

Kimberley Nature Park Society Monthly Meeting Minutes Oct. 31st, 2019

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

Present: Kent Goodwin, Naomi Humenny, Gary Hicks, Chris Ferguson, Cliff Irvin, Ryan McKenzie, Sandra Roberts, Kendal Benesh, Rand Davis, Frank O'Grady, Rod Chapman, Peter McConnachie

Regrets: Ingrid Musser-Okholm

1. Introductions and confirm agenda –

Motion to approve: Peter McConnachie, 2nd Cliff Irvin, carried.

2. Minutes of last meeting –

Motion to approve: Rod Chapman, 2nd Chris Ferguson, carried.

3. Delegations –

4. Correspondence/Communications –

5. Financial report –

Presented by Kent Goodwin.

Term Deposit Transfer line item is missing.

task to be complete: Rod Chapman to determine if Archive Project is complete and remaining funds can be moved to "Unrestricted."

Motion to approve: Rod Chapman, 2nd Gary Hicks, carried.

6. Unfinished Business –

AGM Planning & Promotion: Venue, time, location, food & beverage are selected. Chris Ferguson to deliver presentation on St. Mary's River basin. Promotion will occur through FaceBook, posters, newspapers, internet, and through KNPS general email list.

task to complete: Naomi Humenny to confirm available door prizes from Sidekick.

task to complete: Rod Chapman to write article for Kimberley Bulletin.

task to complete: Kent Goodwin to contact Irma for potential poster development.

New KNPS Director Recruitment: Current Director's are speaking with friends, community members. Chris Ferguson drafted *KNPS Director Expectations* document that will be shared.

7. Committee Reports:

Trail Guide – Val: No update.

Membership – Gary Hicks: 1 new member. KNPS will consider writing to email membership list encourage registration. Total current members: 278.

Natural History – Recent outing in HBV.

– Sunday, Nov. 17th Potluck to discuss plans for next year: contact Ruth Goodwin for more info

– Cheatgrass on Sunflower Hill: Kent Goodwin met with Cailey Chase to discuss targeted grazing treatments. Kayla Gilroy to investigate existing research and funding opportunities for potential project.

Trails – Ryan McKenzie: Update on machine grooming for hikers and fat bikes. KTS will be using a Go Fund Me campaign for purchase of a Snowdog.

– Continued maintenance/clearing of trails inside KNP: Tora Bora, Tora Bora Ridge, Summer.

Blog – Water hemlock article is ready for spring publishing.

Horse Barn Valley – KNPS is still waiting to hear back from Lisa Cox (RSTBC) re: agreement with East Kootenay Climbing Association and potential interpretive sign for rare lichen.

Events – Hikes: Chasing the Colours Hike (37 participants), Golden Larch Hike (24 participants)
– TransRockies Race Series follow-up: Naomi Humenny emailed group to inform no use of Creek Trail. Organisers responded with new route that is agreeable. KTS has no major concerns about use of trails prior to Round the Mountain.

Grant Writing – No discussion.

Interface Fire/Pine Beetle/Restoration – Firewood salvage continues.

– Fuel treatment update: Ongoing work on Duck Pond, Myrtle Mountain hand-slashing and hand-piling. Spring 2020 planned burn around Army Road from Myrtle Junction to Higgins Rd. Will only burn if conditions are perfect. Fuel treatments between Romantic Ridge and Lower Army Road will continue until snow is too deep.

– Funding application for Myrtle/Bump Mountain thinning: \$170,000 of funding requested for 9-13 hectares of work. May brush out Mountain Mine Road. Project includes assessment for major fuel break SW of Kimberley that includes part of KNP and will be adjacent to Canfor.

– Canfor has foresters looking at potential commercial logging sites. KNPS was not contacted initially but has now been engaged by Kimberley Fire Chief and has indicated that KNPS will be invited to next planning meeting. Reviewed previous planning exercise completed by Greg Utzig that recommends forest stand density in different KNP zones based on moisture regime, habitat-type, etc.

Note: Commercial logging has taken place in KNP before (Tembec on Sunflower Hill).

8. New Business – None.

9. Interesting Sightings – Cow and calf moose around Trickle Creek.

10. Next Meeting – AGM, Thursday Nov 28th, 2019. Trickle Creek Lodge.

Meeting adjourned at 2031hrs.