

**Kimberley Nature Park Society  
Monthly Meeting Minutes**

January 31, 2019

Present: Kent Goodwin, Sandra Roberts, Ingrid Musser, John Henly, Chris Ferguson, Frank O'Grady, Cliff Erven, Rod Chapman, Naomi Humenny, Gary Hicks, Margaret Fong, Lorraine Zerafa, Ryan McKenzie

Regrets: Rob McInnis, Val Carey

Call to order at 7pm at McKim Library

**1. Introductions and Confirm Agenda**

**Motion:** Cliff Erven, 2<sup>nd</sup> John Henly, carried

**2. Minutes of last meeting**

Printed copies were circulate. Motion: John Henly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Naomi Humenny, carried

**3. Delegations – none**

**4. Correspondence**

- Mainstream Environmental Agency watershed engagement project in Kimberley asking for letter of support to attach to a grant application. Kent wrote letter of support, circulated.
- Kimberley/Cranbrook Wildsight letter of support for kids day camp. Kent wrote letter of support, circulated
- Request for letter of support for Black Spur Ultra August 24 & 25. Motion: Naomi Humenny that we send letter of support, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rod Chapman, Carried
- Ryan was contacted by Megan Rose from Trans BC single track society about a enduro race. They applied to do a 1 day enduro mountain bike race with KTS on the Bootleg trails but haven't had clearance from the Province, they would like to use the KNP as a back-up plan. Motion by John Henly that we agree to support this in principle subject to our policy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Ferguson, carried.

**5. Financial Report**

Presented by Ingrid Musser

Motion to accept: Gary Hicks, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cliff Erven, Carried

**6. Unfinished Business**

**Archive Project** update, report to funder due March 31, 2019

1<sup>st</sup> phase will be done by the end of February

Legal documents will be stored in a small box, not scanned, everything else will be scanned during the second phase.

Newspaper articles will not be archived by the KNPS

**7. Committee Reports**

**Trail Guide** (Val submitted a written report) – Distributed 109 guides, collected \$520 revenue. Purcell Outdoors has done most sales.

**Membership** (Gary) – 291 Members, 192 life members, 77 subscribers to web page

**Natural History** (John) – The committee met on Jan 26 and had a potluck planning meeting. Their mission is to go out birding, look at plants and to do community outreach. They would like to expand their members, recruit younger people, committee has been the same for a long time. Ongoing projects, Eimers lake water, id of plants and other species. Field trip planned from Campground entrance on Saturday Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Trails** - Winter trail maintenance is happening, if you see trees down let someone know. Trail Maintenance priorities need to be discussed. Trails committee will be formed and they will go to Ryan with their concerns/priorities.

Ryan did a sustainability rating on trails, he will send a copy to KTS and KNPS

Lots of activity in the park, see lots of bike tracks

Ryan is organizing a work party on May 11 with as many chainsaw operators, brush cut operators and rakers, will be followed by a dinner. This is a tentative date

**Blogs** - Blog is on the Webpage, it gets changed frequently. Always looking for content, photos etc..

**Horse Barn Valley** - Interpretive Forest with 13 informational panels installed

On crownland, unique eco system, requires reporting to the Province. We report number of volunteers and hours spent in HBV. Send John Henly hours of work done in HBV. We have a 10 year renewal cycle, 2021 is the year we need to renew.

Kiosk improvement project going on now, 3 sided kiosk installed at west parking lot, 3 maps, KNP map, round the mountain map and HBV map to be created for the kiosk. Lisa Cox agreed to cover cost related to HBV maps.

Ryan was approached about a potential route from Front Road blvd to Coral route. This has come up in the past it did not get a strong level of support. Before this goes any further Ryan will include Kent and KNPS in discussion.

**Events** - We will review at the March meeting, Mother's Day walk is usually the first event. If you want to lead a winter event in the KNP, let Kent know.

**Grant Writing** – No grants being written. Check with Ryan before submitting a grant to be sure we aren't doubling up.

**Interface fires** – City of Kimberley has applied for 1.8 million for funding to do fuel treatment around town, including in the KNP. Details pending.

## 8. **New Business** –

Slopeside cafe at Kimberley Alpine Resort needs update KNP map. Rod will see what version of the map is there and report back.

Discussion of 2019 priorities

1. Junk in Gravel pit area exposed by fuel treatment work, clean up this spring. Frank O'Grady agreed to lead this

2. New trail to link KNP and KNC. Ryan reviewed 3 of his suggestions. This is a priority for 2019, will review routes again.
  3. Road brushing areas that are important for firewood salvage and emergency vehicles to retain commitment to keep road function for Fire Chief. Army road towards the Boulevard needs brushing as well as some other areas.
  4. Revitalize the Natural History Committee – see report under committees
  5. Convert Website subscribers to members – Ryan suggested idea of a 1 stop membership link. Drive through all groups and trail passes to collect. Send email targeted only to subscribers, we will think about it.
  6. Succession planning for President – Kent is retiring as President in the fall, someone has to jump in. It would be helpful to spread the work he does among several people so it is not such a huge task. Kent will make a list of what he does. Chris Ferguson will compose a short appeal to the membership asking more folks to get involved.
  7. Update Management plan – A committee was struck to review management plan - Rod Chapman, Gary Hicks, Cliff Erven, John Henly. Gary Hicks will coordinate a meeting to review management plan.
- Chainsaw course April 6 and 13, Brett from KTS is heading it up  
Ryan would like to explore parking areas, specifically campground.

9. **Interesting sightings** – Springtail eruption

**10. Next meeting – Thursday Feb 28<sup>th</sup> at McKim School**

**March Meeting moved to April 4, 2019 at McKim School. (Chris Ferguson to check availability)**