

KIMBERLEY NATURE PARK SOCIETY
Monthly Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2018

Attendance: Gary Hicks, Ingrid Musser, Kent Goodwin, Lou Bedard, Rod Chapman, Paul Paronetto, Cliff Erven, Marty Musser, Naomi Humenny, Peter McConnachie, Frank O'Grady, John Henly
Regrets: Suzanne McAllister, Rob McInnis, Nigel Kitto

Motion to accept the agenda moved by Cliff Erven, seconded by Peter McConnachie. Carried

Motion to accept the minutes moved by Rod Chapman, seconded by Naomi Humenny. Carried

Correspondence

Email - Kimberley Trails Society (KTS) re: trails mgmt/event policy – attached. Suggestions in the email were reviewed by an adhoc committee composed of John Henly, Naomi Humenny and Kent Goodwin.

Kent moved that Naomi Humenny and Peter McConnachie act as KNPS representatives at the KTS meetings. John seconded. Carried

Kimberley Trails Network Maintenance Master Plan KNPS/KTS - attached

5 step plan

1. Establish a Trail rating and Designation system
2. List top concerns, resources, references related to facilitate the creation of standardized trails
3. Standardized event approval processes
4. Trail Manager job description
5. Improve public awareness, outreach and ownership of trails, environment, watershed and related maintenance.
 - Kent is in favor of the Maintenance Master Plan
 - Hired person would be the contact person for races, events on trails
 - Work together on trail maintenance and education about trails.
 - Wage budget 60K, rest in kind.
 - Review the plan annually
 - Kent will respond to Brett Price that the KNPS is in favor of the plan but would like to have it reviewed annually.

Organized events in the park – see attached Appendix F

- Change deadlines in our policy for a quicker turn around.
- Still events have to meet the approval process.
- The event will not be publicly advertised until it is approved by the KNPS.
- remuneration for events – legally we cannot get remuneration for events, could get \$ towards restoring trails.
- We would inspect trails before and after event, assign a person to do this.

John moved to adopt the changes in the KNPS policy (Appendix F of the Park Management Plan), Marty second. Carried

- Kent will submit the Appendix F to the City planner as a revision of the Management plan.

Financial Report

Motion to accept the financial report, moved by Gary Hicks, seconded by Peter McConnachie, Carried

- web page, video creation line will be gone after 1 year.
- Will be adding to the internally restricted, New trail guide/kiosk maps and Archive project.
- Interface fire money is set aside in case we need to hire a consultant.

Unfinished business

KNPS Archives project

- Collecting all the data, organizing into boxes
- Sort Chronologically into categories, hand over to digitize
- Will end up on 2 hard drives (approx.. \$1,000. per), some hard copies of signed documents will be in storage box.
- Working with Kimberley Museum and contract archivist and applying for a grant from CBT, deadline March 9/18
- Stored at Kimberley Museum
- We got a letter of support from the Kimberley Heritage Museum
- Archive every 5 years.
- Putting our own money with many volunteer hours gives a show of faith.
- We wouldn't spend the money if we didn't get the grant.

Rod Chapman moved that we allocate \$2,500. to the Archives project budget, Peter McConnachie seconded. Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Guide Sales

- No update

Kimberley Nature Park Trail Guide proposed changes to Fifth edition - attached

- Cliff, Rod, Frank and Kent on Trail Guide Update committee
- Will have same sized map, scale same size. For Kiosks Kent will look at trail maps on rails to trails.
- Aiming for publication in June
- Will sell for \$5., will recoup \$7,500. on order of 1,500
- Will apply for grants from: CBT, KAR summit fund, Kootenay Savings, MEC total \$11,000. in asks.

Rod Chapman moved that KNPS allocate \$3,000. towards the Trail Guide fifth edition, Gary Hicks seconded. Carried

Map side changes

- Inset changes
- Add new trails
- Redo shading to make KNP pop out, bold borders around shading
- fade contour lines
- label entrances with names

- Redo list of suggested loops, limit to 5 loops
- Redo legend
- experiment with difficulty of trails/loops
- Clearly label parking lots and roads that access park.
- Remove North Star Mountain label
- Label Kimberley Alpine Resort plaza
- Remove dotted lines depicting city boundaries and old claims
- Compare KNPS map with trail forks and resolve any differences.

Text side possible changes

- pictures will change
- Cover of map will be a pine martin in a tree
- Webpage link more prominent
- Sales, what we have for sale – t-shirts, hats etc...
- put the date of the update of the map on the front

John Henly moved that we call the new trail below Trickle Creek Golf course, Trickledown Trail. Lou Bedard seconded. Carried

Membership

- 4 more members transitioned to life time
- email list keeps getting bigger

Natural History

- Eimer's lake nutrient data sent to Ministry of Environment this week.

Trails

trail projects

- Eimer's Ridge connector and Trickle Down need to be completed
- Will need to talk about projects at the next meeting.

Horse Barn Valley

- Drafting a template and work plan for HBV of what needs to be worked on.

Blog

- Kent will write an article about our monthly meeting
- Asking for volunteers on the Blog is not a good place, best to send out an email to members.

Events

- 55+ summer games coming to Kimberley/Cranbrook. Mountain bike race in the park – Nigel Kito the contact. Sept 11 – 15/ 2018
- Expecting up to 30 participants in the mountain bike race
- We should get publicity from this event

Peter McConnachie moved that we support the 55+ games in the KNP, Naomi Humenny

seconded. Carried.

- Guided walks, events schedule. We need a committee to plan the hikes and find leaders.
- Next meeting, we will recruit for an Events committee.
- In the past we published the events schedule in the Newsletter, on the rack cards, blog, face book and sent out to members via email.

Grant Writing

- Trial Guide and Kiosk grant application.
- Archive project

Interface Fire

- Fuel treatment crew is currently building slash piles near Eimer's Lake.

Interesting sightings

- Moose between Marysville and Kimberley

Adjourned 8:40 pm

Next meeting – Thursday March 29, 2018 - Blarchmont School 7pm