

Kimberley Nature Park Society
Monthly Meeting Minutes - April 4, 2019

Present: Kent Goodwin, Ingrid Musser, John Henly, Chris Ferguson, Frank O'Grady, Cliff Erven, Rod Chapman, Naomi Humenny, Gary Hicks, Sandra Roberts, Ryan McKenzie
Call to order at 7pm at McKim Library

1. Introductions and Confirm Agenda

Motion to approve: Naomi Humenny, 2nd Chris Ferguson, carried

2. Minutes of last meeting

Printed copies were circulated. Motion to approve: Chris Ferguson, 2nd Cliff Erven, carried

3. Delegations – none

4. Correspondence

- Email from biologist Leigh Anne Isaac requesting reports of tree frog sightings/hearings. Audio recording of frog calls was attached to the email.
- Chris received a letter from Nicole Thurman at the City notifying us officially that Sandra Roberts has been appointed as our City liaison.

5. Financial Report

The financial report was reviewed. Motion to accept Rod Chapman, 2nd Chris Ferguson, Carried

6. Unfinished Business - Archive Project update

- Archivist is nearly finished the project, is eliminating duplicate records and will include the scanning of paper documents in her workplan (currently 85% complete).
- The final report to CBT due at the end of April, and we hope to be invoiced and have the grant money spent before then.
- Rod will go to Nelson to pick up the boxes of archives in April/ early May.

7. Committee Reports

Trail Guide – Val Carey has distributed 12 guides and collected \$70.

Membership (Gary) – This is the time of year we remove from our list the members who have failed to renew. After doing that, our membership stands at 246 of which 196 are lifetime members. In addition, 83 people have subscribed to our webpage and email list and our Facebook friends total now stands at 1016.

Natural History (John)– The committee had a field trip on March 31st and hiked from Higgins St. to Myrtle Junction and back via the Lower Army Road and the Suicide Trail. We saw or heard 17 species of birds and had a close encounter with a Barred Owl near Eimer's Lake. Our next outing will be on Sunday, April 28th on Sunflower Hill.

Trails (Ryan) - **Trail use questionnaire review** – There have been 160 responses to the trail use survey so far and the questionnaire will remain active through April. So far there is 85%

support for a voluntary paid “trail pass” to help raise funds for trail work. The KNPS will have access to the survey data when completed.

Trail from KNP to KNC – The preferred option for a new trail to the Nordic area is the route from near the bottom of Higgins Hill to the top switchback on Richardsons Sidehill. Most of this route is on land administered by the Nordic Club. The proposed route will be flagged and an archaeological assessment will be done as well as a review of the parts inside the Park by the KNP Natural History Committee. Construction by the trail crew and volunteers may begin later this year.

KNP Trails Committee – Chris Ferguson, Naomi Hummeny and John Henly will give some thought to trail priorities for this year and liaison with Ryan regarding work that needs to be done. Kent asked that we do some brushing on the Army Road between Jimmy Russell and the Boulevard to allow access by the firewood salvage volunteers.

Blog – We continue to encourage folks to write blog posts.

Horse Barn Valley (John Henly) – new map panels ready and will need to be picked up in Cranbrook. Ryan volunteers to bring them to town. Installation will be organized when the snow is gone in HBV.

Events – Suzanne McAllister is contacting hike leaders and creating schedule. Irma de Visser has volunteered to make a poster. Lorna Locke will do the free advertising.

Grant Writing – No grants being written

Interface fire, fuel treatment – Crews are back in the Park finishing up the pile and burn work that was started last year. City of Kimberley has applied for \$1.8 million for funding to do more fuel treatment around town, including in the KNP but details will not be worked out until the funding is approved.

Management Plan update – Our five-person committee has almost finished a new draft. The draft will be circulated to the Board prior to the next meeting and will be discussed at the meeting. Any changes will be incorporated and then the new draft will be placed on the webpage and we will ask the public and other organizations to comment. Our web designers have estimated it will cost about \$100 to add the draft to the webpage and then swap out the old version for the new, once it is finalized. After public feedback is incorporated the plan will be sent to the City and once approved there, will be forwarded to the Province.

8. **New Business**

Succession planning for President – Sandra Roberts calls for nominations for a new president from the members present without success. Discussion ensued and Kent asked Gary to circulate a complete list of KNPS members to Directors to see if anyone recognized a potential new president. Kent also asked Directors to review the task list that was circulated earlier in the year and see what jobs they might be willing to take on to make the president’s position easier.

9. **Interesting sightings** – Creek crossing Jimmy Russell Road was dry, flagging tape noticed along Shapeshifter.

10. **Next meeting** – **Thursday April 25, 2019 at McKim School**