

KIMBERLEY NATURE PARK SOCIETY

Monthly Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2017

Attendance: Kent Goodwin, Gary Hicks, Chris Ferguson, Lou Bedard, Suzanne McAllister, Rod Chapman, Paul Paronetto, Cliff Erven, Frank O'Grady, Naomi Humenny, John Allen, Debbie Martin, Jim Martin

1. Motion to accept the agenda moved by Cliff, seconded by Lou. Carried
2. Motion to accept the minutes of the September 28 meeting moved by Cliff, seconded by Suzanne. Carried
3. No Delegations
4. Correspondence/Communications - Invitation to CBEEN celebration on November 4. Kent is attending, Chris also likely to attend. KNPS directors/members welcome to come along.
5. Financial Report - Motion to accept the financial report made by Suzanne, seconded by Lou. Carried.
6. Unfinished Business
 - Business Cards – Cliff provided samples he printed. Chris Ferguson suggested heavier card and will look into possibility of printing at McKim School. Hopefully available for AGM.
 - Updated Stationary – Kent presented new stationary with new logo and fonts created by Irma. Several present at meeting would like to see blue logo rather than green, but overall satisfactory for use and Kent to provide templates to anyone needing stationary
 - T-shirts – Nigel will contact supplier for more long-sleeved shirts for Autumn/Winter sales. Also looking into hats for next summer.
 - AGM Planning – At Centre 64 on November 30. Will be presenting new promotional video. **Action - Suzanne to look into AV equipment. Chris to provide copy of video likely from notebook computer. Committee struck to make arrangements: Suzanne, Gary, Nigel.**

7. Committee Reports

Guide Sales – report provided by Val Carey (not present). 251 guides sold so far in 2017 and \$1355 collected. Val has recommended that only 1000 guides be printed on next edition. **Action - Committee established to review current guide for necessary changes to next edition: Rod Chapman, Cliff Erven. Chris will contact Dan Clarke for e-copy of guide and to see if he can help out again on the next edition. Kent to contact other trails stakeholder (mainly KNC) to ensure trail changes included in the KNPS update.**

Membership – Gary Hicks informs currently we have 329 members (169 life members).

Trails – Chris gave an update on the current status of new trails constructed in 2017. Eimer's Lake to Ridge connector mostly complete except for stairs which are proposed to be installed next spring. Romantic Ridge to Upper Army Road almost complete, another work party planned for the coming weekend. Chris reports ~260 volunteer hours so far and under budget for refreshments.

Chris also raised the upcoming KTS AGM and need for trails groups to be represented. Ongoing push to coordinate trail maintenance work and hope to create new Trails Coordinator position. KTS seeking grants, other contributions and also plans to lobby city for support.

Kent raised naming of new trail, would like to seek public input and use exercise as a promotional opportunity. All agreed good opportunity and for Kent to go ahead via FaceBook /Webpage.

Action Item – Contact Timbrmart re: signposts, Rob not present – carried forward

Action Item – Eimer's Road improvements, Kent provided update that contractor has completed the project on budget, leaving \$1800 remaining for further work to be identified. Some delays due to park being closed due to high fire danger. Overall happy with work done but will watch over the winter and freshet to see if effective. Further improvements on hold until Fire Chief has done access assessment.

Action Item- trail sign maintenance. Kent reported several signposts have been installed/replaced. 3 more to go in on Friday.

Action Item – 'No Dumping' Sign – Nigel still working with the City to provide.

Blog – Is to replace the newsletter and Rod s seeking input from directors/members. Rod has a list of potential subjects and will circulate with everyone. He is happy to edit, no need to be a professional writer!

Horse Barn Valley – Thanks to Lou and Paul who have prepared the cabin stove for the winter. They also reported lots of recent windfall cleared to get there.

Events – 21 participants on 8/10 and another 35 on 15/10 for the HBV Fall Colours hike. Larch not in full show, but still lots of colour and well enjoyed by all.

Request from Nigel on behalf of the Round the Mountain Festival planning committee for approval of the 2018 event. Proposed for 24 June using same KNP/HBV trails as previous years. Moved by Rob to approve event, seconded by Lou. Carried.

Another event request from Nigel for the BC 55+ Games in September. Committee for the mountain biking event has yet to be formed. Seeking support in principle to use some Nature Park trails, with event likely to be stage at the KNC. Course will need to be approved by the board, will provide more details ASAP.

Grant Writing – Kent advised that final grant reports for the Road Improvements and Video/Webpage will be due soon. No new grants currently being sought.

Interface Fire/Pine Beetle Restoration

- Fuel Treatment update – Kent Reports burning ban has been lifted a week ago and pile burning likely to start soon. Hoping to get some photos and perhaps video of the work being undertaken. Please forward any shots to Kent.
- Firewood Salvage update - also got a late start due to fire bans, but there have already been several expeditions and expect to continue until the snow sticks.

Video Project Update – Chris reports some issues/delays with the fall shooting, but confident it will get done and lots of great material already. Editing is underway, may be a call out for more audio volunteers. Project yet to be paid out, good incentive to ensure ready for AGM! Rod enquired to the possibility of a ‘teaser clip’ to promote the AGM, Chris will look into this.

7. New Business

- Rod asked for the board to consider the archiving of important/historical KNPS documents. He has a recommendation from the Museum for an Archivist, Marie Stang. Would likely need to apply for a grant for this project. Kent/Rod agreed to review current document/file holding and further consider need/importance. Anyone who is interested in this project please contact Kent.
- Swan Ave Gate condition was enquired to by Lou. Close to seized in position, needs maintenance/replacement. **Action – Nigel to enquire with City**
- Slope Stabilization work behind Overwaitea was raised and queried as to involvement/effect to KNP – **Action – Nigel to enquire to City of extent/aim/location of current work.**

8. Interesting Sightings – apparently nothing out of the ordinary this time.

9. Next Meeting – AGM November 30, 7pm Centre 64

Adjourned 8:45pm