

Minutes
Kimberley Nature Park Society Board Meeting
Feb. 18, 2021

Zoom meeting called to order at 7:01pm by President Naomi Humenny.

Present: Naomi Humenny, Sandra Roberts, Laura Duncan, Ryan McKenzie, Mitch Tom, John Henly, Gary Hicks, Heather van der Hoop, Ingrid Musser, Rand Davis, Frank O'Grady, Dave Hale, Susanne Baldwin, Matt Thompson, Blake Rawson

Regrets: Brad Carrier, Liz Royer, Cliff Erven

1. Introductions and confirm agenda

Motion to approve: carried

2. Minutes of last meeting

Motion to approve: carried

3. Delegations:

- Blake Rawson spoke about winter trail maintenance: he has noticed that trails in the western side of the park and in HBV tend to have trees down for longer after winter storms. Blake requests that KNPS could have a winter maintenance crew to help maintain outer trails, like parts of Round the Mountain, for winter 2021-2022.
- Blake has approached from Matthew Creek side on a snowmobile; otherwise it can involve a 12-16km snowshoe with a chainsaw
- John suggested that we could recruit a few volunteers in the fall, including the members who will take the chainsaw course this spring
- Blake suggested that Round the Mountain could be emphasized as a winter option, not just a warmer-season trail

4. Correspondence/Communications

Bench requests

- 1st request will be on Forest Crowne land so the board will not need to vote.
- 2nd bench being placed on Sunflower Hill in the spring. It was approved in 2019.
- 3rd request was to be on Romantic Ridge near the reworked section of trail north of Hillside. Someone will need to volunteer to meet with the individual regarding placement in the spring.
- Currently there are around 6-7 benches in the park

Action item: Frank will meet with the 3rd bench requesters to help figure out placement. Naomi will email Frank to connect him with the requesters.

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

Total revenue in the current period is \$918, with no expenditures yet. Total assets are \$27,494.

- John noticed that there's about \$1,500 left in the Archive project account, and asked if we could move that to unrestricted funds.
 - Action item: Naomi will email Rod and Kent to confirm that we finished the grant reporting. Once confirmed, we can move that money to unrestricted funds.
- Sandra suggested that we could remove items from the statement after they appear with \$0 for at least two years. Ingrid will make revisions on the next statement.
- Gary reported that a couple donated \$500. He sent a thank you note and asked that any directors who know them please pass along additional thanks.

6. Unfinished Business

- Trail signage upgrade project:
 - Action item: John, Mitch, and Gary will connect offline and will bring plans for moving forward to the next meeting
- Nature hikes for summer/fall 2021: We will hold off on planning anything until we know more about COVID restrictions.

7. Committee Reports

Trail Guide: Susanne took 20 trail guides to Timber Hitch, and they are happy to display them. She will check in with the Campground when they open.

Membership: 6 new members, including 3 new life members. Ingrid is checking the post office box and will pass any membership-related items to Gary.

Natural History: Committee is staying connected via email in case of interesting sightings; nothing else to report.

Trails: Committee has met twice, once just KNPS and once with Ryan from KTS, to discuss projects.

1. Skid Road boardwalk: Kent had suggested finding grant funds to pay for this project in full. Board had planned for \$1,500, but with this year's lumber prices, it's looking like closer to \$2,500.
 - a. Action item: John will lead an attempt to get a grant, and will report on progress at the next meeting.
2. Talus trail boardwalk: Lisa Cox and the province will pay for materials. John and Kent will create a budget and materials list once snow melts.
3. Rerouting trails: Most of these potential reroutes will need to be finalized once the snow melts and committee can see the trails. Also, Canfor is finishing logging and cleanup.
 - a. SW Passage: Ryan will map possible options to reroute for sustainability.
 - b. Shapeshifter North: Needs some rerouting to prevent additional damage, just to the east of current trail, for long-term sustainability
 - c. Shapeshifter West: Ryan has identified a parallel route that would eliminate switchbacks, which people often cut. It spreads out traffic and uses the cut block, and has good sightlines and a more sustainable grade.
 - d. Bear Trail: This trail has seen the biggest impact from logging. Ryan suggested it's worth looking at this trail critically to see whether rerouting options would be a good idea. Kent suggested that keeping it as a road offers fire/SAR access. Further discussion required.
 - e. Cougar Chicken: Not an authorized trail, needs more thought.
 - f. Jimmy Russell Road: Need to make sure proper ditching is done. Discussion about whether closure ribbons have been taken down; John will look into it.
 - g. Higgins: New connector will go ahead, but timing depends on prescribed burn planned for this year.
 - h. Sidecut: Plan is to make this a two-directional trail for access to the Nordic Centre level. Most of this is outside KNP boundaries. Natural History group brought up concerns that the new trail will affect the wetland area, so this will be considered.
4. Tora Bora Crag: EKCA will work with KNPS to build a boardwalk to protect trails. Gary has asked EKCA about whether they have volunteers who will help; Gary and John will connect with them.
5. Trail signs: Mitch has finished a survey of needed signs. John will connect with Gerry Drane,

previous signmaker, about making new signs.

- a. John will assess once snow is gone and update inventory in case logging damaged any signs
 - b. John will also test new spike option, available at Kimberley Building Supply
6. Maintenance:
- a. Raking: KTS will take care of this
 - b. Brushing: Ryan suggested that this might be a good granting opportunity because it can get very expensive. Ryan suggested a potential grant, and will check in with Kent to see whether this opportunity could be an option.

Blog: no new blog posts

Horse Barn Valley: We know there are plans to log in HBV, but we don't know any other details. John asked Sandra to ask around at the city in case she can find out more.

Events:

- Aaron from TransRockies followed up; they're probably going ahead for September (if allowed)

Grant Writing: nothing other than what's mentioned above in specific projects

Interface Fire/Pine Beetle/Restoration: nothing new to report

8. New Business:

- John Henly has agreed to step into the role of Vice President. Thank you, John!
- T-shirts: Paddy at Purcell Outdoors is running low on KNP T-shirts. Naomi will place another order to restock the store.
 - Motion to approve: carried

9. Interesting Sightings: none to report

10. Next Meeting: 7pm, April 29, 2021. We will also hold our AGM this evening.

Naomi suggested switching to the last Thursday of the month for easier scheduling.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.