



Agriculture Discussion Group

ACTION ITEMS

Tuesday May 20th, 2008 5:00 pm

Members in Attendance:

- Cindy Shelford (EDO LEDA)
- Erin Martens (LEDA)
- Thomas Pfister (Regional District Area B)
- Christina
- Irene Elliot
- Herb Neville (Chair)

Meeting Commenced: 5:05 pm

1. Agenda - additions/deletions;	As discussed at the meeting, noted changes and additions have been made.
2. Corky Evans;	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• About two months ago Corky Evans office sent out an email expressing interest in visiting our community. LEDA has tried to contact the office on behalf of the group to take him up on his offer.• EDO provided the group with an email from Corky Evans office stating that his has spent the last four months visiting 22 communities.• We have had no response thus far – obviously our community wasn't included in the 22 community tour.• Group discussed and would like EDO to draft a letter regarding the groups' interest in knowing what communities, if there was any in the northern corridor, and their disappointment that the Lakes District wasn't one of them.• EDO to invite him up again.

<p>3. Grazing School;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EDO discussed an email she provided the group regarding a grazing school. Herb mentioned he has heard of this before. Someone will come to your farm and do an “audit” type of assessment of the grazing areas giving the farmer an idea of what they are doing right and what they are doing wrong, how they can make their grazing better, how to prolong the grazing session, etc. • Herb mentioned that he could get a hold of the Cattlemen’s to see if any of them would be interested.
<p>4. Letter regarding financial aid to farmers;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EDO received a letter relating to the letter sent on behalf of the Cattlemen’s Association for financial aid due to the recent winter damage. Thank you, but unfortunately there are no funds available for that area. It was suggested for the farmers to access their insurance to cover the damage. • EDO mentioned that LEDA’s proposal writer could be utilized to find grants/funds for new equipment/or upgrading existing machines – relating to the “community spirit” funds
<p>5. Bob Fowler: Range Land Study results;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Herb expressed that he would like EDO to contact Bob Fowler regarding the range land study done last summer. • Respond to Bob Fowler by writing a letter expressing the groups concern and the fact that they have been waiting for these results for a while.
<p>6. Shirley Hamblin;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Herb mentioned he wanted Shirley at this agriculture meeting. She was unavailable so Herb said he would contact her regarding the next agriculture meeting. • Shirley has information relating to the Arbitores (poultry docking house) in the area that could be useful to the Lakes District. This docking station is scheduled to be open for April 2009, however the sooner we show interest, the sooner we can get it to stop in Burns Lake. • Herb to contact Shirley for the next meeting.

EDO briefly discussed the idea for canceling the meetings until September. The Group agreed that it might be a good idea as everyone is getting busy. Herb mentioned that he would like to have one more meeting if he can contact Shirley. This way LEDA can brainstorm ways of getting interested people coming again, through advertising, promotions, word of mouth, etc.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:45 pm.

Next Meeting: June 17th, 2008 - 5pm. Tuesday (LEDA Office)

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