

Minutes
Kimberley Nature Park Society Board Meeting
April 28, 2022

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

Present: John Henly, Cliff Erven, Sandra Roberts, Ingrid Musser Okholm, Gary Hicks, Heather van der Hoop, Dave Hale, and Ryan McKenzie

Regrets: Naomi Humenny, Frank O'Grady, Laura Duncan, Susanne Baldwin, Liz Royer, Matt Thompson, Rand Davis, and Mitch Tom

1. Introductions and confirm agenda

Motion to approve: carried

2. Minutes of last meeting

Motion to approve: carried

3. Delegations: none

4. Correspondence/Communications:

- iNaturalist City Nature Challenge (CNC) BioBlitz happened in the East Kootenays from April 29-May 2. Naomi forwarded to the Board in case anyone was interested in participating
- Action Item: John will check with Naomi about whether she sent a letter of support to Singletrack 6
 - Naomi confirmed that she signed and sent the letter

5. Financial report: Ingrid reported \$240 in donations, \$1,500 in grants (for the Natural History committee's cameras), and \$80 in membership fees. We had \$2,600 in insurance expenses. Total assets as of March 31 were \$28,054.

Motion to approve: carried

6. Unfinished Business: none

7. Committee Reports:

Trails and Structures:

- Update on maps
 - A small committee (Cliff, John, Ryan, Mitch, and Kent Goodwin) will work on map redesign with new trails and names, and will aim to print new maps by later this year. They will decide if they require additional help.
 - Action item: map committee will set up a meeting and propose name suggestions at the next Board meeting
- Ryan McKenzie reported that the trails are transitioning from winter to spring.
 - KTS is doing a short survey to collect feedback on the winter grooming, and so far has 73 responses, with mostly positive feedback
 - Hired 5 trail crew members, four of whom started this week on dry areas, some tree cleaning, some fixes on Lower Thunder Turkey corners that were affected by the

logging

- Running another chainsaw course for trail crew and volunteers. Reminder to all chainsaw volunteers to clear 1.5m off the trail for easier access through the trails, safety, aesthetics, and other reasons.
- Electrify the Mountains: Contractor should start in a few weeks, waiting for things to dry out fully.
- Applied for and ordered Trans Canada Trail signage
- Still waiting for name suggestions from ?aq'am
 - Action item: Ryan will reach out to them once more to see whether they have suggestions
- Sunflower Hill: Ryan took a look at the well-used unsanctioned trails but hasn't had time to accurately map and GPS them all.
 - Action item: Ryan will map the unsanctioned trails to get a better idea of the situation
- Upper Shapeshifter: Ryan and John discussed adjusting a fall line section, and will go walk the trail to consider options and then present them to the Board.

Communication, Park Promotion and Events:

- Suzanne McAllister and Birgitta Jensen are coordinating to create a calendar of guided hikes in the Nature Park this summer.
 - Action item: Heather will follow up with them about when they plan to have a calendar, ideally by next meeting

Conservation & Education

- Update from Laura:
 - Group is fine-tuning the mapping of locations and storage of photos of the Landscape Photo Documentation Project
 - Launched the Photo Scavenger Hunt
 - Wrote 5 blogs for the website
 - Sunflower Hill Chronicles 1, 2 and 3
 - Pipsisewa: A Well-Connected Evergreen
 - Invitation to the Inaugural KNP Photo Scavenger Hunt
 - A monthly outing was held April 23 (Campground entrance, up Jimmy Russell, looping back via Hoodoo View)
 - 2 new members for a total of 33 members
 - Trail cameras: a small committee will meet with Emily Chow of FLNRO about trail camera setup and placement.
- Update on invasive plant control: Dave reported no updates yet, but he'll connect with the new EKISC contact about options.

Administration

- Waiting on a cheque for reimbursement for general/commercial liability insurance premium
- \$500 cheque to KTS for the trail GM position
 - John confirmed that Naomi delivered the cheque to Steve of the KTS Board
- Update on membership: Gary reported that we have 272 members, 237 of whom are life members, and 157 email subscribers.

Horse Barn Valley

- Last year we discussed a boardwalk on a wet spot on Talus Trail, and Lisa Cox agreed to provide materials for it. Kent and John measured and assessed the options, three spots of approximately 25 feet each.
 - Action item: John will check in with Lisa's acting replacement about whether they will still provide materials
- Eventually, John will organize a work day to help build these boardwalks

Interface Fire/Pine Beetle/Restoration: Youth Climate Corps is planning to do hand fuel treatments on a small area (between Ponderosa and Lower Army Road and Patterson's). We submitted a letter of support for this work in Fall 2021.

- Action item: Dave will check in with YCC for an update on the plans

8. New Business: none

9. Interesting Sightings: None in the Nature Park. Ryan howled back and forth with a wolf near Bootleg Mountain, then found footprints and lots of scat.

10. Next Meeting: May 26, 2022, at the Kimberley Community Church

Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.