

## Summary of 03/15/05 meeting, 5:00 pm, Rossland Library

**Current Directors:** Barry Williscroft\*, Bridget O'Malley, Cindy Hall\*, Ken Holmes\*, Kim Deane, Sparky Steeves, Stewart Spooner. (\*not present)

**Members Present:** Lorna Manzer, Indira Wick, Bob Bechaud, Sheree Sonfield, Suzanne Paquin, Jim DeLong, Marty Cancilla, Ari Gore

### Items on the Agenda

1. Membership/Community Awareness: follow up items to reach the 350 member goal, which we are gradually working toward:
  - a. Rotary: Make a presentation at a meeting to obtain members, support and inform them about FORR activities, events, progress. Sheree & Kim to schedule
  - b. Trail Times meeting announcements: Discussed difficulty of getting meeting announcements without paid ads, photographs or something else to benefit the newspaper, although most newspapers have a space for community meetings and events. Needs thought, ideas.
  - c. April Fundraiser:
    1. Date and Venue: April 22 looks better for time needed to plan and schedules. Bob to check on Miner's Hall schedule. (Post meeting note: April 22 or 23 is open). Bridget, Sparky and Paul (sound man) to determine whether sound is better at Miner's Hall or Firehall by attending the Art Gallery Opening on Friday, March 18, 2005. 7pm at the Firehall.
    2. Tickets and Posters: Sheree will print business card tickets immediately after March 18's venue decision for everyone to participate in selling the \$5 tickets. Bridget to continue to work with Mel Black on posters.
    3. Entertainment: Sparky's music, Booty's stories (Ari discussed with Booty and he is keen). Tracy (musician) and Ari (MC) may/will not be available on the new date, unfortunately. The Miner's Hall has bad light for art exhibits, but we acknowledged and thanked Louise Drescher for her working toward a possible donation of an art piece which she suggested can be raffled via a lottery (requires lottery approval, takes 3 days, special tickets) to start at the fundraiser, draw held at a later date. (Post meeting note: Slides, who will MC & present FORR activity update were not discussed here)
    4. Liquor and Families: License is \$25 and requires 1 registered server (we have 1), other volunteer bartenders, and serving food, either for sale or donated. If desired to include families, we could have no liquor until 9pm when the bar opens and under-agers are requested to leave.
    5. Other: FORR Membership information and sign-up table would be present. Funds raised would be for society administration (about \$150/yr), community awareness, education, research, ads, posters, possibly future physical improvements (eg cabin on Unnecessary Ridge), all depending on need and availability. Approved allowing Rossland Community Radio (see below) space for a table, info and selling memberships.
  - d. KMC, KCTS members: Discussed previous idea of making membership in FORR easy for members of these other organizations as many members support all activities. Kim suggested links back to our website (since we link to theirs). Kim to raise this at next KCTS directors' meeting and to ask Ken to raise with KMC.
  - e. Photo Contest: Kim suggested the concept of a photo contest to promote the area, organization and utilize the photos for marketing, awareness, perhaps a calendar or other printed promotional fundraising matter, as the photos dictate (it was pointed out/agreed that calendars only last 1 year, timely and are quite expensive).
2. Lobbying Activities

- a. Min Abbot: Kim to work on letter to Minister Abbot RE the Old Glory Alpine getting protected status.
  - b. Coalition: On a lower priority and parallel basis with different people, Ken to be asked to explore other organizations with similar goals who FORR may be able to “align with” for ideas, resources, a stronger presence, increased visibility, and other benefits to us at the provincial issues level.
  - c. Invitations: Agreed to invite politicians to our April fundraiser (for exchanged visibility, a reason to contact and make them aware of us)
  - d. Snowmobilers: Re-visited the letter Stewart had drafted and the concept of discussions with snowmobilers RE FORR goals. Discussed approach and what should be said to which snowmobilers. Agreed: FORR can give “comfort” to snowmobilers currently using the Rossland Range that we advocate for the continuance of historical recreational use in these areas and are therefore not seeking a change in use patterns. Stewart and Sheree each agreed to contact specific persons and all others were encouraged to pass the word as they can.
3. Old Glory “Protected” Area Boundary
    - a. As at the last meeting all in attendance re-affirmed that the original Nancy Greene Recreation Area boundary, less what Red Mountain has now in its tenure, should be the primary “protected” “Old Glory Area” primarily because this is a goal that is reasonably attainable because of the history of this area.
4. Trailhead signs:
    - a. Acknowledged and thanked Steve Harder of Interior Signs for donating layout and vinyl adhesive signs for trailheads.
    - b. Stew has metal that is the sign backing. We need posts (around \$75-100) and people to install 3 signs at the Old Glory trailhead, Nancy Green Summit, Cascade Highway end of the 7 Summits Trail. Signs would be 12X18, vinyl, last about 5 years, especially if located out of the sun. Words for the signs (after Stew’s revision), logo, Stacey’s map would be the content provided to Steve, then a draft sign layout would be reviewed by the group.
    - c. Suggested a sign-in box with sheets to obtain names, info of visitors to these areas which would be used in efforts with the government/lobbying. Concept needs to be developed further.
  5. OG Hikes
    - a. Discussed annual hike for community awareness, enjoyment. Suzanne offered to accompany interested people in a more regular hike in summertime. Agreed to try annual hike idea then perhaps regularly scheduled hikes, perhaps on the Rossland Rec schedule.
  6. Rossland Radio Cooperative
    - a. Marty Cancilla said RRC is beginning with internet broadcasts and patterned after Nelson radio. RCC would appreciate space at the Fundraiser to advertise and get members.
    - b. Interested members can contact him at 362-7015 for further details. .

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 19, 2005, 5pm, Rossland Library

Next meeting Agenda:

1. Follow-up on the above agenda items

Summary of this meeting was prepared by: Sheree Sonfield, Kim Deane, Suzanne Paquin