

Friends of Rathdrum Mountain - Meeting Summary for 09/21/2006

Purpose: Regular monthly meeting of the Friends of Rathdrum Mountain and of the Board of Directors

Attendees:

- Directors: Wes DuCharme, Carey Kaplan, Toby Kaplan, John Sylte.
- Director absentees: George Holcomb.
- Others: Marty Frantz, Pete Stoltz, Tom Burnett (The Rathdrum Star).

Agenda:

1. Guest speaker: Linda Ely Kootenai County Noxious Weeds
 - a. Linda gave informative discussion about Noxious (non-native) weeds throughout the area. She went over how the weeds spread and KC's methods and efforts to suppress/eradicate these weeds.
 - 1) Spreads by construction and recreational equipment stirring and spreading the seeds.
 - 2) Recommends weed free forage for pack animals, and offered literature on chemical and non-chemical treatment methods. KCNW does lend out backpack sprayers as well as ATV sprayers at no charge to anyone.
 - 3) KCNW offers free workshop usually in July to show how one can gather and distribute bugs to assist with weed control.
 - 4) U of I could be interested in cultivating these bugs in an area where Dalmatian Toadflax and spotted knapweed is prevalent. Perhaps the city's land ???
 - 5) Best time to spray is in the Fall and Spring
 - b. Linda let us keep extra pamphlets and fliers to distribute at Fall Heritage Festival
2. New business:
 - a. Marty Frantz presented information on the Easterday ranch and their cows mucking up the North End of the lake. The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) offers between \$300-\$1500 an acre to put on easement on wetland to assist with restoration.
 - b. Pete Stoltz presented information on Holistic Management as an approach to handle the Easterday's mucking cow situation.
3. Old business:
 - a. Jim e-mail to Brett Boyer regarding "shelved" Park plan.
 - b. Marty did not update his progress with conservation easements other than commenting on new legislature that was discussed in August.

c. Carey and Toby picked up all the information and materials from Deasa for the Fall Heritage Festival Booth.

d. John Stockton was not in attendance to discuss title company contact.

e. Discussed planned Meeting in a Box set for September 27th, 2006.

4. Board of Directors:

a. Meeting summaries from 08/18/2006 were approved by vote in favor 3, opposed 0 (John Sytle was not at the 08/18/06 meeting).

b. Treasurer's report:

	Checking	NICSC	TOTAL
Beginning Balance	347.87	1200.00	1547.87
Income	0	0	0
Expenses	0	0	0
Ending Balance	347.87	1200.00	1547.87

c. John indicated he will deposit Marty Frantz's check along with whatever money was collected at Fall Heritage Festival.

d. Toby made contact with Friends of Badger Mountain and they again expressed how they "winged" 501 (c)3 application and did not seem too interested in providing a copy. The Board voted to proceed with what we have, "tweak" it as necessary and submit in light of our earmarked check.

e. Next meeting: Thursday, October 19th, 2006 at 6:30 pm in the Community Center at Golden Spike Estates.