

Minutes
Kimberley Nature Park Society Board Meeting
February 24, 2022

Zoom meeting called to order at 7:03pm by President Naomi Humenny

Present: Naomi Humenny, Frank O'Grady, Laura Duncan, Susanne Baldwin, Cliff Erven, Sandra Roberts, Liz Royer, Gary Hicks, Rand Davis, Dave Hale, Ryan McKenzie, Matt Thompson, Ingrid Musser Okholm, Mitch Tom, and Heather van der Hoop

Regrets: John Henly

1. Introductions and confirm agenda

Motion to approve: carried

2. Minutes of last meeting

Motion to approve: carried

3. Delegations: none

4. Correspondence/Communications:

- Letter of support for Round the Mountain, June 19
 - Motion to approve: carried
 - Action item: Naomi will write and sign letter of support

5. Financial report: Ingrid reported that the only change was interest income. Total assets as of Jan. 31 were \$28,325.

6. Unfinished Business:

- Committee discussion: Each committee needs someone to chair it, and organize meetings at least quarterly, though some may need to meet more often to accomplish specific goals (e.g., trail committee)
 - Laura suggested a few adjustments to the committee organization
 - Laura also suggested that committees review their goals/objectives and then review activities to see whether they're meeting those goals
 - Trails committee is highest priority right now, so Mitch will be Acting Chair until John returns and will organize a meeting

7. Committee Reports:

Trail Guide: We are running low on trail guides, so it's time to discuss reprinting.

- Ingrid will look up how much it cost to reprint last time, so we have an idea of what it will cost to print enough to last the year
- The Trails committee will meet shortly to discuss reprinting plans

Membership: Gary reported 2 new members and 2 renewals. Currently we have 291 members, 234 of whom are life members, and 163 email subscribers.

Natural History: Laura reported on committee activities.

- Monthly outings began again on Sunday, Feb 20th with participation in the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC). The GBBC is a 4-day global citizen science event that tracks the migration of birds each February. Six KNP-NHers found 8 species of birds along with a lot of fox and pine marten tracks as well as squirrels, hares and ungulates.
- Teck has just informed us that we have been successful in our funding application for Wildlife Cameras in the amount of \$1,500. Once the funds are received, the group will purchase the cameras. In the meantime, decisions on initial locations will be made.
- A small number of people are in the process of developing a Photo Scavenger Hunt. This is not intended to be a contest but rather participation. It's hoped that it will attract families with young kids as well as adults. Liz also suggested holding a Photo Contest, but we'll start with this Scavenger Hunt and see how it goes.
 - Gary will help Laura set up an email account to receive the photos
- There is interest in starting a structured photo-point monitoring project in the Park. There have been some photo-point monitoring endeavours in the past but they have been quite casual. The point of this project would be to note trends and changes in the Park and would be more structured than past efforts. Some key things to work out include how to store the photos and how to report on them.
- A blog is being written about the importance of butterflies in the ecosystem and encouraging people to plant flowers that are important for them.

Trails: Ryan McKenzie updated the Board.

- It was a quiet month on the trail-grooming front without much new snow, but volunteers have been busy filling in holes manually and maintain trails through warm spells
- Flannel Fest Fat Bike Poker Ride: 47 riders, sounds like it was a success
- Electrify the Mountains: third RFP will cover a more accessible climb from base of RCR up to KNC and one in Levirs area
- Logging activity: Ryan saw activity near Campground and Matthew Creek area and plans to investigate any impacts on the Park/HBV trails
- Action item for trail committee: meet ASAP to come up with any summer projects for 2022 and share with Ryan by mid-April for the trail crew to work on this spring/summer
- Renaming project: ?aqam will discuss at their March meeting to generate ideas based on local history and knowledge to rename Apache and name the Matthew Creek Connector

Blog: Feb. 2: [World Wetlands Day](#)

Horse Barn Valley: no updates

Interface Fire/Pine Beetle/Restoration: nothing to report

Events: Flannel Fest Fat Bike Poker Ride was a success, as Ryan noted above

Grant Writing: nothing to report

Communications: Matt updated the Board

- Committee met to discuss plans
- Action item: All committees please think about how they communicate, both internally and with

membership/public, and send types of things they need to communicate, how, and with whom, to help the communications committee understand how other directors are currently communicating and how the committee can allocate time/resources to support that

8. New Business:

- Photo Contest will be tabled until Natural History committee does its Photo Scavenger Hunt
- KTS is [hiring an executive director](#) (\$25/hr for about 600 hours/year)--any interested parties should apply by March 15

9. Interesting Sightings: Susanne saw the moose near Elbow Road and Edge. The Natural History committee is also seeing many more tracks than they have recently.

10. Next Meeting: March 31, 2022, plan is to meet in person at Kimberley Community Church

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.