

KIMBERLEY NATURE PARK SOCIETY
Monthly Meeting Minutes
September 28th, 2017

Attendance: Gary Hicks, Chris Ferguson, Ingrid Musser, Kent Goodwin, Lou Bedard, Rob McInnis, Nigel Kitto, Suzanne McAllister, Rod Chapman, Paul Paronetto, Cliff Erven, Valerie Carey, Shane Daniels, Carley Davis-Martan, Rand Davis

Motion to accept the agenda moved by Rob McInnis, seconded by Chris Ferguson. Carried

Motion to accept the minutes moved by Chris Ferguson, seconded by Suzanne McAllister. Carried

Correspondence

- Donation from Provincial Employees – Community services fund of \$65.
- Invoice from Godaddy for domain name renewal, this is money we pay to have control over the kimberleynaturepark.ca. Kent has renewed it for two years at a cost of \$41.98.

Financial Report

Motion to accept the financial report, moved by Suzanne McAllister, seconded by Rod Chapman, Carried

Unfinished business

- Meet with Fire Chief re: road assessment – He will put money in the city budget to have an assessment of the roads accessible by the current fire fighting vehicles.
- GST rebate – This is very complicated and Suzanne does not feel she is qualified to do this. We need a professional opinion from CA firm. Will put it out on FB and see if we get any in site. Suzanne will entertain a call from Paul at exact tax.
- Business cards – Quote from Rocky Mountain printers 250 - \$88.17, 500 - \$114.00. Cliff has a printer he could use to print some business cards, Kent will bring a sample to the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Guide Sales

- Since Nov 1/16 there has been \$1,240. collected.
- We are on our last box of paper maps, will run out by spring.
- Time to think about what to do beyond this edition.
- Look at and come up with suggestions and comments on a new edition of the trail map.
- Hire a desk top publisher to integrate the digital files from our website into print, update the map to have the look and feel of our website.

Natural History

Eimers lake nutrient testing

- Water test at Eimers lake shows higher levels of nitrate at the inflow, less at the outflow.
- Would like to test for total phosphorus, \$19. per test. Suggest we do this.
- Why we doing it – if something odd is happening could give results to the ministry of environment.

- Could be cause from golf course run off or nutrients from wood ash from pile burns.
- Will get the phosphorus tested in the next 4 weeks, then forward data to Ministry of environment.

Sunflower Hill Knapweed

- No work parties this year to pull knapweed.
- In a very short time they went from not being in flower to seed, and lost their colour.
- Drought stunted the growth this year. Kent did some hand pulling over several days.

Membership

- 329 members, 15 new from the fall fair.

Trails

Proposed trail projects

- New proposed trails had archeological assessment done and we were all good to go ahead.
- The reroute trail from Eimers ridge to lake just needs a bit of work at the top and some steps at the bottom. Need to enforce no biking policy on this trail
- Work parties have had 10 – 12 people out, last one had 17.
- New trail from Upper Army to Romantic Ridge trail moving along.
- Issue with ground wasp nest, few people stung. Chris will get rid of the wasp nests.
- There will be 2 more work parties
- 2 new benches in the park – one at SW passage lookout and one on duck pond trail.

Sign Posts – recycled plastic

- Treated posts are \$15. per, cedar are \$30. per and plastic recycled are \$60. per and have to get from USA so shipping costs.
- Rob will speak to Kimberley Building supplies for quotes.

Eimers road water issue

- Some work has been done, 3 culverts installed and big ditch. Still muddy and wet.
- The contractor was asked to leave by the fire department.
- Contractor will come back with bobcat to do some fill in needed areas.
- Contractor will phone Kent this weekend for dates to come and work.
- Would like to look at lower army road, 3 corners, steep section, pull north side of road in and re contour it. May have money left in budget to fix this area.
- The 2K grant needs to be spent this year.

Trail Signs - Maintenance

- couple sign posts need replacing, Kent will get pressure treated posts for now and week after next send out an email to put together a few people to go out and replace them.

Newsletter

- Seen its day, move to blogs and FB posts.
- Blog for longer articles and features
- FB for upcoming events
- Rob would edit posts, photo's etc. He would be the curator not the sole author.

Events

Establish a list of the events we would like to participate in with the KNP booth at the start of the year and publish it asking for volunteers. Events available, winter market, farmers markets, fall fair, round the mountain. Farmers market would be the best place to reach the most people and get volunteers.

Fall fair

- Sold \$121. in memberships, \$20 in shirts, \$40. in maps and a \$1 donation. Total \$182. Costs \$150 to rent the booth. Value of exposure? Was not as busy as previous years, but there was a lot of opportunity to meet and talk with people.

Summer Events

- Very well attended.
- The last event we did just before bush closed
- Eclipse hike had 46 people hiking to SW passage.
- 2 more hikes into HBV October 8 & 15

Rack Card

- Chateau Kimberley wants some.
- Next one will have an obvious link to website

Fuel Treatment

- Started yesterday in the duck pond
- 5 person crew, take at least a month, will be leaving firewood by roads.
- Other fuel treatment not started, gravel pit/swan & Richards – Higgins
- fuel treatment burning will happen eventually, they used to like leaving the piles for a year, now they don't like to leave the piles because of a concern about fire risk.

Firewood Salvage

- Wasn't running because of bush closure
- We have started doing them, 2nd one will be this Saturday.
- Will continue until the snow flies.
- Started on Army road between creek trail and bear trail

Video

- Did a 3 day summer shoot, covered a wide range. Did some audio 1 week ago.
- Getting ready for fall shoot.
- Goal is to have finished product for AGM, end of November
- Video will be 3.5 - 4 minutes long, but we will have loads of video footage for future use.

New business

- AGM – last Thursday in November

Will hold at the Nordic center, would like to get a better projector and better sound.

- T-shirts – word that they are too cheap, look at possible redesign. Add products Hats? Mugs? Sweaters?

Need to have retailers willing to sell our product first. Consider this in the spring

- Red flagging on SW passage, nobody knows what it's for. If there are ribbons appearing in the park let Kent know.
- Swan parking area is being done, made into 5 – 6 spaces

Interesting sightings

- Badger, sunflower hill trail

Adjourned 8:40 pm

Next meeting – Thursday October 26, 2017 - McKim Middle School