



Kimberley Nature Park Society Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date & Time:	27 May 2026 – Wednesday, 7:00pm
Location:	Marysville Pub (MVP) Games Room, 447 304th Street
Call-in Link:	https://meet.google.com/ybg-rbrx-vre
Attendance:	Present: Hasi Muhandiram, Jessica Harvey, Eva (Ava) Boehringer (remote), Andree Powers, Dave Hale, Ryan McKenzie Regrets: Maurice Frits, Tim Chapman, Sharon Moorcroft, John Henly, Schaun Goodeve, Sue Cairns, Rain Noakes

Call to Order

- 19:09

Adopt Minutes of April 29, 2026 Meeting

- Reviewed outstanding action items from April.
- *Motion: Andree; Second: Ava; motion passed.*

Accept the Agenda as Presented

Motion: Jess; Second: Ava; motion passed.

City Liaison Report

- No update: Sue C. was not in attendance.

KTS Report — Ryan M.

- Approximately two-thirds of the Round the Mountain (RTM) trail has been cleared, with the trail crew scheduled to finish operations today.
- Substantial trail maintenance is underway, alongside efforts to complete leftover projects from last year' four trail crews are currently operational; KTS is actively seeking one additional crew member, with the application hosted on their website.
- The economic impact study remains in progress.
- A complaint was received regarding Sunflower Hill (SFH), where users became lost due to confusion stemming from unauthorized trails and a general lack of signage.
- Member surveys will be distributed at a future date. KTS is exploring the implementation of a hotlink or mobile widget to allow anyone to easily perform passive, background data collection directly via smartphone.
 - **Action Ryan:** distribute the survey link to the Board, which can then be shared broadly, potentially via the upcoming KNPS newsletter.

Financial Report — Andree P.

- The Society remains in a strong financial position, with total funds sitting at \$54,000. Of this amount, \$15,000 is fully committed and \$6,000 is allocated for salary expenses.
- An upcoming expense was noted for QuickBooks management by Emma, totaling \$100 per month.
- Fundraising revenue and general donations are significantly higher compared to this time last year.



Correspondence/Communications

- Letters of Support: Requests were received from Sinister Sports and the Wildsight Summer Camp Odyssey program.
 - **Action Jess:** Draft and submit the letters of support for Sinister Sports and Wildsight.
- Wildlife Camera Management: A volunteer is required to take over management of the wildlife cameras from Jean and Lyle.
 - Maja has agreed to assume responsibility for Jean's designated site. A field trip is scheduled for mid-June to position the camera in its original location.
- It was reported that Lyle's two wildlife cameras were tampered with but not damaged; Lyle has resigned from the camera program.
 - **Action Dave:** Retrieve the coordinates for the camera site and pass them to Tim to determine if Wildsight is interested in taking over management for the duration of the Ecosystem Enhancement Project.

Unfinished Business

Trails

- MOU with KTS Update — Jess: Work continues on refining the MOU to ensure it is pragmatic; edits are currently in progress.
- Ktunaxa Language Signs — Jess: No response has been received yet from the teacher regarding access to funding for this signage project.
 - **Action Jess:** Follow up with the teacher regarding funding pathways.
- Field Visit to SFH (May 8) — Jess: A field walkthrough was conducted on May 8 with representatives from KTS and Wildsight.
 - **Action Ava:** Follow up with Rain regarding the outcome and next steps from the walkthrough.
- Chainsaw Course — Hasi: Hasi has successfully completed and passed the certification course and is ready to begin operations. Dave noted that the KNPS chainsaw is currently in his possession.
- Tamarack Construction Bypass: Ryan outlined options to avoid the active construction zone. An

Community Engagement Update — Maurice F. (via written update)

- Maurice will continue managing event posters and social media channels while away to ensure a consistent public presence.
- Issues persist with accessing donor information on the CanadaHelps website. Emma or Ingrid may have the necessary details to log in or resolve the data gap.
 - **Action Andree:** Follow up with Emma and/or Ingrid to secure the required login credentials and data from CanadaHelps.
- Preparation is underway for the June newsletter. Maurice will contact individual board members shortly to gather content; newsletter will incorporate the KTS trail survey link provided by Ryan.
- Maurice is still awaiting a response regarding its application for a booth at the local Farmers' Market.

Kimberley Outdoor Recreation Committee — Ava B.

- Ava attended the committee meeting on May 4, where a collaborative survey was introduced.
- The committee is officially changing its name to 'Outdoor Kimberley' (abbreviated as 'OK').
- The committee has distributed a comprehensive survey for member groups to complete. KNPS feedback should reflect the Society's specific mandate and organizational context. The final deadline for submission is June 12.
 - **Action Ava:** Circulate OK survey link to Board to gather institutional input.



Committee Updates

Governance

- Chamber of Commerce (CoC) Governance Workshop — Jess: A feedback survey has been received following the workshop.
 - **Action Jess:** Complete and submit the workshop feedback survey.

Grants

- Ecosystem Assessment HCTF Grant — Ava: Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation (HCTF) indicated they will formally consider the grant eligibility issues under the LOO designation, provided that appropriate supporting documentation is supplied.
- Canfor Long-Term Plans: The Society is seeking formal written confirmation from Canfor regarding their long-term intentions, specifically requesting a commitment of no active logging within the Kimberley Nature Park (KNP) boundaries. Ava identified Barry as the key contact.
 - **Action Ava:** Follow up with Barry at Canfor regarding the written commitment.
 - **Action Dave / Tim:** Directly engage with Barry to help facilitate this written confirmation.
- ReDi Grant for Signage — Jess: No official announcement has been made yet. The board only possesses the preliminary funding notes previously discussed.

Natural History Committee (NHC) — Dave H.

- May 24 Janice & Jamie Walk: The natural history walk hosted by Janice and Jamie saw an exceptional, unexpected turnout. While only 25 participants registered online, a total of 37 individuals attended.
- Logistical takeaway: For walks exceeding 20 participants, a second KNPS volunteer is critical to manage logistics and safety.
- Outcomes: The event resulted in 3 map sales, 3 new memberships, but zero donations due to a lack of dedicated manpower to handle a donation box.
- Dr. Nicholas: A park meeting is scheduled this coming Friday with Dave and Hasi. Dr. Nicholas has expressed a keen willingness to volunteer for future events.
 - **Action Hasi:** Connect Dr. Nicholas with Ava and Jess via email.
 - **Action Ava:** Coordinate with Hasi to schedule a dedicated Bat Walk in August.
- Discussion on Event Fees: The board debated whether to charge a formal fee for public walks. Voluntary donations are currently recommended but remain logistically limited by manpower and are entirely optional.
- As an intermediate step, the board agreed to ensure that volunteers explicitly ask for donations at every event. Moving forward, a second volunteer must be present to coordinate logistics, including managing a portable donation box.

Interface Fire — Dave H.

- Prescribed Burn Walking Tour (May 20): A guided walking tour was conducted by Will Booth on May 20, attended by Dave, Tim, and Sue Cairns. It was discussed that any future field tours and related events must be communicated to the board well in advance.
- An upcoming site visit to the Creek trail is being organized for next week with Dina, Dave, and Rain.
 - **Action Dave:** Notify Ryan at KTS regarding the date and details of the Creek trail site visit.
- Illicit Trail Use: Chris B., a resident living near the Higgins entrance, reported a noticeable presence of mountain bikes utilizing illegal, unauthorized trails. He has offered to provide the society with comprehensive GPS track files and photographic evidence.



Horse Barn Valley (HVB) — John H.

- No update from John Henly (away).
- Andree noted that removal from wasp nest in the toilet, toilet cleaning, paper restocking, and the deployment of a new QR code at the kiosk were completed.

Events Update — Hasi M.

- The Bear Aware presentation in partnership with WildSafeBC is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, June 14; the new WildSafeBC coordinator has confirmed her availability; the presentation requires a 2-hour block.
- Venue Requirements: The event requires a large, open space to safely accommodate the public. The second gravel pit located just inside the Swan Avenue entrance was proposed.
- A gate key may be required if vehicular/truck access is necessary to haul equipment. It was suggested that John Henly may possess a key.
- Volunteers: Extra KNPS board members are needed to support Hasi with event execution. Jess volunteered to assist. Volunteers are asked to bring promotional t-shirts and swag, and set up a formal event table.

New Business

- Pika Project Update — Ava: The professor at the University of British Columbia Okanagan (UBCO) no longer has an assigned student available to conduct DNA analysis this autumn. However, the university has provided a formalized protocol for sample collection to be executed by KNPS volunteers this fall.
- Ava is in discussions with another biologist regarding expanded habitat mapping, which may potentially integrate with the proposed bat project.
- Wildsight Invasive Species Assessment: EKISC is scheduled to conduct a comprehensive invasive species assessment across a 70-hectare parcel on Sunflower Hill next week, specifically on June 9 and 10.
 - **Action Tim:** Measure the physical dimensions of the sign at the SFH kiosk for Maurice when time permits.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting: Moved by Andree; Seconded by Ava; motion passed.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

June 24, 2026	Regular Board Meeting – Marysville Pub Games Room
September 23, 2026	Regular Board Meeting – Marysville Pub Games Room
October 28, 2026	Regular Board Meeting – Marysville Pub Games Room
November 25, 2026	Regular Board Meeting – Marysville Pub Games Room
December 20216	AGM with Date TBD