

FOOTHILLS RURAL ASSOCIATION

DATE:1/16/19		BOARD MEETING	x	ANNUAL MEETING	x = in attendance		
PRESIDENT		VICE PRESIDENT		SECRETARY		TREASURER	
X	Rich Krenkel	X		X	Karen Feyk	X	Mike Britton
BOARD MEMBERS							
X	Marc McIntosh	2018		X	Roger Potter	2019	Rental
X	Ashley Humbird	2018			Ali Knecht	2020	
	Jason Kinley	2019		X	Dawn Keig	2020	
COMMITTEE CHAIRS							
X	Tommye Schwerin	Membership		X	Steve Keig	Newsletter Editor	
X	Sherry Potter	Rental				X	Cheryl Britton
Members & Guest: 35 people were in attendance						X	Faye Krenkel
Minutes: 2018 Annual meeting minutes were printed out and left on tables.							
Presentation:							
<p>Mike introduced Keith Kirsch from the Washington Dept of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) Karelian Bear Dog Program (KBD). WDFW's Karelian Bear Dog Program was established to resolve conflicts between humans and cougar/bear in a non-lethal manner. In addition to tracking and assisting in hard releases, they can also detect evidence. The breed Karelian started in Finland. Keith dog, Jax, came from Wind River Bear Institute. Keith had a video presentation that explained many facts about the program, but Jax stole the show when he came into the room. He was very handsome, lovable dog and enjoyed all the attention from the adults and children. He was the hit of the party.</p> <p>This is a budget neutral program, no funds are paid from the WDFW agency budget for these working dogs. All funds are generated from outside donations. The FRA donated \$100 to the program. The public may donate to the Karelian Bear Dog Program, by sending check or money order to:</p> <p>WDFW – KBD Fund 16018 Mill Creek Blvd Mill Creek WA 98012 https://wdfw.wa.gov/enforcement/kbd/ https://windrivertailsandtrails.com/</p>							
<p>President Rich reviewed up coming FRA events. Treasurer Mike reports 2018 ending balance of \$15,204.80. 86 paid members as of 1/14/19. Income exceeds expenses.</p>							
Elections:							
<p>Sherry Potter ran elections. All officers and board vacancy nominees were unopposed and won by acclamation.</p> <p>President: Rich Krenkel Vice President: Holly Weiler Treasurer: Mike Britton Secretary: Karen Feyk Board Member: Rill Moore (2 year term thru 2020 to fill vacancy left by Ali Knecht) Board Member: 3 year term thru 2021</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Steve Keig 2. Marc McIntosh 							
Meeting was Adjourned.				Respectfully Submitted by Karen Feyk			