

FRIENDS OF THE ROSSLAND RANGE SOCIETY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2009

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.
2. The members approved the agenda.
3. The members approved the Minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting.
4. The President, Kim Deane, reported on:
 - FORRS activities related to the tenure application, and possible trail designations, for the Old Glory Alpine/Nancy Greene Pass area;
 - The 2009 hikes to Old Glory, led by Suzanne and Rejean;
 - The historic photo panels developed by Sheree;
 - Reference to FORRS in the Rossland Strategic Sustainability Plan;
 - Trail upgrade that could impact FORRS interests;
 - FORRS efforts to inspire RDKB Area B to include recreation planning in the Old Glory Alpine/Nancy Greene Pass area in their revised OCP.
 - The presence of visitors to the AGM who are interested in the history of the Old Glory weather station.
5. The members approved the Treasurer's Report.
6. The members set membership fees for the coming year at \$5.00.
7. The members elected Kim Deane, Les Carter, and Stewart Spooner as Directors for the coming year. Continuing Directors are Bob Bechaud, Jen Coleshill and Patrick Hinds. Thanks to Richie Mann for his contribution as a Director. Suzanne Paquin continues as Treasurer.
8. a) The members approved a special resolution changing S. 2 of the Constitution to read:

2. The purposes of the Society are:

a) To increase public awareness of the importance of natural values, including recreational, scenic and environmental values, to the people and communities touched by the Rossland Range;

b) To increase public awareness of the cultural and historic values that make the Rossland Range and its communities unique;

c) To work with all stakeholders for responsible use of the Rossland Range, and particularly for use that is appropriate to its site, that respects conservation values and the needs and sensitivities of other users, and that provides appropriate integration or separation of uses;

d) To work with stakeholders and governments to preserve important natural, recreational, cultural, historic and economic values in the

Rossland Range;

e) To act as a catalyst, and where feasible as a facilitator, for the creation of appropriate plans and other official instruments (e.g. bylaws, regulations, tenures) to give formal recognition of, and security for, natural, recreational, cultural, historic and economic values in the Rossland Range;

f) To enter into agreements, hold tenures, and undertake any other activities to further the Society's purposes as set out above.

b) The members passed an ordinary resolution regarding a Streamkeepers function for FORRS, as follows: RESOLVED: that the Society undertake a Streamkeepers project, within the framework provided by the Pacific Streamkeepers Federation; and that the Directors take the actions necessary to ensure that a) the relationship between the Streamkeepers project and the Society is clear, b) the Streamkeepers project is appropriately supported by the Society, c) the Streamkeepers project does not over-extend the resources of the Society, and d) liability issues related to the Streamkeepers project are properly addressed.

c) The members discussed progress towards some form of protection for the Old Glory Alpine/Nancy Greene Pass area – tenure, or designated trails. It was noted that although the tenure application was rejected, it gave FORRS valuable experience which can be built upon.

d) The members passed an ordinary resolution tasking the directors with exploring the possibility of a forest demonstration project, as follows: RESOLVED that the Directors investigate the possibility of creating a forest demonstration project in the Strawberry Pass area, including potential funding sources and partnerships.

e) Progress made towards having RDKB Area B include the Old Glory Alpine/Nancy Greene Pass area in the OCP revision was noted.

f) The recent letter from Gary Townsend, of the Integrated Resource Management Branch, regarding recreation planning for the Rossland Range was noted. Mr. Townsend suggests that FORR's proposal is consistent with the goals of Integrated Land Management, but that it was not given priority for the coming planning year. FORRS has sent a letter thanking Mr. Townsend for his encouragement, and asking that our proposal be included in the next round of planning.

g) The members discussed how to increase membership, and the rationale, i.e. a broad membership base gives FORRS greater credibility, especially when dealing with government.

9. Les reported on the concern raised to FORRS about cleanup of the Highway 3B brushing project carried out by the Ministry of Transportation

and Highways. Since a major potential problem is the spread of invasive weeds due to soil disturbance, the matter has been referred to the Columbia Kootenay Invasive Weeds Committee.

Ron Walker and Jim Sturgeon spoke about their experiences with the Old Glory weather station.

10. The members adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:30 PM.