

Friends of Rathdrum Mountain - Meeting Summary for 11/08/2007

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

Note: Due to scheduling conflicts, this meeting was held on the second Thursday of the month in lieu of the third Thursday.

Attendees:

- Directors: Wes Du Charme, Carey Kaplan, Jim Ochenkoski, Deasa Stein, John Sylte
- Director absentees: George Holcomb, Toby Kaplan,
- Others: Pete Stoltz

Agenda:

1. Guest speaker: None.
2. Old business:
 - a. FoRM continues to pursue more information from the Idaho Native Plant Society regarding protected species and native grass recommendations. Attachment (1) provides information regarding native grasses that was obtained from their website.
 - b. FoRM was notified on 10/29/07 that the Siverson Trust property (160 acres) was listed for sale. This property adjoins the west boundary of the City's property on Rathdrum Mountain; see Attachment (2). John Beutler, Century 21, is the listing agent. FoRM has been in contact with IEP and IDL regarding their interest and will continue to pursue the establishment of a conservation easement on this property.
 - c. Contact with Forest Capital Partners indicates that they too may be interested in the Siverson Trust property. FoRM will continue to pursue.
3. New business:
 - a. FoRM memberships and contribution levels for individuals were discussed. A plan for business sponsorships is being developed.
 - b. A membership drive kick-off event is scheduled for Sunday, April 13, 2008. Further details will be published as plans are finalized.
4. Board of Directors:
 - a. The meeting summary from 10/18/07 was approved by vote in favor 5, opposed 0.

b. Treasurer's report:

Beginning Balance		\$2,709.18	
Debits	90.24		Weed spraying event
Credits	0		
Ending Balance		\$2,618.94	

An invoice for \$124.02 for handout printing services has not yet been paid. Next month's report should also include expenses of \$30.00 for Chamber membership.

c. Magnet coupon returns to date: None.

d. GoodSearch / GoodBuy returns to date: None.

e. Long and Short Term Goals were discussed and will be updated.

5. Next meetings:

Regular monthly meeting: Thursday, January 17th at 6:30 pm in the Community Center at Golden Spike Estates. Guest Speaker: TBD

Note: No regular meeting is scheduled in December due to the holidays.

Attachment (1)

Excerpt from
**NATIVE PLANTS OF NORTHERN IDAHO FOR
LANDSCAPING AND RESTORATION**
April, 1999
Idaho Native Plant Society/White Pine Chapter

Source: <http://www.idahonativeplants.org/guides/NorthIdahoGuide.aspx>

GRASSES (The first four are the major components of northern Idaho grasslands)

Bluebunch wheatgrass (*Agropyron spicatum*, *Pseudoroegneria spicata*). Along with Idaho fescue, this bunchgrass once dominated the Palouse grassland. Suitable for dry sites, but not well-suited to controlling erosion, although a rhizomatous form is native to our area. Divergent awns on seedheads are distinctive.

Bluegrasses (*Poa spp.*): Native bluegrasses are bunch-forming (caespitose) rather than spreading and go by various Latin names including *Poa juncifolia*, *Poa secunda*, *Poa sandbergii*, and *Poa ampla*. They are the earliest grasses to green-up and set seed. Local cultivars are available.

Idaho fescue (*Festuca idahoensis*). Low clumps of very fine leaves. Does best on cooler aspects.

Junegrass (*Koeleria cristata*, *K. macrantha*). A rather inconspicuous but lovely member of our regional grasslands.

Mountain brome (*Bromus marginatus*). For moist sites and cooler aspects.

Tufted hairgrass (*Deschampsia cespitosa*). Moist sites.

Attachment (2)

