

Kimberley Nature Park Society
Monthly Board Meeting
7pm, Thursday, October 26, 2023
Kimberly Public Library Meeting Room

Minutes

Present: Laura McKenzie, Frank O'Grady, Sue Cairns, Jean Terlesky, Dave Hale, Naomi Humenny, Gary Hicks, Laura Duncan, Jen McConnachie, Jess Murrell, and Maurice Frits

Regrets: John Henly, Heather van der Hoop, Ingrid Musser Okholm, Graeme Donaldson, Kevin O'Neill, Mitch Tom

1. Adopt the minutes of the last meeting
 - a. Motion to accept
 - b. Motion carried
2. Accept the agenda as presented
 - a. Motion to accept
 - b. Motion carried
3. Correspondence/ Communications: none
4. Guests

Maurice Frits & Jess Murrell – Q&A on the latest logo versions and next steps:
Maurice indicated that the Logo design process has three phases. The first phase (current) is to pick a basic design. The second phase is to fine tune the design and the third phase is to nail down the final design and roll it out. Almost everyone has voted on the latest 3 proposals, with most people having a preference for the first. It is up to us to give him direction for phase two.
5. June 2023 Financial report – Ingrid not available, no report
6. Unfinished Business (including projects)
 - a. CBT advisors program – Jen

Jen motioned to move forward with the CBT advisors recommendations in order of the following priority: 1. Strategic Planning 2. Governance 3. Communication/marketing.

 - Seconded by Laura M, motion carried. We will need to contract an advisor to help.

On a somewhat related matter the possibility of hiring a paid staff member was revisited. Jen will work on a job profile and funding proposal.
 - b. Kimberley Parks Master Plan discussion – Jean/Sue

The city's Parks and Facilities Master Plan draft plan will be ready soon. This plan is mostly about city owned infrastructure and therefore does not really involve the Nature Park.
 - c. Trail Guide finalization – Frank

Not much progress as people have been busy and the make-up of the group has been in flux. The guide is ready for final proofreading and finalizing any edits.

7. New Business

- a. Formation of the AGM Committee – AGM will be January 25, 2024.
We need to establish a committee to organize this very soon.
- b. NH - Contract a biologist(s) to conduct a wildlife habitat survey of the entire Park.
Laura and the NH committee will investigate the possibility of working with a wildlife biologist to develop an inventory of the park. Scoping and costs are the next steps.
- c. NH - Develop an app for the KNP that would allow Park users to report & locate sightings.
The NH committee will investigate.
- d. NH - Purchase a Pro version of 'Trailforks'
This is to help the wildlife camera team to keep track of and map the cameras and maybe data. Cost will be minimal. Motion by Laura seconded by Jen. Carried.
- e. NH - Purchase 4 more wildlife cameras to provide more coverage of the Park. Possibility of funding from Teck or through a grant. Motion by Jean to spend up to \$3,000 if no other funds available, seconded by Naomi. Carried.
- f. Laura showed data from the trail counters pilot in HBV. The data are useful to understand the usage pressures for HBV and the nature park. NH would like two more sets of counters for use in the park. Motion by Jean to investigate sources of funding seconded by Laura M, Carried. If no funding is found this may cost about \$3,400

8. Committee issues and activities of note

- a. WISA fuel treatment update – Dave
There is a crew working up the Duck Pond trail. They are hand cutting and piling for latter burning. Dave is happy with the progress and quality of the work.
- b. Other updates
 - Gary: There are two grants that are due soon that may be of interest to us. The first is a CBT grant for Small scale ecosystem projects. It is to improve ecological health and native bio-diversity. Closing date November 23. The second is a city grant for Community project/events. This is to help fund projects related to environmental protection.
 - There was discussion of a previous decision to look into a paid staff member for the KNPS.
 - A motion was made to make a role on the board for the past president at least for the interim until the management plan is updated. Carried
 - Jen indicated that she would like to start work on updating the management plan, Naomi would like to help.
 - There is general agreement that we have some holes in the organization that need attention. Things like events coordinator, trail committee leader. Gary will send out a note to people who have indicated they would be willing to help out.

Kimberly Trails Society Report – Ryan not available, no report

City Liaison – Sue Cairns: She will have more to report once the Parks and Facilities Master Plan draft plan is ready.

Interesting Sightings: Pine grossbeaks

Motion to Adjourn, motion carried, meeting adjourned

Next Meeting – 7pm, November 30, 2023, Kimberley Public Library Meeting Room