

**Minutes of the 2013 FOLBR Annual Meeting
June 29, 2013**

The 2013 Annual Meeting of FOLBR was held on June 29 at the Blue Valley Ranch located south of Kremmling. Marty Richardson, FOLBR Executive Director, opened the meeting by introducing Sam Kirk, President of FOLBR.

Sam Kirk called the meeting to order.

It was moved that the minutes of the 2012 annual meeting be accepted. The motion was seconded, and the minutes were accepted.

It was moved that the treasurer's report be accepted. The motion was seconded and the report was accepted.

Sam Kirk read the mission statement of the FOLBR organization, which had been reviewed and refined at a planning retreat of the Board of Directors held in January of this year. At the same retreat, the Board developed four central goals that will provide direction and focus for FOLBR in the coming years.

1. Sam discussed the goal of addressing Water Concerns, which includes promoting understanding of how water affects the Lower Blue through education and community events. In turn, this will promote preparedness for future conditions and events.

2. John LeCoq briefly discussed the goal of Sustaining and Protecting the rural/agricultural character of the Lower Blue River through promoting awareness and preservation of its resources. In addressing this goal, members would seek to work in collaboration with the Colorado Cattleman's Agricultural Land Trust. Chris West, Executive Director of the Association is a guest speaker at this event.

3. Sam spoke about the third focus of Weed Control. He described the current program, which has been instituted in the Pebble Creek community as an ongoing program.

4. The fourth subject being addressed by FOLBR is "Safety," which encompasses cell phone service, fire safety and the Highway 9 Safety project.

John Hillman briefly discussed the longstanding, ongoing efforts to locate a cell phone service tower in the valley to serve homes and visitors in the valley. At the time of the meeting, discussions remained underway concerning a suitable location.

Howard Hallman addressed efforts being made in fire mitigation. John Hillman addressed the "no man's land" of fire protection and presented information concerning an individual homeowner's ability to apply for inclusion in the Lake Dillon Protection District. Procedures and Application forms were distributed.

It was announced that there would be a seminar on wildfire preparedness on July 15th at the Heeney Firehouse. Sam also mentioned the establishment of the livestock preparedness project which addresses the concerns of livestock owners in the valley in case of a fire. The project was sponsored by FOLBR.

Perry Handyside gave an overview of the Highway 9 Safety project. He emphasized the extraordinary collaboration of counties, towns, interested organizations and individuals in raising sufficient funds for the project in order to be considered to receive matching funds. This collaboration had very favorably positioned the project in its application for receiving the necessary funding and be potentially selected under the RAMP program to proceed.

The names of current Board Members willing to serve on the board for an additional year were read. Nominations from the floor were called for. Lynn Amstuz nominated Bob and/or Sharon Sweet. The Board was elected by proclamation, including current Board Members who are willing to serve another year along with Bob and/or Sharon Sweet.

Sam Kirk and the Board of Directors wished to acknowledge Priscilla Ledbury, departing board member and Secretary, for her years of work and dedication, and for her many contributions to the community through the FOLBR organization.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and carried.