

Kimberley Nature Park Society
Monthly Meeting Minutes - April 25 2019

Present: Kent Goodwin, Ingrid Musser, Marty Musser, Chris Ferguson, Frank O'Grady, Cliff Erven, Rod Chapman, Naomi Humenny, Gary Hicks, Lorraine Zerafa, Ryan McKenzie, Peter McConnachie, Laura Duncan.

1. Introduction and Confirm Agenda.

Motion to approve: Peter McConnachie, 2nd Cliff Erven, carried.

2. Minutes of last meeting

Printed copies were circulated. Also, Kent mentioned they are on the KNPS website. Motion to approve; Gary Hicks, 2nd Ingrid Musser, carried.

3. Financial Report - Presented by Ingrid Musser Motion to accept:
Ingrid Musser, 2nd Peter McConnachie

4. Kent asked if anybody present was willing to act as secretary until AGM. No volunteer. Frank O'Grady agreed to take minutes for April meeting (in progress). This belongs in unfinished business but introduced early to get a volunteer for tonight's meeting.

5. Correspondence/Communications – Kent received an email from Meagan Rose concerning the use of KNP trails for an Enduro race in July. When she has decided the actual trails required, she will contact KNP for a decision.

Lindsey Merkel contacted Kent concerning a memorial bench on Sunflower Hill. When she has decided the exact location and if it is in KNP or Forest Crown KNP will proceed with the request accordingly.

6. Unfinished Business – Archive Project Update

An update by Rod Chapman was circulated. Rod will pick up files in Nelson on May 8, 2019. Rod has an invoice from Archivist, Ingrid will give Rod a cheque to take with him.

7. Committee Reports

Trail Guide – No report

Membership – Gary, almost the same as last month. One new member.

Natural History – A Barred Owl was observed in the park near the Higgins street entrance on a Natural History hike on March 31. Laura reported two mergansers in Eimer's Lake, the first time ever reported there. There are a lot of spring blossoms in the park.

Kent reported that he and others examined an area below Shapeshifter that is part of city fuel treatment plan for 2019. There is seepage in the area resulting in different vegetation species than in the immediate surrounding area (which is drier). Further examinations will be conducted.

Trails – There is a plan being discussed to make a connection between the Bootleg trail network and the KNP trail network.

This could result in the Great Trail (formerly the Trans Canada Trail) being rerouted from its present route which goes to the Camp Ground and follows the road to Grey Creek Pass to a point where it joins the road 2 or 3 kilometer further west, hence there will be some of the black top section of the Great Trail bypassed.

Trail Work Priorities – Chris, working off a report by Ryan McKenzie, identified five trail work priorities for 2019.

- Romantic Ridge Hillside trail area.
- Talus Trail (HBV)
- Some modifications on the Shapeshifter
- Some modifications on Burnt Trail
- A low spot containing mud on Skid Road will require filling with rocks.

Chain Saw Work Party - scheduled for May 11, 2019. Ryan discussed the Chain Saw Work party; he hopes to have 27 volunteers forming 9 parties of 3 persons each consisting of 2 brush throwers and one chain saw operator. The duration of the work will be from 9 AM to approximately 1 PM.

Gravel Pit Clean Up. This project was initially assigned to Frank. Some person(s) have been cleaning up the garbage etc. from the gravel pit area and moving it to the road. This work has been done anonymously. Frank will monitor this project.

Blog. The Events Schedule will be posted on the website in the near future.

Horse Barn Valley. The new maps for the kiosks are ready. John Henly will be looking for volunteers to help him with installation during the week of April 29.

Unauthorized Trail building. An unauthorized trail was encountered on the slope below the Southwest Passage view point. Some members put the trails to bed. The area will be checked in the near future to ascertain there is no further activity. There has been some unauthorized rock climbing (mountaineering) anchors installed in Tora Bora. This area will be examined for flora and fauna and determined if it is a suitable area for rock climbing.

Events. A draft copy, assembled by Suzanne McAllister and Irma de Visser, was circulated. Some members volunteered to put them up in strategic locations in Kimberley and Cranbrook.

Grant Writing. The Teck/Great Trail Fund is accepting applications for funds they have designated for improvements to the Great Trail (TCT). The split is 35% Teck Funds and 65% from the applicant. There is no plan to pursue this at the present time.

Interface Fire/Pine Beetle/Restoration – Last year's program is continuing with some burning taking place. The City applied for a \$1,800,000 grant to the ministry but it was considered too ambitious. They will reapply for \$800,000.

Management Plan Update – There was a discussion on the management plan update. There were no objections from the directors. There was some discussion on furthering the education concept of the Recreation/Education/Conservation aspect of the document. There was a discussion on the future of E-bikes in the park. Other similar parks are limiting them to the models that requires pedals in addition to an electric motor. The updated

management plan will be put up for public input. A motion for this was made by Cliff Erven 2nd by Lorraine Zerafa, carried.

- 8. New Business.** Laura discussed the danger to pets of the plant water hemlock. There is some on (near) Talus trail.
- 9. New Business.** Kent mentioned succession planning for the president position.
- 10. Interesting Sightings.** Laura mentioned the Mergansers. Kent mentioned the rare Mountain Lady Slippers.
- 11. Next Meeting. Thursday May 30, 2019, McKim School.**