

Annual FRA Meeting Notes  
Monday, January 21, 2015

Call to order: 7:10 p.m.

Guest Speaker:

We had Paul Knowles, from the City of the Spokane Valley, as a guest speaker for our Annual Meeting. He gave a presentation on the Antoine Peak Project. This is an 1100 acre area, and they are to begin work on it in the Fall of 2015. The work is due to be done within a year and a half. There is only 1 park ranger covering 13,000 acres. There are 3 phases to this project. 350 acres went for approx. 1.35-2 million/acre. Several of the audience asked questions on how it would relate to having this conservation area so close to personal property and the ramifications along with that (i.e. trespassing on private property), etc.

One attendee, Gloria, brought up the fact that this Antione Peak Project is a part of a bigger plan, called the Wilderness Walkway, and that it is a government program designed to protect large wildlife, such as bears, elk, and wolves.

Holly Weiler then gave a small presentation on Washington Trails Association. She showed beautiful photos of Antoine Peak, and the view to Mt. Spokane, and asked for volunteers to help in blazing new trails and upkeep of such.

Mike Britton had the secretary read the minutes from last years board meeting, and the minutes were accepted unanimously.

Mike Britton talked about what the FRA does. He went over the events we hold, and a brief description of each event. He talked about how we replaced the light fixtures in the community center and the bulbs. He also mentioned the Zumba classes that were held in the community center. He told them how we recently replaced all the shades in the community center, and about the recent work done on the cottage that Holly rents., (lights/outlets, etc.)

He discussed the:

Easter Egg Hunt, Clean-up Day, Scholarship Committee, The Fun Run/Breakfast, the combined event with the church on Show N/ Shine, where the FRA does the Root Beer Floats. How we also host the chili feed at Halloween time and feed over 200 people. We serve approx. 27 gallons of chili. We also host a Christmas Party for the adults/children in the community. He talked about the nice newsletter we put out several times per year. He talked about the meetings for the marijuana proposals. He also talked about the INWC (Inland Northwest Wildlife Council) that collects road kill and that they supplied over 8,000 lbs. of meat to the Union Gospel Mission.

He also talked about the Website for the Bigelow Gulch/Forker Road project. Told everyone about our FRA Facebook page, and mentioned that we currently have 124 members to date.

Mike then went over the Treasurer's Report in Don Tucker's absence.

He also put in a “plug” for the youth in our community to get involved, as we are running out of leadership in this area.

New Business:

Election of Officers:

We went around the room, and everyone introduced themselves. We had quite a few new people.

Those elected were:

Mike Britton: President

Vice President: Dawn Kieg

Secretary: Karen Feyk

Treasurer: Don Tucker

Board members leaving: Marvin Moore, Roger Potter, Karen Feyk

New Board Members:

Leisha Conrad (1 Year)

Ali Knecht (2 yrs.)

Tommye Schwein (3 years)

Holly Weiler (3 years)

Next board meeting to be held on Monday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> . President Mike Britton will be out of town on our normally scheduled 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon. of the month.

The next board meetings to be held are as follows:

March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, no meetings in July/August, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14

Meeting was dismissed at 8:50 p.m.

Refreshments were served from the board members, snacks and dessert type items.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Knecht

Secretary