



NEWSLETTER

Winter 2016

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President's Message

I write this president's message to you with a heavy heart. I have been very depressed for the last few days...having only gotten one number out of seven power ball tickets I let the 1.5 billion jackpot slip away. Many of you know that I am a very optimistic individual...why else would I still own a post and pole business? But this is especially hard to take.

I hear the judgment! The lottery is foolishness you say. What a waste of time and money! And your business mind says there is no chance at a return on your investment. Well I will accept your criticism as long as you back it up with good decisions on how you spend your time and money. So...I expect to see YOU at the annual meeting! I can't think of any decision that will lead to a better return on your investment than attending the annual meeting. The board has worked to bring you a more diversified meeting, a healthy mix of the staple diet with some new ideas thrown in to keep things interesting.



Silly Steve,

everyone knows money grows on trees!

I am confident that the money spent on rooms, gas and sustenance will be recouped with the information you receive from speakers and vendors. Now for those of you who bring spouses that shop during the meeting I suggest you sharpen your pencil (you know who you are) and for those of you who bring empty growlers to fill at the local breweries I suggest a more intense calculation as well. I know all parties are just doing your part to support the local economy, Missoula thanks you!

In my defense I really played the lottery for entertainment and enjoyment. Deciding how the government would spend half of my winnings kept me awake for several nights leading up to the drawing. Dreaming of how they would spend it kept me up for significantly fewer nights than if I were to think of how I would spend my half. They are simply more practiced at spending my money than I am anyway.

So in all I spent roughly twenty bucks and seriously enjoyed day dreaming of what to do with the money. After my selfish instincts were satisfied I thought of the folks around me and the good that could be done from sharing it with others...after all life is about people. And let's be real, people is why we go to the IRA meeting every year. I look forward to seeing you all, safe travels.

—Steve Tyser, President

Rooms & Dues

Online room discount code for 2016 at the Hilton Garden Inn is **IRA03**. Mail dues and meeting registration to:

Ronda Taggart, Treasurer
1727 Highway 93 South
Hamilton, MT 59840

IRA Directors Meeting

December 3rd 2016 IRA Minutes
Conference Call

Present Board Members: Steve Tyser, Jody Parker,
Ronda Taggart, Rock Reman, Christian Pfendler and
Executive Administrator Karen Kovatch

Absent Board Members: Mark Blattie and Dave
Archer

Meeting called to order 9:00 AM

Approval of previous minutes: Motion by Rock
Reman and second by Jody Parker.

Treasurers report by Ronda Taggart
First Interstate Checking: \$10,573.87

OLD BUSINESS

Karen has the logistics all taken care of for the
meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn in
Missoula...Contract and room block.

Speakers will be contacted and sent speaker forms.

NEW BUSINESS

Probable venue change for the Thursday social.
Scholarships will be reevaluated after the annual
meeting depending on interest this year...motion
was made and approved to change who is eligible
for the scholarship. The scholarship will be
broadened to include all family members of IRA
members not just dependents. January 15th board
directors will e-mail updates on progress regarding
the annual meeting

Meeting adjourned 8:55

—Steve Tyser

Correction



Steve Tyser has requested a correction to the above photo published in the Winter newsletter. Apparently, he has already lapped the pigs and was actually in FIRST place in the photo above. The IRA regrets the error.

Director Position Available

Director, Jody Parker is at the end of his second three year term. Rock Reman is up for reelection. Contact any director to throw your hat in the ring. You will not be required to race pigs or any other barn animals.

Sponsors

Check the box on the Dues & Registration form for Sponsor and contact Steve Tyser with your information if you or your company would like to sponsor the meeting social, breaks or lunch. This is a great opportunity to promote products and services.

IRA Members: Please post!

Students: Request your electronic form by emailing
info@roundwoodassociation.org

28th Annual IRA Meeting

Guns and Knives

This year Director, Rock Reman has invited a couple of speakers who are not the customary IRA line up. Outfitting meeting participants with knives and putting on a mini boot camp is guaranteed to liven up this year's meeting!

The first speaker filled out the form and under the heading of: "We will provide a screen, podium, microphone, table and laptop with projector." he answered, "I will bring some hand lenses, razor blades, specimen blocks and band-aids."

The second speaker promised to get us on our feet during "team building" challenges. According to this speaker, "standing, walking, light lifting, and having fun are required." When Rock forwarded the speaker information he said, "I hope everyone has a good time!"

Brace yourselves for some species identification and motivation!



☺ Book your rooms by March 2nd 2016!

12th Annual Social

This year the 2016 Social will take place the night before the Annual meeting on Thursday, March 24th at a NEW LOCATION!

We will be meeting at **Missoula Brewing Company**, 200 International Drive. According to the website the makers of Highlander beer offer a comfortable tap room. "Sitting between the tall stainless steel tanks of our brewery on one side, and the flowing waters of Grant Creek on the other side, you will find the MBC Tap Room. The Tap Room features 2,000 square feet dedicated to providing a comfortable environment to enjoy a glass of Highlander, along with slice of artisan pizza and a salad."



Missoula Brewing Co is a two minute drive from the Hilton or an 8 minute walk. Make your way over for a casual night and look for the well behaved IRA bunch and enter to win for the first door prize drawing of the annual meeting.

Vendors

Remember your favorite Vendors will be on hand at the Annual meeting. **Missoula Saws Inc.** has already committed to a table. Check the box on your Dues & Registration form to secure your table today. Questions: Contact Karen Kovatch at info@roundwoodassociation.org

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Membership Information

Meetings

Members are encouraged to participate in the quarterly director meetings throughout the year as well as our next annual meeting scheduled for March 25th 2016.

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.

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Contact Karen Kovatch (406) 677-2932 or
info@roundwoodassociation.org

IRA Websites

Log on at:

www.intermountainroundwood.org

www.facebook.com/RoundwoodAssociation

Email: info@roundwoodassociation.org

New Members

Thank you for inquiring about the Intermountain Roundwood Association.

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.

IRA Board of Directors

Steve Tyser, President	(307) 742-6992	lodgepole@wyoming.com
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Newsletter, Advertisements & IRA Website

Karen Kovatch, Editor	(406) 677-2932	info@roundwoodassociation.org
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2016 IRA Membership Application Form



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



Intermountain Roundwood Association

Treasurer Ronda Taggart, 1727 Highway 93 South, Hamilton, MT 59840

1
Name of Business or Organization: _____

Contact person: _____

☛ This is how your membership will be listed on the back of the newsletter and on the IRA website.

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

Like our Business or Organization on the IRA Facebook page.

New member: Complete remainder of this form. Current Member: Make changes as noted.

Current Member: No changes this year. **Stop here, as tempting as it might be; do not check any more boxes!** ☺

2
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Fax: _____ Toll Free: [Optional] (____) _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

DESCRIPTION OF COMPANY for your page on the IRA website.

Email to info@roundwoodassociation.org, limited to 150 words. Remember to also attach one photo or logo image to accompany your business or organization description.

PRODUCT & MEMBER LOCATOR CATEGORIES

Please check boxes below for all products you sell and processes which apply to your operation. This information will be used in the **Product/Member Locator** feature on the website. Call (406) 677-2300 or log on to our website www.intermountainroundwood.org/printableProducts.jsp for product description definitions.

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- Gates

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Photo courtesy of Hunts Timbers. Post drying with snow covered Mission Mountains in the background.