

KIMBERLEY NATURE PARK SOCIETY
Monthly Meeting Minutes
May 25, 2017

Attendance: Cliff Erven, Naomi Hummeny, John Allen, Gary Hicks, Chris Ferguson, Peter McConnachie, Ingrid Musser, Kent Goodwin, Lou Bedard, Glenda Johnson, Rob McInnis, Nigel Kitto, Suzanne McAllister, Igor Dolbenev, Rand Davis, Paul Holden, Rod Chapman

Motion to accept the agenda moved by Lou Bedard, seconded by Peter McConnachie. Carried

Motion to accept the minutes moved by Rob McInnis, seconded by Glenda Johnson. Carried

Correspondence

Email from the Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network - Interpreter course, Nov 3 & 4. Any members interested in taking this course, information been handed out. They also asked if we would be interested in putting a booth up at their AGM event in Kimberley on Nov. 4th. We can discuss at a later date, closer to the time.

Financial Report

Motion to accept the financial report, moved by Suzanne McAllister, seconded by Peter McConnachie, Carried

Unfinished business

- Action items are inserted into the agenda
- Meeting with fire chief, Kent had a brief conversation with the new fire chief and the meeting is being planned. A few things they want to review with him are:
 - fuel treatment
 - fire wood salvage program
 - emergency vehicle access, maintaining roads, possible funding or labour from the City.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Guide Sales

- final box of trail maps has been opened, it is enough to get us through this summer
- we will need to update, think about changes
- we need to decide if we want a paper trail guide, City has put out a trail guide that includes the KNP trails for free.
- If we want to have a trail guide we will put together a committee in the fall.

Membership

- 10 new members, brings us to 308 memberships
- 3 new life time members brings us to 167

Natural History Committee – no report

Trails

- spring clean up is under way, we have had 2 work parties that were well attended.
- We are planning one work party per week to do the lighter type trail work

Proposed trail projects

- Eimers pond to Eimers ridge
- Below the golf course trail – this is a new trail, will be lots of work and quite a few days.
- Shannon trail
- Campground trail
- Burnt trail

Round the Mountain has been gathering sponsorship for their event, and has opened to us some money from Kimberley Building Supplies for the purchase of racks, gloves, wood etc.

Paul Holden has been clearing the sight line on Creek trail and will continue onto Flume.

Chain saw supplies

Lou Bedard motioned that KNPS allocate \$50. to purchase a spare spark plug and a sharpening device for the chain saw. Seconded by Glenda Johnson. Carried.

Eimers road water issue

- culvert locations have been staked out
- Peter will speak with a contractor to get quotes on the road
- Will need to get a permit from the water branch
- Need a to scale drawing of the road and where the culverts will be.
- We can do in two sections, bottom first, the when we have the funding could do the top.
- We will hold off any work until the fire chief has been through to be sure we facility any changes required by him.

Trail Signs

- Put your ideas forward of where you see we need to replace trail signs or put in a trail sign.
- Pressure treated post on side cut hill is 10 years old and already rotted, concerning.
- Consider recycled plastic posts (synthetic), last and environmentally conscience.
- We prefer signage on posts rather than trees.
- It was noticed that people have been dumping at the bottom of Jimmy Russel road, Nigel will get a official City of Kimberley 'NO DUMPING' sign for that location.

Benches

- We have requests for memorial benches in the park, they pay for the bench and help with the installation. Keiver Family would like to put a bench on Keiver Way by Duck Pond. The Kirrmaier family would like to put a bench on the SW Passage viewpoint.
- Location and bench have to be approved by the board.
- The Tye design is trying to match the Eimers lake bench, they will sell it in pieces then it would be assembled on site.

Picnic Tables

- Proposal to have 3 picnic tables in the park, SW passage, Myrtle Mountain, HBV viewpoint. Tables should be off to the side, out of the way, minimum maintenance.
- Suggestion to have a few picnic tables at one location like Myrtle mountain, that would make it a destination.

Lou Bedard motioned that we have 2 – 3 picnic tables installed on Myrtle Mountain, Glenda Johnson seconded. Carried

- Lou and Paul will come back with picnic table design options and cost.

Newsletter – Nothing until Fall

Horse Barn Valley

- Stove will be locked up next week
- KTS will be looking after Tora Bora Ridge trail.

Events

- Guided walk in HBV tonight with Ruth Goodwin and Karen Proudfoot.
- Gateway to Nature Hikes – Report attached. Sandwich board that will have the posters mounted on.
- Gateway to Nature Hikes need to have vinyl posters, got three quotes. Will also get a quote from My Signs in Kimberley.

Glenda Johnson motioned that KNPS allocate \$150. for the Gateway to Nature signage for the sandwich board, Lou Bedard seconded the motion. Carried. This cost will go to events.

Rack Card

- The card is designed and gone to the printers
- Tourism Kimberley is partnering to help get our printing costs reduced.

Grade 6 KNP tours

- Ruth resigned as tour organizer. Glenda will follow up with Ruth.
- Chris spoke with the teachers, two dates, June 13 or 14. 3 groups

Interface Fire/Pine Beetle/Restoration

- will be continuing with the treatments from Richardson Sidehill to Higgins Hill. New treatments will run from around Duckpond to Eimer's Lake and around the Gravel Pit. All the treatments involve slashing small conifers and downed trees and building and burning piles. Concern with migratory song birds nesting, will likely not start treatments until August.

Web page and Video

- Online store is up and running and we have sold a number of memberships through it.
- We were introduced to Courtenay Forster, our videographer and we viewed a short sample of some of the footage he has taken.

Interesting sightings

- Bears and flowers

Adjourned 8:30pm

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