



# NEWSLETTER

Summer 2016

Production, education and marketing of quality roundwood products

## President's Message

This time of year we are nearing the end of another busy summer season. Orders are still going out the door and inventories, if you had any, have been totally decimated. The last push towards the crisp mornings of fall and a more sane pace are within sight and it reminds me that a sane pace is often needed long before one is granted.

We have all felt the burn of summer and the pull of MORE. And while more is what grows a business or builds more accounts it is also what leads to more of the chaos we see around us on a daily basis. Simply being too busy takes us away from what really matters and leaves us with a feeling of entitlement. I don't know why when we get busy that we often feel more important and worth more. I guess the rat race is only won when we feel that we are important and verified because we are simply busy. It is hard to remember that busyness is not the goal.

It is my hope that you have taken the time for what really matters and if you haven't that the wait won't be much longer. Achievement is better when it is realized from a slight distance. Far enough away to feel some quiet and to appreciate what your hard work has provided.

Take some time to focus on the real reasons you work. I only need to open the door at home to be reminded of why I work. A look around at my family reminds me that they are the reason, and every summer we enjoy time at the lake, a few baseball games and all the memories fuel me and keep me humble and appreciative for the blessings of enduring the insanity.

While we can't avoid the chaos around us we can choose not to be consumed and to remain true to the person we are and above the entitlement that society bestows upon the busy.



I sincerely hope that you find the time to feel the breeze, a tug on the fishing line, a back road drive or ride and that you enjoy it all with those nearest and dearest to you. I have said before that business isn't posts, it's people. And I realize more than ever that life isn't being busy it's enjoying provision and those that you love to provide for. That list of orders will be there when you get back...I don't know if that's good or bad news!

God Bless,

—Steve Tyser, President

June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**In attendance:**

Directors Ronda Taggart, Steve Tyser, Caleb Gardner, Christian Pfendler, Rock Reman, Clint Weis, Mark Blattie and Executive Administrator Karen Kovatch

**Minutes:**

Minutes from last meeting were lost.

**Treasurer Report:**

\$11,923.48

Approximate Annual Meeting Costs:

Coolers - \$900.00

Hilton - \$1,495.73

Total Costs: \$2,395.73

Motion to approve Treasurer Report by Mark, seconded by Clint.

**Old Business:**

We had 30-35 people at the meeting. Our normal average is about 50 people.

This may have been due the fact that it was on Good Friday. This was not a good time for some. We do have a person from Canada looking to join.

**Scholarship Feedback:**

Marketed it in the Newsletter. The Scholarship does not have to be used for timber based education. Rock made a motion and Caleb second it to postpone the scholarship for 2017.

**New Business:**

Alternatives to scholarship. Support groups who advocate for timber, donations to charities. Steve to compile a list for fall meeting.

**Fall Meeting:**

Possible Date: 10/3/2016

Place: Lead, South Dakota

Dinner on Sunday, Meeting on Monday

## Fall Director's Meeting



*Black Stone Lodge in Lead, SD*

The fall meeting is scheduled for Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016 in Lead, SD at Black Stone Lodge. Director Rock Reman has also lined up a tour through the Homestake Visitors Center after the meeting on Monday. Plan to meet in the lounge Sunday evening at Blackstone prior to dinner at the Homestake Chop House. Everyone is welcome!



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# Roaring Lion Fire

The Bitterroot Valley and Porterbilt Company, Inc. were once again inundated with smoke as yet another fire blew up this summer. Former IRA Director, Ron Porter is on a citizen-based Bitterroot Forest Restoration Committee (BRC). According to an article in the Missoulian, the BRC identified the areas in “dire need of fuel reduction” four years ago.



*Photo courtesy of Ronda Taggart*



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Sixteen homes were lost and almost 50 outbuildings were burnt. As two of these photos submitted by Director Ronda Taggart show, the fire was just out the back door of the Porterbilt postyard. The Porter family would sure rather run the wood from these trees than breathe the smoke all summer once again.

Yet on July 31<sup>st</sup> the Roaring Lion Fire blew up in an area which had get to be treated. There is an amazing video which made its way around social media showing the progression in time lapse. It's worth viewing on YouTube and it reminds us the sober reality of just how unstoppable fire really is.



*Roaring Lion viewed from the South on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Photo by Karen Kovatch*

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## Meetings

Members are encouraged to participate in the quarterly director meetings throughout the year as well as our annual meeting tentatively scheduled for March 2017. The next Board meeting is **Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016** in Lead, SD. The board conducts four meetings, usually two teleconference meetings and two physical meetings each year. Members are welcome to raise concerns and contact directors with specific issues and any questions. All members are welcome and encouraged to participate. Contact President, Steve Tyser for more information.

## Advertising

Business Directory Ads:  
Contact Karen Kovatch (406) 677-2932 or [info@roundwoodassociation.org](mailto:info@roundwoodassociation.org)

## IRA Websites

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## New Members

Our organization is a nonprofit corporation representing the economic, educational, and social interests of roundwood producers. Anyone engaged in or interested in the harvesting, manufacturing, or marketing of small roundwood and associated products is eligible for membership in our organization.

Our association has been working for a consistent and stable supply of raw materials; presenting a united voice to government agencies and congressional delegations on those issues facing our association; working with government agencies

on hazardous waste disposal alternatives; working to find State and Federal loan opportunities for small businesses; locating new out of region markets for members products; providing information on State and Federal Regulations; distributing a quarterly newsletter with pertinent information; providing advice to members in their dealings with governmental regulatory and land management agencies; and educating the public on the need to thin timber stands to provide a healthy environment and prevent stand-destroying fires.

## 2016 IRA Membership Application Form

Please return this information and \$100 payment (Sorry, we do not take credit cards) to:

**Intermountain Roundwood Association**  
**Ronda Taggart, Treasurer**  
**1727 Highway 93 South**  
**Hamilton, MT 59840**

Name of Business or Organization:

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Contact person:

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Additional contact and services information for receiving newsletter and for your personal IRA web page.

- New member:** Complete remainder of this form.
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