

Kimberley Nature Park Society
Monthly Board Meeting
June 29, 2023
Room 137, McKim

Present: John Henly, Jean Terlesky, Graeme Donaldson, Susanne Baldwin, Heather van der Hoop, Frank O'Grady, Gary Hicks, Tim Chapman, and Maurice Frits

Regrets: Kevin O'Neill, Laura Duncan, Ingrid Musser Okholm, Mitch Tom, Ryan McKenzie, Jen McConnachie, and Dave Hale

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm

1. Adopt the minutes of the last meeting
 - a. Motion to accept: Jean moved, Gary seconded
 - b. Motion carried
2. Accept the agenda as presented
 - a. Motion to accept: Heather moved, Frank seconded
 - b. Motion carried
3. Executive report:
 - a. John reminded the Board that he has asked committee chairs to send their reports via email ahead of the meeting so we can review and only discuss new business at the meetings.
 - b. John reported that Laura will be stepping back from her KNPS duties for a time
 - c. John suggested meeting at the beginning of September instead of the end, so the next meeting is set for Sept. 7. He also suggested moving the AGM to January instead of November, which we can discuss in September.
4. Presentations
 - a. Tim Chapman spoke about YCC and the WISA fuel treatment project
 - i. Youth Climate Corps is a regional program that helps break down employment barriers for young people (aged 17-30) and connect them with local climate work. Youth develop skills, gain work experience, and explore potential careers for 4-6 months. Tim sets up work experience for youth, with a focus on environment-related work like Food Recovery Depot, community garden, fuel treatment in local wooded areas, etc. This year, YCC has 7 youth, including a crew chief returning from last year.
 - ii. YCC developed a partnership with Bob Gray to launch the first crew, and maintaining that relationship led to the fuel treatment project in the WISA area, which was established in 2008 and hasn't been treated since. However, it's an important strategic area to treat based on its location relative to town and St. Mary's Valley, and its importance as a habitat for WISA. This project should begin in early September if weather permits.
 - b. Maurice Frits spoke about changing the look of an organization, why organizations choose to update their looks, the impact of shapes and colours in branding, and how new designs can be used. He shared some specific potential colours and designs, as well as his portfolio of past work. Board members provided some feedback on the initial logo designs.
5. Discussion of rebranding and process to collect feedback from full board, as many members were not able to

attend this meeting. Graeme will put together a request for board members to submit three words that represent KNP within one week, and he will construct a word cloud that we can share with Maurice to inform additional designs. Maurice will provide three logo designs and board members will vote to select the new logo for the redesigned trail map and other materials.

6. May 2023 financial report: Ingrid was unable to attend but John reported \$30 in revenue (mostly donations) and \$23 in expenditures (office supplies). Total assets \$28,951.
 - a. Motion to accept: Jean moved, Gary seconded
 - b. Motion carried

7. Unfinished business
 - a. Letter of Support for KNC: KNC and other trail use groups (KTS, Freewheelers) requested a letter of support as they seek support from the City to repair the KNC parking lot and install washrooms. KNPS does lead several guided hikes from the KNC parking lot and board members discussed the request, but would like more information about potential fees charged to trail user groups. Jean will draft an email to request additional information.
 - b. Ride Theory donation: They'll donate to KNPS as part of their trail use.
 - c. Brochure: TBD as part of redesign conversation
 - d. Sticker: TBD as part of redesign conversation
 - e. Trail Guide: Many volunteers came forward to help with this project, including a couple of people who are experts with maps and design. Map design is ongoing, and the rest of the work will continue per #5.
 - f. Trail Counters & Wildlife Cams: Lyle is taking over the wildlife cam project, which is ongoing.
 - g. CBT Advisors program: Laura and John will draft an application.
 - h. Trickle-down reroute: Work is underway by the KTS Trail Crew, who are getting lots of positive feedback about the changes.

8. New business
 - a. Kimberley Pride Day (July 29): KNPS will share a table with KTS. Volunteers TBD. It would be great to have trail guides, a laptop with our video, and perhaps stickers, though this will depend on the branding/design timeline.

9. Committee issues and activities of note
 - a. Breeding bird survey: About five surveys have been conducted over the past 20 years, led by Ruth Goodwin. Lyle Grisedale is taking over the project and plans to do the survey every year to collect more data.
 - b. Trail signs: Frank and friends installed a few additional signs to replace damaged or missing ones.
 - c. BCWA burn: Signs are up to block trails during work near Army Road/Romantic Ridge. The crew is likely to do another two weeks of work to complete the project.
 - d. Poster template: Pam from the City designed a template that the Events committee is using to promote guided hikes and rides.

Kimberly Trails Society report: Ryan was unable to attend but emailed a full report.

- Trickle-down reroute is going well
- Trail crew is hard at work on maintenance, brushing, and clearing downed trees
- New Skinkuc/Coyote signs are up on the former Apache trail
- Bear sightings with defensive behaviour near the top of Richardson's, Mountain Mine, and Moe's Canyon.

City Liaison: Councillor Sue Cairns was unable to attend

Interesting sightings

- Frank saw a big ginger-phase black bear on Sunflower Hill
- Heather saw a smaller black bear on Duck Pond

Motion to Adjourn: Jean moved, Graeme seconded

Meeting adjourned at 9:50pm

Next Meeting: 7pm, September 7, 2023, at McKim School