

Minutes
Kimberley Nature Park Society Annual General Meeting
November 23, 2022
7pm, Trickle Creek Lodge

1. **Called to order** by President Naomi Humenny at 7:06pm
2. **Determine quorum (3 members):** quorum was significantly exceeded
3. **Confirm agenda**
 - a. Motion carried
4. **Adopt 2021 AGM minutes**
 - a. Motion carried
5. **Treasurer's annual report 2021-2022:**
 - a. Ingrid Musser prepared the financial report but was unable to attend the AGM, so Naomi reported total income of \$9,090 (made up of donations, grants, t-shirt sales, map sales, and memberships). Total expenditures were \$5,832 (filing fees, insurance, Zoom, donation to KTS to support the Trail General Manager position, wildlife camera purchase, PO box rental and website costs). Our balance as of year-end (Oct. 31, 2022) is \$30,807.
 - b. Motion to accept: carried
6. **Executive Report 2021-2022: The Year in Review: Outgoing President Naomi Humenny**
 - a. Naomi opened by acknowledging that the KNP is on the traditional lands of the Ktunaxa people and read the KNPS vision statement. She reminded us of the natural wonders that make the park so much more than its trail network, and the work that goes into conserving and protecting it. KNPS encourages membership because when you love something, you're more invested in protecting it. Memberships help support KNPS projects and demonstrate our strong community support.
 - b. Events this year included the Flannel Fest Poker Ride, Round the Mountain Festival, Black Spur Ultra, and Trans Rockies Singletrack 6. Shred Sisters held mountain bike clinics for women; a weekly running group explored the trails; and at least 8 guided hikes took groups out to explore and appreciate different parts of the park. In addition, school groups visited multiple times each week.
 - c. Naomi thanked Ryan—KTS GM—for leading a paid trail crew and many unpaid volunteers to keep the trails in great shape. Ryan spent 175 hours in the nature park this year, with the trail crew putting in another 220 hours. Upkeep and improvements occurred on Patterson's Ridge, Trickledown, Romantic Ridge, Musser's, Tora Bora Ridge, Round the Mountain, and Sidecut.
 - d. Two new trail projects were completed this year: Hertz So Good (from Army Road at Higgin's Hill up to Richardson's Sidehill and into the Nordic Centre) and Electric Avenue (adaptive trail, adjacent to Sidecut) as part of Electrify the Mountains project. Most of these trails are outside the nature park, but park users benefit from greater access to the Nordic Centre.
 - e. The Natural History committee applied for a grant for a wildlife camera project to monitor wildlife in 4 locations, and also launched a landscape documentation project to photograph 10 specific locations at solstices and equinoxes to document changes.
 - f. Firewood capture project: 46 volunteers put in 136.5 volunteer hours over eight weekends to remove 28 truckloads of firewood from the park and distribute it to community members in need.
 - g. Fire mitigation was less extensive this year. About 3 ha of fuel reduction was conducted by Wildsight near Swan Ave. Additional logging in Tora Bora Ridge area was expected in 2021 and should begin this winter.
 - h. In conclusion, Naomi thanked the outgoing board members for their service and thanked remaining board members and committee members for their continued support for the park. She

thanked John for stepping up to become President and Laura for stepping into Vice-President role, and Ingrid and Heather for remaining in their roles.

7. **Election of Officers and Directors:** The following people have been nominated:
 - a. John Henly—President
 - b. Laura Duncan—Vice-President
 - c. Ingrid Musser—Treasurer
 - d. Heather van der Hoop—Secretary
 - e. Dave Hale
 - f. Gary Hicks
 - g. Frank O’Grady
 - h. Kevin O’Neill
 - i. Mitch Tom
 - j. Graeme Donaldson
 - k. Jen McConnachie
 - l. Laura McKenzie
 - m. Jean Terlesky
 - n. Note: You must be a member in good standing to nominate, be nominated, or vote
 - i. Motion to accept slate of directors as presented: carried
8. **Adjourn business meeting**
 - a. Motion to adjourn at 7:21pm: carried
9. **Special Presentation: “A Smorgasbord of Birds of the East Kootenay” by Lyle Grisedale**
 - a. Lyle gave an engaging presentation on the raptors, woodpeckers, wetland birds and more that can be found in the East Kootenay, and shared resources for people interested in getting into birding.
10. **Snacks Social, Volunteer Sign-up, Membership renewals**