

Regular Meeting: Tuesday March 9th, 2010

Rossland Library 4pm

Present:

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

- 1) Backcountry Filmfest Evening (Sunday March 28th, 2010 7 to 9:30pm)
Competed with last day of the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics with the Canada - U.S. gold-medal hockey game (afternoon) and the Closing Ceremonies.
A huge success!
Overflow crowd (approx. 200). Good films. Energetic and appreciative audience.
Superb job by Sheree, Bob and Kelvin Saldern.
Large group of volunteers very well organized by Sheree.
Added to FoRR bank account: \$1,161.
Members, 2010 came from:
AGM 23; Filmfest 114; Mailout, rack cards, other 65; Sponsors 12 Total: 214
{Note: 2,000 rack cards cost about \$475 to print and mail to Rossland P.O.boxholders}
- 2) (a) Tenure/ Forestry Recreation Area/ Designated Trails (Polygons)
plus (b) Planning; and
plus (c) Public Consultation Process
(LC & BB)
Decided to act on all of (a), (b) and (c) as one coordinated effort.
LC will lead this with BB (with significant help from all others).
 - Explore an application for a Forestry Recreation Tenure (as per Paulson XC);
 - Undertake our own public consultation/planning process (while still pursuing BCGov't involvement). This, because what we do will be most of what BCGov't would do anyway, and extensive community consultation will have to be heeded by the BCGov't.
- 3) Ron Walker's Book (JC & GW)
Ron lives in Christina Lake. He worked at the Old Glory Met Station and has written a book about this. JC met with Ron. He has the rough draft with photos and would like some assistance (unspecified) to get it published.
General discussion. Several ideas. JC to explore further with Ron Walker.
- 4) Invasive Plants Workshop at Library (March 30th 4pm) (JV)
Organizing underway.
- 5) Streamkeepers – "Earth Day" Project (JV)
To mark manholes in Rossland with universal fish markers.

- 6) Parking Snowplowing along Highways 3 and 3B (KD)
FoRR to coordinate interested parties in joint request for action by Ministry of Highways.
Biathlon, Castlegar Friends of Parks & Trails, Castlegar Chamber of Commerce, Paulson XC, Snowgoers, Christina Lake Snowmobile Club and Big Red Cats.
- 7) Lepsoe Family – “Lepsoe Family Hut” idea.
Stephanie Lepsoe contacted the FoRR while in town for a few days during February 2010. Met with BB. General discussion; nothing specific at this time.
- 8) Interpretive /Demonstration Forest (LC)
ATCO is supportive of this idea. LC continuing to follow up.
- 9) Regional Recreation Area {RDKB[Area B], City of Rossland} (LC)
Initial meetings have been held by LC.
Next, FoRR will participate in forthcoming Area B OCP review.

Next Meeting: Tuesday April 13th, 2010 Rossland Library 4pm OPEN TO ALL