

Friends of Rathdrum Mountain - Meeting Summary for 04/17/2008

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

Attendees:

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

Agenda:

1. Guest speaker: None

2. Old business:

a. A spring survey on the City's mountain property by members of the Idaho Native Plant Society is planned for Saturday, May 17th. A weed survey by the Kootenai County Noxious Weed Control Department will be scheduled for the same date. Based on the results of these surveys, a date will be set for accomplishing spring-time weed control. Other habitat restoration efforts (seeding and planting) will also be scheduled.

b. A meeting with Mike Donohue (Judicial Mediation Group), trustee for the Siverson property (160 acres), and the listing agent, John Beutler (Century 21), was held on April 1st. It was learned that an adjacent parcel, another 160 acres, may also be available for sale. FoRM contacted Scott Rider, Senior Resource Specialist for the Mica Supervisory Area, Idaho Department of Lands (IDL); IDL will evaluate the potential for their acquisition of this land.

3. New business:

a. The fundraiser/membership drive kickoff event held on April 13th was a great success. Total income from ticket sales, memberships, and donations totaled just under \$10,000. Expenses have yet to be finalized. See Attachment (1) for a Press Release issued April 18th. See Attachment (2) for a Letter to the Editor sent to both The Rathdrum Star and the Coeur d'Alene Press to thank our supporters and new members.

b. The concept plans developed by Abbotswood Design Group (landscape architects) were shared with the Mayor, each City Council Member, and the City Administrator in separate one-on-one meetings.

4. Board of Directors:

a. The meeting summary from 03/20/08 was approved.

b. Treasurer's report:

Beginning Balance (\$)	2,514.40	
	-67.99	<i>envelopes & postage</i>
	+850.00	<i>donations</i>
Ending Balance (\$)	3,296.41	

c. Magnet coupon returns: 2007 = 4 (actual)
 2008 = 0 (to date)

d. GoodSearch / GoodShop returns: Jul, Aug, Sep 2007 = \$29.26 (actual)
 Oct 2007 thru Dec 2007 = \$33.28 (estimated)
 Jan 2008 thru Sep 2008 = \$13.94 (est. to date)

e. The updated Long and Short Term Goals dated 01/08/08 were approved. These goals will be revisited in the fall.

f. FoRM thank you cards, stickers, and business plaques will be ordered to fulfill the obligations of recent and future memberships.

g. The FoRM brochure will be revised before its next printing.

h. FoRM's website subscription fees have been renewed. The addition of new features to the website was discussed, including a feature story.

i. IRS Form 990 has been completed and will be submitted upon review for accuracy.

5. Next meetings:

Regular monthly meeting: Thursday, May 15th at 6:30 pm in the Community Center at Golden Spike Estates. Guest Speaker: TBD

Attachment (1)



April 18, 2008

Press Release

Rathdrum Mountain Friends Report Membership Drive and Fundraiser Success

The first annual fundraiser for local non-profit **Friends of Rathdrum Mountain** was a huge success! This event, held on April 13th at the historic Westwood Saloon on Main Street in Rathdrum, was also the kick-off for the Friends' first Membership Drive. Total income from ticket sales, memberships, and donations totaled just under \$10,000.

The Membership Drive continues, with various unique membership levels. Individuals and families can join as Good, Close, or Best Friends for \$25, \$100, and \$500 respectively. Businesses and organizations can join the Spring Creek, Cedar Grove, or Summit Clubs for \$100, \$500, and \$1000. Each level has increasing benefits commensurate with the donation amount. Two more levels, Life-Long Friend and Over-the-Top Clubs, are reserved for special donation amounts and conditions.

Friends of Rathdrum Mountain is a local group of 100% volunteers focused on preserving the natural beauty of the Rathdrum Mountain area. The Friends group is classified by the Internal Revenue Service as a public charity. Non-profit exemption under section 501(c)(3) of the tax code enables individuals and businesses to make tax-deductible donations directly to the Friends group to further their goals. For more information regarding Friends of Rathdrum Mountain, visit their website: www.RathdrumMountain.org.

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Attachment (2)



April 18, 2008

Letter to the Editor,

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Friends of Rathdrum Mountain Fundraiser at the Westwood Saloon on Sunday, April 13th! Everyone had a great time and we made some wonderful new friends. Thanks also to those individuals and businesses who couldn't join us but made significant contributions to further our cause. Our most heartfelt thanks go out to our newest Members: Ami & Ron Gibson (Best Friends); Shirlee Grabko, Brian Bivens, Brian Babb, and Dave & Brenda Babb (Close Friends); Kristen Storey, Judith Sylte, Gordon Sylte & Susan Goodrich, Deanna Sylte Lucas & Bill Starr, Skippy Du Charme, Suzanne Du Charme, and Jim & Nicole Frens (Good Friends); Abbotswood Design Group (Over-the-Top Club); Panhandle State Bank (Summit Club); Westwood Saloon and The Rathdrum Star (Cedar Grove Club); NAPA Auto Parts, Stein's IGA, Lake City Lawn Care, Hometown Development Services, Chapman Law Office, Kroetch Land & Timber, and RockWood Insurance Agency (Spring Creek Club). These community-minded people deserve our thanks and patronage for helping us to preserve Rathdrum's most significant asset: The natural beauty of Rathdrum Mountain!

Please visit our website for details regarding membership levels and how you can join us: www.RathrumMountain.org.

Jim Ochenkoski
Secretary, Friends of Rathdrum Mountain