

**KIMBERLEY NATURE PARK SOCIETY**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**April 27, 2017**

Attendance: Paul Paronetto, Cliff Erven, Naomi Hummeny, John Allen, Gary Hicks, Chris Ferguson, Peter McConnachie, Ingrid Musser, Kent Goodwin, Ghislain Avoine, Lise Carignan, Lou Bedard, Frank O'Grady, Struan Robertson, Rob McInnis, Nigel Kitto, Marty Musser  
Regrets: Suzanne McAllister

Motion to accept the agenda moved by Chris Ferguson, seconded by Cliff Erven. Carried

Motion to accept the minutes moved by Rod Chapman, seconded by Peter McConnachie. Carried

### **Correspondence**

Kootenay Free Wheeler cycling club donated \$500. to go towards trail maintenance.

### **Financial Report**

Motion to accept the financial report, moved by Peter McConnachie, seconded by Struan Roberson, Carried

**Unfinished business** - none

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Guide Sales** – no report

- people have been asking where they can purchase the maps
- a list of locations is on our web site and our kiosks in the park.

### **Membership**

- 298 members
- 164 life members
- 18 people on the email list

### **Natural History Committee**

- Did a flowers walk on Sunflower Hill, was well attended.

### **Trails**

Trail Maintenance & upgrading

- had some discussion with the committee, identified the priorities
  - Extend the trail Patterson ridge to Sidecut trail
  - Eimer's lake to Eimer's ridge trail, make it walking only. Figure out a way to discourage mountain bikers on this trail. Signage, stairs.
  - Loop trail – new trail on the Tora Bora loop. KTS will maintain this portion of the trail.
- Trail signage upgrade – will do when roads are firm and dry. In the meantime when you see a misplaced sign, damaged or missing sign please report to the trail committee.
- Directional signage – some members see a need for signage directing people to exits and kiosks.

- When the KNP started putting up signs they decided they would only go as far as trail names at each intersection.
- Putting up directional signage would be more than 100 signs, large and costly undertaking.
- Rather than put up directional signage we could put a sign at the major entrances to the park suggesting new guests of the park should have a map, identifying where the kiosks are and suggesting being prepared when in the park i.e.: head lamp.
- If we decide to proceed with another level of signage we would need a committee to move ahead with directional signage.
- Lou Bedard, Jon Allen, Ghislain Avoine and Paul Paronetto agreed to meet as a committee to review this idea and come to the next meeting with their suggestions.
- Our partnership with KTS regarding trail maintenance is not dead, it is on hold – we will proceed with more discussion to have a more unified effort on trail management.
- Any trail problems, water issues etc. – let Chris know.
- Car Body near Jimmy Russel road
  - Lou, Pete and Nigel will get it removed
- Eimer's Road culvert layout
  - we have a grant application to help fund this project with the CBT/RDEK community grant, will know in the next few weeks if we are successful
  - In preparation we need to measure and draw the location of the proposed culverts and identify where the seeps are. - John, Rob and Kent will do this.
  - Issue with the grant because the name of the trail is Eimer's road, had to resubmit with the name Eimer's trail. Will not give grants to update roads.
- E-Bikes – Electrically assisted motorized bikes
  - eventually we will have to decide if we will allow these in the park
  - We have signage that says no motorized vehicles
  - Rails to trails also has no motorized vehicles, but allows these bikes as long as they have pedals, no pedals cannot go on rails to trails.
  - If anyone sees other communities dealing with this, please make note and bring forward to the KNPS directors.

## **Newsletter**

- working on spring addition
- will include spring/summer/fall events.

## **Horse Barn Valley**

- Trail Forks does not have the Talus trail on it.
- The signage for the Tora Bora loop is ordered, Recreation Sites and Trails BC is paying for this signage.

## **Events**

- Event schedule finalized, draft passed around. Approximately 2 events per month.
  - Final copy will be sent out with the newsletter and on the web site.
- Creation of a rack card
  - would have KNPS on one side and event schedule on the other.
  - to put in tourism sites
  - Kent spoke with Tourism Kimberley and they would love to have them, said they could get us a deal on printing prices.

- Lise Carignan offered to help with the layout and design
- Black Spur request to move their event from August to June
  - Foot race, not as much impact
  - Round the mountain is in June as is Wasa triathlon, will be spreading volunteers thin.
  - June is not a good time to showcase the park
  - Kent will get back to the organizers and tell them that June is not good for us.
- Grade 6 tours
  - Ruth Goodwin will step down as lead for this program, looking for a new lead. Kent will ask the natural history committee if anyone would be interested
  - Chris will speak with the grade 6 teachers to see if they are still interested in this program.
  - Tours are usually in early June
  - If going forward Pete McConnachie would be available Mondays to help. Various others indicated a willingness to assist.

Grant Writing – CBT/RDEK community grant – Rob McInnis did a 2 minute presentation for this grant.

### Interface fire and Pine Beetle Restoration

- We will be having fuel treatment work in the park, this is hand treatment
  - Swan entrance around the gravel pit
  - Duck pond to Eimer's lake and around the lake.
  - 10 companies bid, good chance someone was picked.
  - There is a concern with nesting birds so the work may not get started until August
- The prescribed burn above Levirs was cancelled
- Past areas that were logged then mulched should be monitored to see how things are growing.

### Web page and Video

- Launched the new web page – report attached
  - we only have 1 related link to Tourism Kimberley
- Video project
  - winter shooting is done
  - will be interviewing quite a few people
  - will be coming to our next monthly meeting to film

### New Business

- **Involving the City more in park projects**
  - We have managed the park and is now a great asset to the City
  - Would the City consider helping with larger projects 'in kind'.
  - We need to be careful how much the City is involved, identify projects where we could possibly use their help.
  - Continue to apply for grants for major projects.
  - Kent will set up a meeting with the new fire chief, talk about expectations for the park from the fire department.
  - Fire department gets funding, possibly a % of that funding could come towards the park to help maintain roads for fire fighting access.

### Interesting sightings

- water levels, water is high, Duck pond island is under water
- New lake beyond Kiever way
- Flowers out on Sunflower hill

Adjourned 8:25pm

**Next meeting – Thursday May 25, 2017  
McKim Middle School**