

**KIMBERLEY NATURE PARK SOCIETY**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**June 29 2017**

Attendance: Naomi Hummeny, Gary Hicks, Chris Ferguson, Ingrid Musser, Kent Goodwin, Lou Bedard, Rob McInnis, Nigel Kitto, Suzanne McAllister, Rod Chapman, Paul Paronetto, Margaret Fong, Frank O'Grady, Debra Willis, John Henley, Doug Clarke

Motion to accept the agenda moved by Lou Bedard, seconded by Suzanne McAllister. Carried

Motion to accept the minutes moved by Lou Bedard, seconded by Rod Chapman. Carried

### **Correspondence**

- Letter from Christine Solum from Wildsight, she organizes the Kimberley Market. She would like to supply free space at the Thursday markets for groups to do a small workshop or activity, 15 min – 1hour. Naomi will send the request letter to Kent and he will forward to the directors.
- Kimberley Nordic Club request that their new Nordic trail be allowed to cross the KNP boundary. We are okay with the KNC going forward with this trail, the archeological assessment will be done by the KNC.

### **Financial Report**

Motion to accept the financial report, moved by Suzanne McAllister, seconded by Gary Hicks, Carried

### **Unfinished business** – Meeting with Fire Chief.

Nigel and Kent met with the New Fire chief, discussed the upcoming fuel treatment, firewood salvage program (discussion about taking fallen pine), Emergency vehicle access routes, Role of the City on park roads. A field trip to go through the park is planned for July 6/17 in a fire department vehicle.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Trail Maps/T-shirts**

- \$300 collected from map sales
- There are some discrepancies between trail forks and the paper maps.
- Look at realigning maps, names of trails to get them all the same.
- Chris has trail forks access and can fix any discrepancies
- This winter when looking at map revision, compare with trail forks.
- Purcell Outdoors will sell t-shirts.

#### **Natural History**

- Gateway to Nature Hikes signage – My signs was contacted for a price on the signage, but they did not respond.
- Eimer's Lake nutrient testing pending– there is very significant algae bloom.
- Grade 6 day in the park – 3 groups went out, all went really well.
- Mainstreams wetland education at Eimer's this fall with school kids.
- Bat survey – acoustical bat monitoring done, there were 10 species found in the KNP, 17x more bats in the KNP than in Lois Creek and on the grasslands. 2 of the species in the KNP are blue

listed.

## **Membership**

- 311 members
- 26 subscribed via new webpage

## **Natural History Committee** – no report

## **Trails**

- Doug Clarke from Kimberley Building supplies is offering to sell supplies to the KNP at cost. He will set up a KNP account.
- Old Trail Map donated – will be framed and put in McKim foyer
- Trail work party July 6
- knapweed pulling coming up

## **Proposed trail projects**

- Eimer's lake access from Eimer's ridge and trail below Trickle Creek golf course. These will need to have an archeological assessment done.
- Quote for the archeological assessment was \$2,200.
- The general feeling was this was too much money for them to walk the trails, Kent will look into getting another quote. Chris will speak with them about possibly reducing the quote.
- Do we need to do this, yes – according to Ministry of lands we have to do one when creating a new trail, disturbing the land. We need to do this the right way, we follow laws and rules.
- Kent will send out an email to the KNP board of directors once the price is finalized for approval by email to go forward.

## **Sign Posts**

- treated posts 4x4x10' - \$14., cedar \$28.-\$29, plastic \$23. (last for 50 years)
- Plastic available in East USA, BC company has not gotten back. Don't know cost of shipping.
- Rob will report to the chair with the final numbers with shipping, Kent will circulate to the board of directors.
- Doug Clarke will research a supplier for plastic posts through Kimberley Building supplies.

## **Eimers road water issue**

- Kent will contact Peter for quotes that he obtains after visiting site with a contractor.
- Need permission from the water branch to put in culverts near a stream.
- Kent would like to have a small work party to map out the location of the culverts and create a drawing.
- Kimberley Building supplies will loan the laser level for this project.

## **Trail Signs - Maintenance**

- Lou will send report of recommended trail sign maintenance and recommended directional signage.

## **Picnic Tables**

- Summary for picnic tables made out of composite material was sent to Kent, Kent will forward the email to the Directors, they will decide on which way to go over email.
- Composite picnic table cost is \$1,500
- Could buy one picnic table, see how we like it. Would have to write grant applications to purchase 3 of these picnic tables.
- Try and get the tables sponsored.

## **Danger Tree report**

- Done around Eimer's lake and Horse Barn Valley – report is sent to Kent.
- The standard is that we should remove danger trees around benches and picnic sites, the standard is lower for trails.
- Kent will send Lou's report to Chris, if there are some trees we would like to take down Gabe Sanche is comfortable dropping trees.

**Newsletter** – Nothing until Fall

**Horse Barn Valley** - None

## **Events**

- Gateway to nature hikes are coming up, Saturday mornings. Starting at the camp ground.

## **Rack Card**

- printed 750, no cost to KNPS thanks to participation of Tourism Kimberley

**Interface Fire/Pine Beetle/Restoration** – No fuel treatment over summer, treatment will start when song birds finish nesting. Aug/Sept.

## **Web page and Video**

- Discussion regarding adding new tab to website to be used to keep everyone current i.e. Work parties (cancellation, location), guided tours update etc. Would be too complicated. We use Facebook for this.
- Video – working on next video footage, drone being used mid-July to collect footage.

## **New business**

- Reclamation of old trails - Get local kids groups i.e. Scouts, beavers etc. involved with planting trees on closed/decommissioned trails in KNP & HBV – Involves kids in the park. Would need organizer. Right now we spread debris on old trails, we should be spreading organic material on old trails this will help with reclamation.
- Business cards for the Directors – Card with phone #, website, email. Space to write name and phone number. Kent will discuss with Erma about designing a business card and send out the sample to directors via email.

## **Interesting sightings**

- Skunk
- Goshawk
- heard of Grizzly in the park

Adjourned 8:50pm

**Next meeting – Thursday September 29, 2017  
McKim Middle School**