

**Minutes**  
**Kimberley Nature Park Society Board Meeting**  
**May 26, 2022**  
**Kimberley Community Church**

Meeting called to order at 7:07pm by President Naomi Hummeny

**Present:** Naomi Humenny, Ingrid Musser, Ryan McKenzie, Mitch Tom, John Henly, Cliff Erven, Laura Duncan (by Zoom)

**Regrets:** Frank O'Grady, Susanne Baldwin, Liz Royer, Matt Thompson, Rand Davis, Sandra Roberts, Gary Hicks, Heather van der Hoop, Dave Hale

**1. Introductions and confirm agenda**

Motion to approve: carried

**2. Minutes of last meeting**

Motion to approve: carried

**3. Delegations:** none

**4. Correspondence/Communications:**

**5. Financial report:**

Motion to approve: carried

- \$65 donations and grants (any donation is considered a grant)
- Received the money from the city for insurance.

**6. Unfinished Business:**

- Ongoing discussion regarding KNP communication plan (John).
  - John raised concern that the Nature Park as an entity, and the KNPS as an organization, is not very visible in the community. He also raised concern that some board members have not participated in meetings or responded to emails in the past six months. He noted that the KNPS has a significant bank balance, and suggested that the board consider spending some of that money to hire a temporary staff person to coordinate and facilitate a visibility campaign within the community, and among potential visitors. Some of this person's terms of reference would include: (i) using the new "events" board in the Platzl to advertise the park, show the map, and give the summer events schedule; (ii) design and construct a high-quality KNP awareness "booth," and participate in local and regional fairs to promote awareness of the Park and the KNPS values; (iii) undertake a strong membership drive; (iv) prepare and implement a comprehensive social media plan; (v) design, print and distribute a KNP brochure; (vi) prepare monthly article about the Park for the Bulletin; etc.
  - General consensus is that this is a good idea, and the board members present agreed it was a good idea to pursue.
  - Naomi mentioned Robin Austin (a local social media expert) as a potential candidate for this position.
  - A few members mentioned that board member Matt Thompson does this kind of work, but it is thought that a hired, dedicated person would be best to work half or full-time for

a few months (or as determined).

- Emily Smith (Kimberley First Saturday's) was also mentioned regarding promotional materials for KNP
  - **Action item:** Since there was a low turnout of board members at the meeting, it was decided that Naomi will draft an email to the Board to present the idea for their support.
- New president discussion: Naomi is stepping down from her role at the end of this year.
  - Co-sharing of the role is discussed as a possibility. More to be discussed at the next meeting.

## 7. Committee Reports:

Trails and Structures:

- Update on maps (Trail Guide)
  - Suzanne Baldwin (absent) communicated that there were no new map sales to report and we currently have 24 maps remaining.
  - The Trail Guide re-design committee {Cliff Ervin (Chair), Mitch Tom (Acting Chair), Frank O'Grady, John Henly, Kent Goodwin, Ryan Mckenzie (KTS)} met on May 5 to discuss work on the Trail Guide redesign with new trails and names, and will aim to print new maps by later this year. Mitch will take over coordinating while Cliff is away during the summer. Some of the main tasks for updating are:
    - Update the boundary of Horse Barn Valley
    - A number of new trails will be included (approx. 10), and we must decide if names will be printed for trails in high-density trail areas outside of the NP (e.g., KNC, Forest Crowne)
    - Update Trans Canada Trail logo and possible re-routing
    - Update street and housing areas of Forest Crowne
    - Update magnetic declination; new photo and other information on the cover; change Stellar's Jay logo from red to blue.
    - Investigate potential grants
    - Update kiosk maps, and change to alu-panel maps
    - Investigate new parking area in Forest Crowne
    - Contact and discuss involvement of Big Magic in Kimberley to do the desktop publishing
    - Contact and discuss printing with Rocky Mountain Printers and number of copies to be printed.
  - Ryan says all the GPS files have been updated and finalized for all Kimberley area trails.
  - Forest Crowne will not move the gate.
    - Next steps: designate specific tasks, prepare a budget and timeline.
    - Mitch will be acting chair.
- Ryan McKenzie reported that:
  - Trail clearing is done in KNP.
  - Mapping Trans Canada Trail signs: no change/not yet arrived
  - Bear Trail is not looking great. Three-quarters of the lower section has water running

down it. Ditching will not be effective, and the board should discuss what to do.

- **Action item:** Trails committee will walk the trail and make some suggestions by the next board meeting.
- Higgins uptrack: moved the entrance as requested by Dave, Gary, and John. Construction has begun at the top, still in Nordic Center. Deadfall starting to be removed from the gate at the bottom of Higgins. If any issues arise, report to Ryan. Prescription is 24 inches (wider at the beginning, but will be narrowed to 24 inches as the final step). KNPS is still debating a name. Ryan informed that the “old” Higgin’s Hill trail—outside the NP but visible—will be re-contoured.
- Sunflower Hill trails were GPS’d
  - **Action item:** Trails committee will discuss and come back to the board re: names and whether to put on the map.
- Still waiting for name suggestions from ?aq'am
  - **Action item:** Ryan will follow up again
- Upper Shapeshifter: Ryan and John discussed adjusting a fall line section, and will go walk the trail to consider options and then present them to the Board.

#### Communication, Park Promotion and Events:

- Update on guided hikes: Heather (absent) sent a report ahead of the meeting that guided hikes are coming together. The schedule so far includes:
  - Saturday, June 25, 2022, 9 a.m.: Ruth Goodwin, 2 1/2 hours, leaves from Campground Trail
  - Saturday, July 23, 2022, 9 a.m.: Birgitta Jansen, 2 1/2 hours, leaves from Campground Trail
  - Saturday, Aug. 20, 2022, 9 a.m.: Emma Bourassa, 2 1/2 hours, leaves from Campground Trail
  - Sunday, Oct. 9, 2022: Chasing the Colours, Lauren Bathory, leaves from KNC
- Discussion of whether to print up KNP stickers as member gifts. How would we distribute? Gary will follow up if the board thinks it is a good idea. Hold off decision on the stickers until we have a larger group at the next meeting.

#### Conservation & Education

- Update from Laura: May activities included
  - Extending the Photo Scavenger Hunt to June 15
  - Writing and posting of 5 blog posts or Facebook posts
    - Sunflower Hill Chronicles 4 & 5
    - Posting of Photo Scavenger photos (Facebook)
    - Announcement of Photo Scavenger extension – both Facebook & blog
    - Announcement of the Wildlife cameras being set out
  - A monthly outing held April 23 (Campground entrance up Jimmy Russell looping back via Hoodoo View)
  - Start of calypso orchid count May 25-June 8
  - Setting out wildlife cameras – 3 so far, the 4th planned to be set out the last weekend of May
  - Monthly outing was scheduled for Sunday May 29 but has been postponed due to the leader’s injury
  - Sightings:
    - Fox –Eimer’s

- Great blue heron – Eimer's
- Kingfisher- Eimer's
- 6 turtles – Eimers's Lake
- Williamson sapsucker pair – WISA area
- Glacier lilies – several sites in the KNP, Boulder Trail is one of the best displays
- Calypso orchids – several sites in the KNP, a report of locations & numbers will be available for next meeting
- Leaves of Mountain Ladyslipper – only one site known of these orchids in the KNP on Duck Pond Trail, further out than Duck Pond
- Loud croaking of a number of frogs at Duck Pond in evening

Administration

- No update

Horse Barn Valley

- John has yet to discuss with Lisa's replacement concerning the Talus Boardwalk materials. Walked the site early this week, and very wet/muddy.
  - **Action item:** John will check in with Lisa's acting replacement about whether they will still provide materials.
- Eventually, John will organize a work day to help build these boardwalks

Interface Fire/Pine Beetle/Restoration: No update

**8. New Business:** none

- Any Teck areas on our map? Discussed, and no areas in or adjacent to the Park are thought to be of concern.

**9. Interesting Sightings:** Moose on Trickle Down, Calypsos being seen, turkey on SW Passage Viewpoint trail, Bear Trail looked like a chicken egg (grouse).

**10. Next Meeting:** June 23, 2022 (third Thursday), at the Kimberley Community Church

Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.