

Minutes
Kimberley Nature Park Society Board Meeting
December 20, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by President John Henly

Present: John Henly, Laura Duncan, Frank O'Grady, Graeme Donaldson, Jean Terlesky, and Gary Hicks

Regrets: Ingrid Musser Okholm, Jen McConnachie, Laura McKenzie, Kevin O'Neill, Heather van der Hoop, Dave Hale, and Mitch Tom

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Board members who were able to attend introduced themselves to the group. As there was a quorum, they decided to take the opportunity to discuss some business.

2. General Discussion

- John shared his general approach as the new President. He wants to raise the level of communication and awareness of the Park to the community, emphasizing the three principles of Conservation, Education and Recreation.
- Laura specifically pointed out that our goal as a society will be to promote and encourage dialog with the membership, as well as active Board participation and dialogue.
- John gave a bit of history of the Park, emphasizing the principles and mission of the Park, and encouraged all of the Board Members to read the KNPS Management Plan and last year's Meeting Minutes to familiarize themselves with the Plan (both on the [KNPS website](#)), and wants to have better communication and awareness-raising with the City, as well as better coordination and collaboration with KTS.

3. Specific Discussion

- Ride Theory issue: Laura pointed out that the Licence of Occupation (LOO) for the Nature Park is different from the LOO of Bootleg, Lois Creek, Cranbrook Community Forest, which are all under RecSitesBC. However, the KNP LOO is held by the City of Kimberley under Lands BC. We discussed the Ride Theory situation and two decisions were made:
 - **Action item:** Frank will contact and discuss informally our experience with the Ride Theory process with our MLA Doug Clovechok and share with the Board the points of his discussion, and any actions that might be recommended.
 - **Action item:** Jean will contact Christine Ma of RideTheory to have an informal discussion and share with the Board her conversation.
 - As discussed and agreed, the purpose of these actions is to establish informal lines of communication with these stakeholders, so we as a society might have further formal discussions.
- City Representative: **Action item:** John will contact Sandra Roberts, our 2022 City Representative as an introduction and next steps for our continued liaison with the City.

4. Next Meeting: Jan. 26, 2022, at 7pm via Zoom. It and the February and March board meetings will be online because John is out of the country.

Meeting adjourned at 8 pm.