

Agenda
Kimberley Nature Park Society
May 27, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm by President Naomi Humenny

Present: Naomi Humenny, Sandra Roberts, Laura Duncan, Ryan McKenzie, Mitch Tom, John Henly, Gary Hicks, Ingrid Musser, Rand Davis, Frank O'Grady, Dave Hale, Susanne Baldwin, Matt Thompson, Kent Goodwin, and Liz Royer

Regrets: Cliff Erven and 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: none

5. Financial report: Ingrid Musser reported on the financials.

- Spent \$460.20 on website renewal
- Ingrid presented current KNPS internal restricted funds
- \$1169.00 received from City of Kimberley for insurance
- John Henly added as a signatory to sign cheques for KNPS
- Ingrid requested Kent Goodwin to take himself off as a signatory

Action item: Kent will remove himself as a signatory

6. Unfinished Business:

- Gary requested a second time for a board member to take over membership duties. He provided a snapshot on how much time he spends taking care of membership duties, and explained tasks that are required to fulfill the position. Board members will each consider whether they can volunteer.
- A bench on Sunflower Hill has been installed this week by Gretchen Zinkan and friends. Kent will post a write up and pictures on KNPS Facebook page

7. Committee Reports:

Trail Guide: update from Susanne Baldwin that she hasn't heard back from the Campground, but

lots of other businesses are all stocked up

Membership: Gary reported that we have 276 members, 228 of whom are life members.

Natural History: update from Laura Duncan

- Laura mentioned the Great Calypso Count is up to 340 orchids so far
- More people are joining in, which has been great
- Laura suggested she could post pictures and provide a final tally through social media

Trails: update from Ryan McKenzie

- Trail crew has been all over the place clearing trees and doing general maintenance
- If folks notice trail needs work, they can report on Trailforks or contact Ryan directly
- 7 people on the trail crew
- Funds going towards some new chainsaws

Update from Trails Committee (John Henly):

- Gerry Drane has agreed to make some more signs for the KNPS. Planning to start on the Suicide-Fall Line new signage soon.
Motion to spend up to but not exceed \$250.00 on signage supplies: carried
- Skid Road Boardwalk: John would like to table the project until we hear back about the grant we applied for as the cost of materials is fluctuating greatly.
Action Item: Revisit the Skid Road boardwalk project at the June meeting.
- Higgins-Richardson's Trail: John Henly summarised his report on the project, which included the following:
 - Proposed trail is 1.5km in length, 10% grade, crosses Richardson's and connects to Snowbird up at the Kimberley Nordic Club
 - Initial planning includes building an adaptive trail that is 1.2-1.8 metres wide
 - Kent and John calculated that this would create approximately 2,000 sq metres of spoil
 - The KNPS Trail Committee feels that this design could be harmful to plants and fauna, and would prefer the spoil to be hauled offsite
 - Kent and Laura went out with a natural history lense and felt there would be significant disturbance to the area
 - Trees may inadvertently be taken out due to the back sloping required and roots being cut
 - The Trail Committee met and discussed further and are recommending that the board does not approve this proposed project
 - The Trail Committee wonders whether Sidecut is a more appropriate location for this type of project
- Ryan summarized the following in response:
 - Timeframe is this year before snow flies
 - Would be a great location to connect Army Road to the Nordic Centre area

- The board plans to revisit this project, and requested Ryan provide a presentation to KNPS to provide further clarification. Presentation will take place on June 3, 2021.

Blog: no new blog posts

Horse Barn Valley: Signs made and ready to install

Action item: Frank and John to go out and install signage

- Talus Trail Boardwalk: Lisa Cox to pay for materials. John is planning to organise folks to go out and build the project.

Events:

- Virtual Round the Mountain is in the works through the Kimberley Orienteering Club. Dates are TBD.
- Black Spur is looking for a letter of support as COVID-19 restrictions are looking more favorable for hosting events. Tentative dates set for Aug. 21-22. The board approved a letter of support.

Grant Writing: nothing to report

Fire Interface/Pine Beetle/Restoration: Kent provided an update.

- On May 6, the committee met to discuss the new Risk Reduction program that was presented.
- Municipalities to carry out local projects on City-managed land, looking at whole area around the City of Kimberley
- Balancing needs with fire and other values such as natural value and recreational value
- Graham Brown from the Ministry of Forests presented areas to the committee that will start to see fuel treatments surrounding Horsebarn Valley and the Nature Park
- Canfor unit 4 has been redesigned to now encompass units 2 and 3 for commercial logging, and comes right into Horsebarn Valley (will need to refer to maps)
- Proposed logging areas come right through sensitive riparian zones
- Hoping for as much coordination and clarity between groups, and to see the amount of logging reduced directly around the trails and identified sensitive zones
- **Next steps:** John Henly will contact Lisa Cox formally to request the logging areas are pulled back from the valley bottoms, provide buffers around trails, and coordinate general communication with Canfor and Graham Brown from the ministry

Motion to accept the Wildfire Interface committee's plan as presented and discussed:
carried

8. New Business: Rand Davis will take over T-shirt sales

9. Interesting Sightings:

- John saw two horses on Army Road
- Kent saw a pair of Williams Sap Suckers in the park; this spring has had the first sightings in a decade

10. Next Meeting: 7pm, Thursday, June 24

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.