

Regular Meeting: Monday January 18th, 2010

Rossland Library 4pm

Present:

Executive: Bob Bechaud, Les Carter, Jenny Coleshill, Kim Deane (Chair), Patrick Hinds, Suzanne Paquin (Treasurer) and Gary Westbury; **plus** Sheree Sonfield (Member)

Absent: Stewart Spooner; and Jen Vogel

- 1) Tenure/ Forestry Recreation Area/ Designated Trails (Polygons) (SSp, BB, KD)
Arranging meeting with BCGov't (Dan Reibin)

- 2) FoRR To Improve Connection to Community
Discussion focused on passage of time since FoRR updated community groups, coupled with no significant progress to highlight FoRR's presence and efforts. Thus, most now not aware of FoRR and/or confused about our purpose.
Actions: Delegation to City, presentation to Rotary, other???
Clarify our message.

- 3) Backcountry Filmfest Evening Feb. 28th (SSo, BB, Kelvin Saldern)
Well organized Major Rotary support – much appreciated
CBT will provide grant of \$400 (JC)
Resolved time (7pm) and ticket price (\$5).
FoRR Display: KD & PH
Evening program schedule to be distributed by SSo.

- 4) Rack Cards: To be available around town & at sites in back-country (SSo et al)
Excellent Rack Cards developed by SSo, LC etc. Bulk printing done.
LC has constructed attractive wood holders:
2 at highway trailheads & in 4 shelters at Strawberry Pass

- 5) Rack Cards: Mailout to all postal boxes in Rossland (SP et al)
Being done by SP – printing, post office arrangements, etc.

- 6) Lepsoe Family – Have contacted FoRR re: a “Lepsoe Memorial Hut” of some sort.
Meeting supported FoRR engaging with the family in, at the least a facilitation role.

- 7) Informal Shelters – Explore long-term possibilities with “owners” (LC)
LC proposes to undertake on his own, an initial exploratory process with “owners”; FoRR not involved.
FoRR to keep options open – may consider a possible future role based on information gained through LC's efforts.

8) Parking Along Highway 3B:

Lack of sufficient parking is increasingly a problem.

Agreed to seek some rough plowing cost estimates, and to investigate the practicality/costs (with ATCO, and/or others) of creating larger flat, gravel lots (ie: “forestry lots”) at, say: Crowe Road, 9-Mile [aka Murphy Creek] , Hanna Creek, Biathlon (contact George Apel), and others.

Also, discuss with Highways: larger lot at Pass in their vast pit area.

(PH, KD)

Related comments:

- should parking be limited to match ‘carrying capacity’ of the lands?
- increasing popularity in region (not just Rossland) is large and rapid – planning is warranted, but unlikely in the short term.
- Black Jack may want to have some early season groom-able trails in future.

9) Winter Maps by Rossland Destination Marketing Organization (Deanne Stevens)

FoRR welcome to comment/participate (so far: SSo, LC, SSp, KD)

10) Heritage Photos, etc. (SSo, JC)

Displayed at Museum (open Sunday afternoons).

11) BC Gov’t Planning (LC)

Will follow up October ’09 letter to BCGov’t (Gary Townsend) when appropriate.

12) Interpretive /Demonstration Forest (LC)

ATCO is supportive of this idea. LC continuing to follow up.

13) Regional Recreation Area {RDKB[Area B], City of Rossland} (LC)

Initial meetings by LC. Next, will participate in forthcoming Area B OCP review. Suggestion made that FoRR encourage others to participate as well.

14) Streamkeepers (JV)

A project is expected to be planned and completed this summer.

15) FoRR Website (SSo)

Being updated by SSo. JC and GW agreed to review and comment.

Next Meeting: Mid-February 2010

Monday February 15th, 2010 at Rossland Library at 4pm

Open to all