



**Kimberley Nature Park Society
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
Feb. 26, 2026 – Thursday 7pm
Location: McKim School Room 137**

Present: Maurice Frits, John Henly, Jessica Harvey, Eva (Ava) Boehringer, Sharon Moorcroft, Dave Hale

Regrets: Tim Chapman, Schaun Goodeve, Hasi Muhandiram, Andree Powers, Sue Cairns, Ryan McKenzie

1. Call to Order at 19:05
2. Minutes of Jan. 29, 2025 meeting were approved as corrected and adopted
 - Motion John; second Sharon
3. Accept the Agenda as presented
 - Motion Jess; second Ava
4. City Liaison Report — Sue
 - No report (City liaison not present)
 - Natural History Committee (NHC) chair sent the [Kamloops Nature Park economic valuation](#) to the City for their consideration; article incorrectly states Kamloops NP is largest in BC; KNP is bigger at 840 ha
5. KTS report — Ryan
 - No report (KTS not present)
6. Financial Report — Andree
 - No report (treasurer not present)
7. Correspondence/Communications
 - Flagging tape complaint (member email) and NHC concerns - Jess/Dave
 - We have responded letting member know that Dead of Winter (DoW) event is ongoing until end of March; flagging was also removed in Lois Creek
 - Dinah (NHC member) offered to fund alternatives if viable option found
 - KNPS can encourage biodegradable flagging tape and prompt removal after events in Letter of Support
 - **Action John:** Check in a week to see if DoW flagging was taken down
 - New volunteer/board member request - Jess/Ava
 - Ava nominated Rain Forest Noakes as acting director; motion carried by majority vote
 - Request for partnership opportunities from Kimberley Tennis Club – Maurice
 - Maurice is working on cross marketing with other associations
 - Sharing FB posts, logos on banner, social media/newsletter/website
 - Will develop promotional policy for engagement with other local groups
 - **Action Maurice:** send email with suggestion to share on website and newsletter
8. Unfinished business
 - a) Trails
 - Signage: who is putting up the signs (KTS/Alison)? Rebar concerns – Dave



- o Dave will follow up with Ryan on the email he sent to ask who is putting up signs
- o **Action Jess:** check into cost for sourcing orange caps
- Sign location inventory completed by volunteer in early Feb. – Ava
 - o Provide online map, GPS locations, and extensive photos; available on Drive in Trails folder (Trails and Structures → Signage Survey—060226)
 - o Info was used in ReDi Grant application
- MOU with KTS update – Jess
 - o Jess has reviewed it and started editing it, but not ready for KTS review yet
- Decommissioning of unauthorized trail – Ava
 - o Deferred to next meeting
- QR code on bulletin boards replacement stickers – Maurice
 - o Stickers have been printed
 - o **Action John:** put stickers onto the kiosks before end of March
- b) Grants & funding
 - ReDi Grant – Jess
 - o Share the Park initiative application to tie in all users and signage initiative
 - o Includes upgraded signage: interpretive signs for Eimer's Lake and Share The Park, winter trail users signs, replacement signage where needed
 - o Asked for 10k plus in-kind local sponsorship of materials, volunteer labour
 - Long-term Grant – Jess
 - o Annual Report was submitted; new grant has been approved for **\$16,415 annually** through Dec 31, 2027, with 1.5% yearly inflation increase; Year 1 payable upon signed agreement
 - CBT grant opportunity for trails, arts, and culture
 - o Trail crew subsidy program is already closed
 - o Also Eco Canada wage funding up to 75% (government of Canada);
 - o **Action John:** will look into deadline and see if it would be feasible for us
- c) Website & Newsletter update – Maurice
 - Events tab launching by end of week for event booking (movie night and walks with QR codes); Events page includes digital map for parking information
 - Newsletter is going out tomorrow; article from NHC about mosses; highlight NHC walk and movie night
 - Blog will be incorporated into newsletter; will still be on the website accessible via a link to view the archived files
- d) Committee Updates
 - Grants – Jessica
 - o Applying for HCTF Action Grant: invasive species; need to set up meeting with City to make sure that responsibilities are clearly outlined; should get a LoS from City
 - o **Action Ava:** request an introductory meet-and-greet with Jim Hendricks



- NHC – Dave
 - Wildlife cams and trail counters deployed and collecting data; capacity issue: large volume of data (photos, digits) collected with unclear use and management strategy; need capacity to design proper survey program
 - Data storage question unresolved but for now, Google Drive will house raw data.
- Interface Fire – Dave
 - Three people attended BC is Burning movie; Film successful in bringing people into broader discussion; will be available on YouTube
- HVB – John
 - ORCA Boardwalk grant decision will be due in March; KNPS was contacted for info on Section 57; Lisa Cox (Rec Sites & Trails BC) confirmed that it will be granted
- b) Firewood Program – John
 - Andy would like a set of questions that he can respond to
 - Aware of CWD issue; check for annual reports from Andy
 - **Action Ava:** prepare list of questions (who gets it, how often, where, etc.)
- c) Events Update
 - Movie Night (March 19) - Hasi/Maurice
 - 7 to 9 pm at Center 64; three movies; Becky Bates and Trixie Pacis will be at event; Frank Paynter; cost per ticket \$20
 - Room capacity is 120; insurance capped at 110
 - **Action Ava:** project still life movie on TV to check resolution
 - Motion to approve liability insurance (\$171) and cost for rental (\$262.50); motion Sharon, Dave second; motion carried
 - **Action Maurice:** get insurance coverage
 - **Action Ava:** arrange for damage deposit payment with Center 64
 - March 7 NH Walk and other NH events - Hasi
 - Dave Quinn will guide it; sponsor is Black Dog
 - Free for members; non-members by donation
 - Social media and email to members; will also go in newsletter
 - Future:
 - Wine Tasting (Ryan from Biscuit) – he will arrange wines from BC Wineries and will provide bites; silent auction; space for 40 people over two seatings (5 to 7 pm and 7 to 9 pm)
 - Bear Aware (June) – Erna; will hear back in late April, but funding has been cut at provincial level
 - Booth at Farmers Market – tabled for next meeting
 - BBQ (early July) – will not happen due to capacity issues
 - HBV Boardwalk – John; grant is from July 1 to end of August; tentative date for end of July
 - AGM (Dec)

9. New Business