

Minutes
Kimberley Nature Park Society Board Meeting
September 29, 2022

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

Present: Naomi Humenny, Laura Duncan, Jim Duncan, Sandra Roberts, Gary Hicks, Cliff Erven, Struan Robertson, Alison Finstad, Dave Hale, Kevin O'Neil, Ingrid Musser Okholm, Ryan McKenzie, Rob McIntyre, Peter McConnachie

Regrets: Rand Davis, Frank O'Grady, Heather van der Hoop

1. Introductions and confirm agenda

Motion to approve: carried

2. Minutes of last meeting

Motion to approve: carried

3. Delegations: none

4. Correspondence/Communications:

- A request from Brian Gallant (Sinister Sports) re: Black Spur Ultra 2023 dates. New dates are August 26-27. It will be the same course as last year and no change in the number of attendees.
 - Motion to approve: carried
- Naomi will draft and send a letter
- Ryan is reviewing the suggested donation amounts for events

5. Financial report: Ingrid reported income from donations, T-shirt sales, map sales, membership dues and interest of \$1,666.80 against no expenditures. Total assets as of August 31 were \$28,566.73.

Motion to approve: carried

6. Unfinished business: none

7. Committee Reports

Trails and Structures:

- Trail maps: Susanne sent out a few more maps and estimates about 17 left in stock
- Map planning: no report
- Trails: Ryan reported that the summer trail crew has wrapped up. They changed a lot of Trans Canada Trail signs using metal stakes with wooden posts. They did a few invasive weed pulls in the park and a lot of trail inspection and tree clearing.

- Apache trail renaming: KTS got a list of animal names from the Ktunaxa and are leaning towards Coyote and its Ktunaxa translation. There were no objections on the part of those present to following the KTS lead on this.
- A proposal for a new name for the Higgins Hill trail will be coming in an email soon.
- A plan for the upgrading of the various entrances to the park will be coming soon. They will be looking for input from the KNPS, the Fire Department, etc.
- The winter grooming survey generated 82 responses, roughly half from fat bikers and half from walkers. Most were positive, some looked to expand the scope. KTS is not looking to expand at this time, but may consider some rerouting. A plan for this winter will be coming soon.

Communication, Park Promotion and Events:

- Gary reported that an events schedule was prepared by Pam Walsh in coordination with KNPS
- Sticker draft was designed, but not moved on; needs follow-up
- Events were posted on Platzl e-kiosk and Arena sign
- Planned outings for Oct. 9 (Chasing the Colours) and Oct. 16 (Golden Larch Hike).
- **Action items:** Have a fall follow-up meeting to discuss the minutes of the last meeting; move on the sticker

Conservation and Education

- Laura reported that the group held monthly outings in June, July, August and September.
- Landscape photo monitoring; monitoring 5-6 sites generally at the solstice and equinox
- Wildlife cameras: have 4 sites and fine-tuning settings and locations. Collecting a combination of still photos and video.
- Planning activities for next year.

Administration: no report

Horse Barn Valley: no report

Interface Fire Mitigation:

- Dave reported that Canfor has plans for a cut block in the Mathew Creek area, happening Nov-Dec.
- A controlled burn is planned for the Higgins Hill depending on moisture and weather
- The Nordic Centre burn may happen this fall depending on moisture and weather.

8. New Business

- A committee was put together to plan the AGM (Laura, Gary, and Naomi): Look for a speaker or topic of general interest and organize hall and any food or beverages.
- A grant for an invasive weeds sign, kiosk and boot brush station for the campground entrance is moving forward.

- There have been 10 inquiries regarding board positions for 2023 to date. There is yet no one identified as a new president. This may be left up to the new board.

9. Interesting Sightings: none

10. Next meeting: October 27, 2022 at the Kimberley Community Church

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.