sara Golling continue as Executive Members at Large

Additional nominations for Director, or offers to serve as Executive members will be welcomed.

- 4) Demonstration Forest Project (LC): Still planned – no news.
- 5) Streamkeepers (JV and all): Expect to act in new year.
- 6) Strawberry Flats Wetlands – Proposed Letter to Highways re: Their Pit Plans (JV & LC) : Complete
- 7) Backcountry Film Festival Night (repeat of 2009 event) February 27th, 2011.
Films & hall booked. Will plan in detail in new year. More local content suggested.
- 8) East Kootenay Conservation Program (EKCP) (JC)
Minutes of big workshop in Nelson last month. FoRR to stay in contact.
- 9) Grizzly & Specific Animal Sighting by Public – Reporting: (JC)
The idea is to enlist the public to report sightings. JC will speak at he AGM.
Meeting supported the idea – good fit with FoRR objectives.
JC again advised of major cross-border efforts underway that would mesh with this.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday January 5th, 2011 4pm at Rossland Library. OPEN TO ALL.