

**Minutes**  
**Kimberley Nature Park Society Board Meeting**  
**June 23, 2022**

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by President Naomi Humenny

**Present:** Naomi Humenny, John Henly, Rand Davis, Laura Duncan, Sandra Roberts, Gary Hicks, Heather van der Hoop, Dave Hale, Mitch Tom, Cliff Erven, and Peter McConnachie

**Regrets:** Frank O'Grady, Susanne Baldwin, Liz Royer, Matt Thompson, Ingrid Musser Okholm, and Ryan McKenzie

**1. Introductions and confirm agenda**

Motion to approve: carried

**2. Minutes of last meeting**

Motion to approve: carried

**3. Delegations:** none

**4. Correspondence/Communications:** none

**5. Financial report:** Ingrid reported only interest revenue of \$1 and no expenditures. Total assets as of May 31 were \$26,900.

Motion to approve: carried

**6. Unfinished Business:**

- John asked about the communications committee, which hasn't had much action. Naomi reported that several members of the committee have resigned from the Board.
  - Laura, John, Rand, Gary, and Sandra have volunteered for the committee and will meet in early July
- John also followed up on an email conversation about hiring a PR consultant to increase public perception of KNP, potentially a short-term contract, using unrestricted funds. Via email, many board members supported the idea.
  - Sandra suggested we could apply for a grant from the City of Kimberley or Columbia Basin Trust for specific items, although we can't use those funds to pay people. Applications would be prepared in October.

**7. Committee Reports:**

Trails and Structures:

- Trail maps: Susanne will keep one map from this generation as part of the archives while the committee works on the map update
- Rand mentioned that the City is working on the road and parking area outside of the Higgins entrance.
  - **Action item:** Laura emailed Ryan about potential upgrades to the Higgins entrance to adjust the gate to make it more accessible and user-friendly
- Ryan McKenzie was not able to attend and report on trails

## Communication, Park Promotion and Events:

- Suzanne McAllister and Birgitta Jensen are coordinating a schedule of hikes:
  - Sunday, June 19, 9 a.m.: “What to See in the HBV,” Struan Robertson
  - Saturday, June 25, 9 a.m.: Ruth Goodwin, 2 1/2 hours, leaves from Campground Trail
  - Sunday, July 10, 9 a.m.: “Into the Tora Bora,” Struan Robertson, 2-3 hours, meet at Campground to drive to HBV trailhead
  - Saturday, July 23, 2022, 9 a.m.: Birgitta Jansen, 2 1/2 hours, leaves from Campground Trail
  - Saturday, Aug. 6, 9 a.m.: KNPS Geology, Ralph Rudser
  - Saturday, Aug. 20, 9 a.m.: Emma Bourassa, 2 1/2 hours, leaves from Campground Trail
  - Sunday, Oct. 9, 10 a.m.: Chasing the Colours, Lauren Bathory, leaves from KNC
  - Sunday, Oct. 16: Struan and Kent, Golden Larch Hike
- **Action item:** Heather will ask Suzanne about making a poster with all the hikes on it so we can post at kiosks and around town. It will include a note to check the website for updates and additional hikes.
- **Action item:** Heather will post hikes to the website
- **Action item:** Rand will figure out who controls the electronic kiosk in the Platzl to get the schedule of hikes and perhaps the KNPS video on it

## Conservation & Education

- Update from Laura:
  - Photo Scavenger Hunt has ended. Small participation; seven people submitted photos. A letter of thanks and acknowledgement of participation were sent to all.
  - Blog: 2 more Sunflower Hill Chronicles are ready for posting and another article on the wildlife cameras announcing the first photos. Wildlife Cam article also sent to Daily Bulletin and e-Know.ca.
  - Monthly outing at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 25 in Horsebarn Valley
  - Gateway to Nature Hikes also begin at 9:00am on Saturday, June 25. Second one will be July 23, the third will be on Aug 20.
  - The Calypso orchid count is finished. 16 volunteers counted 271 orchids for 2022, which is significantly lower than in 2021.
  - Last month the first leaves of the Mountain Ladyslipper were reported, and this month the Mountain Ladyslipper is in flower on Duck Pond Trail. This is the only known site in the KNP
  - Wildlife cameras: all four have been set out and the first photos have been retrieved with deer, elk and moose being photographed to date. We have run into some technical glitches of the cameras that we are trying to work out:
    - Sometimes the date/time stamp doesn't show
    - One camera has not recorded any night photos, we're not sure if there's no activity, a faulty setting (although it has been checked once) or faulty camera
    - Some photos arrive at computer of team members with a .jpeg.inetloc designation rather than a .jpeg, which means they are not able to be opened. Some photos are on SD card with this designation as well. We have not yet figured out where the problem is.
    - Some photos being sent to team members arriving with bottom cut off. We think this has been figured out.
  - Motion to allocate \$250 to the Natural History group in case of camera maintenance

needs over the summer: carried

- Weed walk, 1 p.m. June 24: John is going in with EKISC, KTS trail crew, and others to review invasive species
- Talus Trail boardwalk: Kent and John measured and assessed the options, three spots of approximately 25 feet each. Aaron Canuel (BC Parks and Rec, Sites and Trails, Lisa Cox's replacement) has agreed to fund materials. Eventually, John will organize a work party for construction.

#### Administration

- none

#### Horse Barn Valley

- none

Interface Fire/Pine Beetle/Restoration: John checked with Bob Gray, who is waiting to hear back about three grants to fund hand treatment. One area that will be addressed is in the designated WISA habitat, which John described as "full of ladder fuels." More updates coming from Bob when he hears about the grants.

**8. New Business:** Peter mentioned there are several trees down on Higgins near the park entrance, including one that's been cut and moved off the trail, some of which are affecting water flow in the creek.

- **Action item:** Naomi will contact Ryan to make sure trail crews are clear on where to put logs cleared off the trail so they don't block water flow
- **Action item:** Gary and Dave will organize a work party and contact chainsaw volunteers, likely in August once water levels have decreased

**9. Interesting Sightings:** A grizzly bear and several black bears on Tora Bora Ridge during Round the Mountain.

**10. Next Meeting:** Sept. 29, 2022, at the Kimberley Community Church

Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.