



**Kimberley Nature Park Society
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
25 March 2026 – Wednesday, 7pm
Location: 477 304th St., Kimberley**

Present: Maurice Frits, John Henly (remote), Jessica Harvey, Eva (Ava) Boehringer, Dave Hale, Hasi Muhandiram (remote), Andree Powers, Sue Cairns, Ryan McKenzie (remote)

Regrets: Tim Chapman, Sharon Moorcroft, Shaun Goodeve

1. Call to Order at 7:09 pm
2. Adopt minutes of February 26, 2026 meeting
 - Reviewed action items; all done except for tennis club and QR stickers (Maurice)
 - Motion: Jess; Second: Dave; motion passed
3. Accept the Agenda as presented
 - Motion: Andree; Second Rain; motion passed
4. City Liaison Report — Sue
 - In budget process at council
 - Invasive Species – to discuss at meeting with City (funding; future responsibility)
5. KTS report — Ryan
 - Winter grooming wrapped up; lots of trail use this winter
 - Survey released in coming weeks for winter feedback and trends;
 - Logging in Lois Creek next year will have impact on usability next winter; summer trail crew
 - April—May start maintenance; bring proposed projects in KNP to KTS by April 30 for discussion.
 - Many chainsaw volunteers to help trail crew (need to have chainsaw training). *Hasi to take chainsaw course next week and into April.*
6. Financial Report — Andree
 - Bank balance \$34,106; financial report n/a
7. Correspondence/Communications
 - a) Cougar sighting in Feb (email March 6)
 - Maurice responded; no standard procedure; key things to ask in future: location, behaviour, timing.
 - b) Skid Rd boardwalk email (see below)
8. Unfinished business
 - a) Trails
 - MOU with KTS update — Jess (in progress)
 - Decommissioning of unauthorized trail — Board
 - Drops from Eimers Ridge to road; very steep
 - KTS advised that decom may need to be done over and over; ensure that decom is very clear for liability reasons
 - Need some board members to take a look: KTS has experience with decommissioning Shapeshifter.
 - **Action:** Jess to arrange time to see the trail with Dave and Ryan.
 - Various trail upgrades (Skid Rd boardwalk; Creek/Flume riparian reroute)
 - KTS Trail Assessments on Sunflower Hill from a few years ago: many unauthorized trails; prime ungulate winter range and data from wildlife



- cams. Come up with plan with KTS.
 - **Action:** Rain to review Sunflower assessment in preparation for in-field review; also review work done by Anna previously for Trails Management Strategy
 - Concerns about Creek/Flume trails in riparian habitat.
 - **Action:** Fieldtrip for Rain and Eva to look at once snow melts
 - Put Skid Rd on the list of trails to assess
 - Trees on Shapeshifter
 - Best way to report is to post on Trailforks with specific locations for KTS to prioritize; UTM/location description is second choice.
 - **Action:** Maurice to send instructions in newsletter.
 - Maurice suggestion for KNPS App tabled for next meeting pending more information
- b) Grants & funding
- Ecosystem Assessment HCTF grant
 - HCTF did not approve due to LOO
 - Eva has responded highlighting longevity and asking what assurances would need to show permanence.
 - Meeting with Jim H from City
 - Scheduled April 16th
 - ORCBC grant for HBV boardwalk
 - Gary and John applied for \$20K for boardwalk replacement (Included \$10K in kind); received ~\$10K
 - Planning to rebuild two boardwalks on summer trail; project starts in July, finished in Aug.
 - ORCBC membership as of April 1 — Ava
 - We are now members; need to provide content for socials.
 - **Action: Maurice to send paragraph and photos to Eva and Jess.**
- c) Website & Newsletter update — Maurice
- Online shop and events page coming soon
 - Newsletter: upcoming events, blurb from pres., article about Struan, nature article or snippet if there is room.
 - **Action:** everyone review website within next two weeks and give feedback if needed to Maurice.
- d) Wildsight Ecosystem Enhancement Program—Update from Tim via email
- Wildsight has been successful in obtaining funds to conduct a large scale, ecosystem restoration project targeting open forest ecosystems mostly contained in the Nature Park
 - Over several years, plan to thin approximately 80 hectares and conduct a prescribed burn of 60–70 hectares on Sunflower Hill.
 - **Action:** Eva to get KML from Tim and connect Rain with Tim
- e) Committee Updates
- Grants — Jess
 - ReDi grant for signage - Meeting April 20th
 - Presentation of ideas and plans
 - HCTF Invasives
 - Pending Ava's success with HCTF
 - CBT Ecosystem Grant - Workshop April 14th



- **Action:** Jess to discuss with Rain and Mike.
 - Grant committee Meeting on April 1
- NHC — Dave
 - Not too much to report. Future events to be discussed below.
- Interface Fire — Dave
 - Emails with fire chief, confirmed what is happening with planned patches/leave areas that need fuel treatments. Resolved via email.
 - Comms are good.
- HVB — John
 - Annual Operations Plan prepared by 01 April **Action: John**
 - HBV Boardwalk Replacement Project ORCBC grant approved for the full amount of 9923 to support Phase 2 of the replacement of two boardwalks on Summer Trail. Action plan being prepared (John): est. 07 July start, Carry over party end of July. supplies and materials in place by 15 August, project completed by 15 Sept. Confirmation of insurance requirements pending.
 - Spring Cabin Stove Locking in May: Dave & Gary. Prevents fires during fire season.
 - Removal of old hornet nest from privy. Take rolls of TP. **Action: Andree, Dave**
 - QR Code Replacement on kiosk in Matthew Creek parking lot. **Action: Maurice**
- Governance
 - Governance Bootcamp in Cranbrook on April 1; Eva has signed up
- f) Firewood Program
 - Email from Andy with lots of answers to our questions
 - Maybe talk to Friends of Lois Creek about their standards
 - **Action:** Eva to send email to group
 - **Action:** Jess to contact with Blake
 - **Action:** Eva/Jess to create a better framework/guide to apply
- g) Events Update
 - Movie Night Success!
 - Attendance and profits? \$21,00 on tickets – sold out. Popcorn and drinks \$1,738 profit. Huge success and good vibes about KNPS. Plan for a winter version.
 - NH Walk numbers and next event
 - March 7: Dave Quinn presented to 30 participant to learn about winter survival; both Cranbrook/Kimberley participants; accepted donations from non-members; \$85 revenue including two memberships.
 - April 18: Bear safety and wildlife; HBV location, pending access due to snow.
 - Future:
 - Wine Tasting (April 22) — Maurice
 - Spoke to Ryan. All arranged and working on poster; BC Wines; two seatings with 40 people per seating
 - Bear Aware (June)
 - Erna is in contact with WildSafe BC, they're in the process of hiring the local coordinator. Let's support and validate her efforts as much



as possible.

- **Action:** Eva to email Erna to emphasize appreciation and let her know the plan to pursue the bear spray training.

9. New Business

- a) KTS board meeting attendance
 - If KNPS is given heads up on location and date, will try to send rep; otherwise, will send report
- b) Informal meeting with city councillor
 - Eva had discussion with Kevin D about KNPS and City last week
 - Opportunities to talk to council are always welcome, but cannot have more than three councillors without it being formal meeting
 - **Action:** Maurice to send event invites to individual council members.
- c) Kimberley Outdoor Rec Committee
 - Subcommittee to consists of Wildsight, KTS, Matt M.
 - **Action:** Eva to email Matt to ask for KNPS to be on subcommittee
- d) CEFC position renewal — Ava
 - Draft contract is done for next term; start date July 15th.
 - Action:** Update deliverable dates; Andree to review, Eva to finalize.
- e) Commercial liability insurance renewal — Ava
 - To be paid next week.
- f) Frequency for approaching local businesses for sponsorship, prizes etc. —Tim
 - Deferred to next meeting.

10. *Motion to go in camera*

Motion: Andree, Rain; motion passed.

11. *Motion to adjourn in camera*

12. Motion to adjourn regular meeting

- Dave, Rain; motion passed.

Next Meeting – April 29, 2026 at McKim School

2026 Meeting Schedule: Regular Board Meetings (Room 137

McKim) May 27, Jun 24, Sept 23, Oct 28, Nov 25