

Minutes for Fall 2004 AGM Wednesday, November 24

Current Directors: Barry Willisroft, Bridget O'Malley, Cindy Hall, Ken Holmes, Kim Deane, Sparky Steeves, Stewart Spooner.

Agenda: Introduction, New Society, Fees, Membership, 2004 Events, Protection of Old Glory Area, Land status, Election, New business: Crowe, Neptune, Mackie tenure application.

Meeting commenced at 7:40 P.M. by Stew, with nearly 40 members in attendance. A history of the last year and the response to Kieren Gaul's tenure application.

Motion presented by Kim Deane to have a \$5.00 membership fee, seconded by Bridget O.Malley.

Kelvin Saldern asked the physical area the Friends wish to represent. Stew replied that it was purposefully vague. Vote by show of hands, majority in favour.

Kim spoke about the new Seven Summits Trail and its value to our cause of protecting area.

Ken outlined efforts during the last year to provide protection for the Old Glory Alpine Area which has resulted in the recent news that the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management (MSRM) has been instructed to come up with a plan for a subsequent review of use of crown lands in the Rossland area. Good news because previously we had been advised that any review of the Old Glory Alpine Area could only be done as part of a full West Kootenay region land review (as has been done for the full East Kootenay region). This would take years to complete. A positive step even though a small one – we can build on it. This has occurred in part due to the support of our MLA Sandy Santori.

The meeting discussed whether we should set a Park as our ultimate goal. The meeting seemed to favour this, although it was pointed out that Park designation may prevent uses that we anticipate in the area (such as no dogs, and possible restricted use of bikes).

Cedric Hansen asked if recreational helicopter use was condoned by the F.O.R.R. Stew replied no.

Sarah Golling expressed concern about Old Glory Area being balanced off against Crowe, Neptune, Mackie.

Motion to continue with current directors until next A.G.M. by Stew, seconded by Kim. Vote by show of hands, majority in favour.

Discussion opened about current tenure application for Crowe Neptune, Mackie.

Motion forwarded by Barry that F.O.R.R inform Ministry of Sustainable Resource about the CNM tenure application and Land and Water BC Inc. of the Land Use Planning Process in the CNM area. FORR will recommend that the CNM tenure not be awarded until the Land Use Planning Process is complete. Seconded by Gary Senecal and passed by a show of hands. 35 in favour, 1 opposing.

Next directors meeting Wednesday, December 15 @ 4:00, Alpine Grind, All Welcome.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 by Stew, seconded by Kim.