

Friends of the Rossland Range (FoRR)

**Meeting: Wednesday February 27th, 2008 Rossland Library 4pm
MINUTES**

Present: {Les Carter, Kim Deane, Cindy Hall, Suzanne Paquin, Sherry
Sonfield, Stewart Spooner and Bridget O'Malley
Absent: Richie Mann}

Chair: Kim Deane

Approved Minutes of January 22nd, 2008 meeting. Approved Agenda.

1) Bridget O'Malley attended and requested a letter of support for her funding application to CBT for an ecological education-arts program for Kinndergarten & Grades 1 & 3: find plants on trails, study them over time and then do art work for public display. Possible pilot for Wildsight extension through entire East Kootenay valley. Unanimous approval at meeting. SSp to handle.

2) Event planned: Community evening event: Invasive Plants (Nancie Dohan) and Bears (Michael Procter, or equivalent). Tentatively March 27th at Parish Hall or Miner's Hall. CH to lead – other Directors present offered to assist.

3) Possible Community Tenure for Old Glory Alpine & Nancy Greene Summit Cabin Areas: SSp advised that BC Gov't legislation provides for this, but he got an epic run-around from Ministry to Ministry re; acceptance of our Application. Continuing.

4) Support from Municipalities for Planning:

Presentation to City of Rossland on February 25^h by KD (with RM, SSo, and SSp present). Some improvements, in presentation and answers to questions, suggested. FoRR to provide more information and return to next Council meeting.

KD contacting Nordic XC and snowmobile clubs in Rossland, Castlegar and Grand Forks.

5) Proposed Red Golf Course & Residential Development Project (Nov. 2007 announcement):

FoRR has significant concerns. Letter to City by SSp finalized and will be sent.

Discussion – City cannot forestall Golf Course, but has approval power re: amount of residential development.

6) Proposed Cabins on White Wolf Ridge in Red "Tenure" area: determined location is on saddle between Mt. Roberts and White Wolf Ridge which seems satisfactory.

7) Natural Resource Inventory: proposed by FoRR member envisaging the significant funds required being raised specifically for this project. General discussion that this would be required for the proposed planning; subject to results being useful for final users (ie: City, RDKB, BCGov't bodies, etc.). Noted that much has already been done

and needs only to be compiled. FoRR support as this being essential element of the Planning but must be subject to willingness of final users to assist. The latter has not been forthcoming. Agreed to wait.

8) Old Glory Hikes for 2008: SP agreed to lead again this year (SSo to help with flyers). {nb: these hikes have been very successful for both participants and FoRR standing in the community}.

9) Informal Cabin Area maps at Chamber of Commerce: LC has done these. He asked meeting if wider distribution is warranted (possibly on Website as well) – there has been concern by old-timers that usage is getting too much and should not be promoted. Meeting concluded – appreciative of LC doing this map, and that present distribution be continued, but not expanded.

11) Snowmobilers last weekend in Cabin Area among skiers resulting in some conflict. LC advised his (weak) response when snowmobilers asked where they could go – didn't take the opportunity to acknowledge their willingness to cooperate and assist them by pointing out areas apart from the skiers. Meeting appreciative of LC sharing this experience and reminding us to be alert to opportunities to facilitate effective relationships with all users.

12) FoRR Constitution and Bylaws: LC suggested these be visited given the FoRR evolving into broader watchdog role (ie: less emphasis on non-motorized). No action at this time.

Next meeting (open to all): Thursday March 20th, 2008 4 to 6pm Rossland Library

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.