

Kimberley Nature Park Society
Monthly Meeting Minutes Oct. 3rd, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 1902hrs by President Kent Goodwin.

Present : Kent Goodwin, Naomi Humenny, Ingrid Musser-Okholm, Gary Hicks, Chris Ferguson, Cliff Irvin, Ryan McKenzie, Sandra Roberts, Dave White, Jim Webster, Jody Johnson, Mat Beaudreau, Kendal Benesh, Rand Davis

Regrets: John Henly, Frank O'Grady, Rod Chapman, Lorraine Zerafa

1. Introductions and confirm agenda-

Motion to approve: Ingrid Musser-Okholm, 2nd Chris Ferguson, carried

2. Minutes of last meeting –

Motion to approve : Ingrid Musser-Okholm, 2nd Rand Davis, carried

3. Delegations –

4. Correspondence/ Communications –

Email from Rob Wheeler at Tyee re: bench construction and donation. Short discussion regarding Wheeler considering returning monies received from memorial benches in the past with confirmation of charitable receipt. Charitable receipt would be issued. Wheeler would also like any memorial bench requests going forward be organized and built by volunteer labour. Rand Davis and Gary Hicks would be willing to volunteer for this as he has seen it work in a school setting.

5. Financial report –

Presented by Ingrid Musser-Okholm

Motion to approve : Ingrid Musser-Okholm, 2nd Gary Hicks, carried

6. Unfinished Business –

E-bikes in Park – possible adoption of new BC Parks policy, extensive discussion including short review of the policy recently adopted by BC Parks

Motion : to allow Class 1 e-bikes on the trails in the Kimberley Nature Park Kent Goodwin, 2nd Chris Ferguson, carried

task to be complete : advise City of Kimberley of discussion regarding allowing Class 1 e-bikes in the KNP

7. Committee Reports:

Trail Guide - Sales - Val : no update

Membership – Gary Hicks – 25 new members

Natural History – summer weed control

- cheatgrass on Sunflower Hill, exploring goat grazing : short discussion, attendee Kendal Benesh may be a resource for ideas and information (works with EKIVC)

Trails - summer maintenance : Ryan McKenzie advises most of work in KNP over summer involved extensive cleaning up of downed trees. Certain projects were pushed back as there was extensive fire treatment programs in place or planned and need to see the scope of cutting before time is put in to new trail building. Also has three more weeks of student work through Stillwater Consulting. They will be tasked to do tree clearing along corridors and hot spots that require work.

- brushing of Eimer's Road, Jimmy Russell : still required, if time allows

- drainage ditches on Jimmy Russell : no discussion

- potential reroutes of Trans Canada Trail, Shapeshifter etc. : extensive discussion regarding possible routes. Of the possible routes discussed the preferred route would be mainly outside of the KNP running up from Mr Toad vs the first proposed route across and above the current Shapeshifter trail and mainly inside the KNP.

Motion : to support in theory realignment of the trail in the general area of version 2 (mainly outside the Park) as proposed by Ryan McKenzie and to provide a letter of support from KNPS for The Great Trail grant application Kent Goodwin, 2nd Chris Ferguson, carried

task to be complete : letter of support from KNPS to be provided to Ryan McKenzie

- magnetic signs for work party trucks

Motion : to purchase 4 magnetic signs at \$33 each indicating Kimberely Nature Park Society Maintenance Kent Goodwin, 2nd Chris Ferguson, carried

Blog – discussion regarding a new post requesting new directors

Horse Barn Valley - Tora Bora climbing crag – report on meeting with RSTBC and climbers : discussion regarding meeting that occurred between KNPS, Lisa Cox (RSTBC) and East Kootenay Climbing Association. Cox will be drafting up an agreement with EKCA to manage the climbing crag. KNPS will look into opportunities to educate EKCA and climbers using the crag about rare lichen in the area.

Events - report on summer events : Naomi Humenny and Gary Hicks had a booth at the Aug 8th Farmer's Market resulting in a few new memberships and some map sales

- Upcoming – Chasing the Colours, Oct 13, Golden Larch Hike Oct. 20

- request to use the Park trails for Trans Rockies Singletrak 6 in June 2020 : discussion regarding the early date and 2 weeks before much of the same route will be used for Round the Mountain event, possibility trails will still be wet and snowy, route change required for the requested use of Creek Trail

Motion : Naomi will contact Aaron McConnell with SingleTrack 6 to advise the KNPS approved the event to occur in the KNP as long as it meets our event criteria, to advise they need to ensure they discuss with other stakeholders (including Round the Mountain event, Lana Drijber), and to consider they may need to have alternates in place if wet weather persists Kent Goodwin, 2nd Chris Ferguson, carried

task to be complete : Naomi to email Aaron McConnell, Transrockies 6

Grant Writing – short discussion, CBT may support some invasive weed management funding

Interface Fire/Pine Beetle/Restoration - Firewood salvage underway : 18 to 20 loads of wood already

gathered this year

- Fuel treatment update – ongoing work on duck pond, new contractor approved for slash/burn in Romantic Ridge/Lower Army/Pat Morrow section and may begin work in the next few weeks

Management Plan Updating – updated plan approved by the City

8. New Business – AGM planning : committee put together to discuss AGM : Rand Davis, Gary Hicks, Rod Chapman, Frank O’Grady, Kent Goodwin

- recruitment of new directors : request for all current directors to make a point to think of good possible candidates and speak to them

- winter trail grooming in KNPS, discussion, determined it would be okay for a 1 winter trial with limited, one looped route only linking Trickle Creek Golf Course with Forest Crowne trail system

Motion : to approve winter trail grooming (2019-2020 winter season), as a trial program, of one set loop linking Forest Crowne trail system to Trickle Creek Golf Course (Army Road, Duck Pond to access Keiver Way and Army Road to Eimer’s Road to access Elbow Rd), grooming program to be organized by Ryan McKenzie Chris Ferguson, 2nd Gary Hicks, carried

9. Interesting Sightings – bow hunters on Hoodoo View : not allowed, within City limits

- firewood poaching near Swan Ave : lock at that gate has not been in use, new locks need to put on gate which means all locks on gates may need to be changed, Fire Department (?) will be changing the locks

10. Next Meeting – Thursday Oct. 31st, McKim School

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.