

**Kimberley Nature Park Society
Monthly Meeting Minutes**

February 28, 2019

Present: Kent Goodwin, Ingrid Musser, John Henly, Chris Ferguson, Frank O'Grady, Cliff Erven, Rod Chapman, Naomi Humenny, Gary Hicks, Lorraine Zerafa, Ryan McKenzie, Paul Paronetto, Peter McConnachie

Call to order at 7pm at McKim Library

1. Introductions and Confirm Agenda

Motion to approve: John Henly, 2nd Chris Ferguson, carried

2. Minutes of last meeting

Printed copies were circulated. Motion to approve: Ingrid Musser, 2nd Naomi Humenny, carried

3. Delegations – none

4. Correspondence

- Email from Gretchen Zinkan re: memorial bench on Sunflower Hill. Will walk in April to look at sites.
- Email re: dog poop on Connie's Way – Kent forwarded to Kimberley Trails Society
- Email re: collision between skier and dog – informative email, no blame given. Harder for a cross-country skier to stop when going downhill.

5. Financial Report

Presented by Ingrid Musser

Archive reserve missing from internally restricted funds. Ingrid to adjust.

Motion to accept: John Henly, 2nd Peter McConnachie, Carried

6. Unfinished Business

Archive Project update

- Archivist asked for an extension until the end of March, she will then have everything boxed, cataloged and scanned. Entire collection archived.
- The final report to CBT due at the end of March, Rod asked for an extension until the end of April which he was granted.
- Rod will go to Nelson to pick up the boxes of archives in April.

7. Committee Reports

Trail Guide – no report

Membership (Gary) – 4 new life members

Natural History (Paul) – The committee had a field trip on February 23rd

- talked about future plans
- took pictures for blog post. Got an ID on spider, hammock spider

- Looking at a name change, if you have any ideas please email them to kootenaylaura@gmail.com
- Next outing planned for March 31st, 9am Details to follow

Trails (Ryan)

Trail use questionnaire review

- Ryan putting together a survey about the trails in and around Kimberley to go to the public
- Trying to find out who used the trails, what they do on the trails, how often they use them and if they would be interested in volunteering.
- Would also serve as an info source.
- Suggested to use wording 'What would be the primary focus of managing trails in the Kimberley Nature Park and Horse Barn Valley'
- Suggested to put the KNP and HBV survey's one after the other.

Trail from KNP to KNC

- Out of the 3 suggested routes, KNPS agrees with 2 of them. Will not look at Boulder trail.
- Reroute sections of Sidecut, trail would end at KNC warming hut, length of new trail to be built would be approximately 1.5 km.
- Trail from Higgins to Richardson side cut, length of new trail to be built would be approximately 900 m. If we were to do this we would keep the current bottom of this trail open.
- Archaeology study would have to be done on both areas
- Either of these routes is acceptable to the KNPS, but more discussion on these choices to be done with other groups before a decision is made.

Trails Committee

- Chris Ferguson agrees to coordinate trails committee
- Naomi Humenny and John Henly agree to be on the trails committee

Blogs

- Will post on this meeting
- Future post re: new signage in HBV
- When the trail use survey is ready we will put up a blog about that.

Horse Barn Valley (John Henly)

- Lisa will be sending John a map of the new HBV boundary in the Tora Bora Ridge area.
- John will circulate the final draft of new HBV kiosk maps to board members

Events

- Suzanne McAllister agreed to chair
- Volunteers, Lorraine Zerafa, Paul Paronetto, Peter McConnachie

Grant Writing – No grants being written

Interface fire, fuel treatment – City of Kimberley has applied for 1.8 million for funding to do fuel treatment around town, including in the KNP. They should be hearing in a few week if the grant is approved.

Management Plan update

- Met as a group, went through the first iteration.
- One more get together and we should be close to a final draft
- Will then bring it to the board, then the City, then the public
- Edits will be shown clearly on the draft

8. New Business

Succession planning for President

- Chris asked if anyone in the room would be interested in stepping into the President position, nobody stepped forward.
- Will have to restructure how work gets done, will need more volunteers to fill all the positions.
- If you know of someone who would be a good fit for the position, please speak with them.
- The job is really a management job, managing people doing the work. Someone to be the leader.
- Everyone needs to look at the list Kent sent out and come to the next meeting with a list of good candidates to possible fill this position

9. Interesting sightings – Hammock Spider, Epidermal bark mining larva

10. Next meeting – Thursday April 4, 2019 at McKim School.