

**Kimberley Nature Park Society**  
**Monthly Board Meeting**  
**May 25, 2023**  
**Room 137, McKim**

**Minutes**

**Present:** John Henly, Jean Terlesky, Ryan McKenzie, Naomi Humenny, Susanne Baldwin, Jen McConnachie, Dave Hale, Heather van der Hoop, Frank O'Grady, and City Councillor Sue Cairns

**Regrets:** Kevin O'Neill, Laura McKenzie, Laura Duncan, Gary Hicks, Ingrid Musser Okholm, Mitch Tom, and Graeme Donaldson

**Meeting called to order at 7pm**

1. Adopt the minutes of the last meeting
  - a. Motion to accept: Jean moved, Dave seconded
  - b. Motion carried
2. Accept the agenda as presented
  - a. Motion to accept: Heather moved, John seconded
  - b. Motion carried
3. Delegations
  - a. KNPS Presentation to City Council: John presented at the City Council meeting on May 15 to re-engage with the City and make a few recommendations on how best to work together moving forward, in agreement with the MOU and LOO. Requirements include having a liaison from the City Council and one from KNPS to the City. Sue reiterated appreciation for John's presentation and will follow up at the next meeting about making her presence at KNPS meetings official as a liaison. One current issue is insurance, which per the MOU is taken out by KNPS and the City reimburses the cost of the liability premium. John is waiting to hear back from the City, and Sue will follow up with them.
4. Correspondence/ Communications
  - a. Kimberley Girl Guides Nite Trek: The group requested permission to have an ATV on site for safety in case of emergency. They wound up needing to use the ATV to evacuate an adult chaperone for a medical issue, but otherwise the event went well.
  - b. Wildsight: Executive Director Robyn Duncan and Kimberley-Cranbrook Branch Manager Andrea Chapman: Both agreed to open coordination and engagement dialogue.
5. February 2023 Financial report: Ingrid was not able to attend so John presented. We had \$918 in revenue (donations, grant for the Boot Brush Station) and \$1,352 in expenditures (PO Box, web hosting)
  - a. Motion to accept: Dave moved, Frank seconded
  - b. Motion carried
6. Unfinished Business

- a. Trail Guide update project:
  - i. Meeting: Frank reported that he has a comprehensive list of plans, and would welcome a few more volunteers to help complete tasks.
  - ii. Logo proposal: John shared a draft logo designed by Maurice for comment. Reactions were mixed; several directors liked the logo but wondered about revisions to colours etc. Conversations around timeline, community engagement (such as a community design contest for a future logo/sticker), and whether a new logo is necessary.
    - 1. Jenn moved to email the design to the board and request feedback within a week, and Jean seconded
    - 2. Motion carried
  - iii. Budget: planned about a year ago with \$4,000 for design work, \$5,300 for 1,500 copies of the paper map, \$1,500 for 6 large aluminum panels for kiosk maps. Total: \$10,800.
  - iv. REDI Grant: We were awarded \$2,429.76 from the REDI Grant.
  - v. Financing: Balance is \$8,370. John proposes that we move funds from Interface Fire and Road Improvement categories and then eliminate those categories. These funds are not restricted by any agreements. The remainder will come from the Trail Guide category and Unrestricted Funds.
    - 1. Motion to accept the proposed plan as outlined above: Frank moved, Dave seconded
    - 2. Motion carried
- b. Boot Brush Project: Dave had no update, and is still waiting for the equipment to arrive.
- c. Trail Counters Project: Laura was unable to attend but John reported that he and Laura installed trail counters in HBV this week. This pilot project will have the counter in one location for about a month before being moved to a new location.
- d. CBT Advisors program: John reported that he and Laura are looking into it.

7. New Business: none

## 8. Committee Reports

- a. Events – Jen reported:
  - i. Mother’s Day Walk: John led the walk and 9 people attended, including two little kids. The route was up Shapeshifter to South West Passage.
  - ii. Emma is working with Maurice on a poster with hike info.
  - iii. Heather published a blog post with dates and details for the hikes, which will be updated as more details are finalized.
  - iv. Trees and Shrubs hike: Dave said there were about 5 KNPS members and 8 campground visitors.
- b. Community Engagement – Jean reported:
  - i. Awareness Campaign: Brochure is in draft form and nearly ready to be finalized, but the new logo proposal may delay things. Sticker cost was approved by the board via email. Planning to charge \$2 per sticker, but there was also a suggestion to make them free or by donation. Also concerns about ensuring design is consistent across the brochure, stickers, logo, trail guides, and events poster.
    - 1. Distribution: bike and ski shops, KAR, Riverside Campground, Kimberley Tourism, perhaps at events (farmer’s market?)
    - 2. There was some concern about timing to get these elements designed and

- ready to print soon, so they're available to the public for the summer.
3. John will email the board to summarize the situation for board members who were unable to attend. He will ask Maurice if it's possible to design the events poster within two weeks so we can get it posted around town.
- ii. Membership: Jean reported that we have 294 members. Diana will take over membership duties from Gary in late June.
    1. Conversation about whether or not to continue sending emails to non-members. Jean reported that it's labour-intensive. Conversation about whether we could make use of Excel's power to help manage and export lists, or perhaps use a purpose-built email management tool, or get help from an IT professional.
  - iii. Map sales: All maps are out at sale locations. Susanne will visit this week to confirm how many are left at each location in case we need to redistribute the remainder to locations that sell more.
- c. Planning & Grants – Gary was unable to attend.
- i. List of granting agencies: tabled for next meeting
- d. Trails & Structures – John reported:
- i. Eimer's Ridge: John noticed a spot with trail erosion in need of repairs. Ryan said the Trail Crew could potentially spend a day there making repairs, armouring, etc.
  - ii. Trail crew plans to schedule volunteer trail work nights in June, July, August
  - iii. Tora Bora Crag: should be armoured. Ryan suggested involving the climbing community to help.
  - iv. Woodworking: Signage repairs needed at Myrtle Junction, Bear Trail, Eimer's Ridge. Ryan reported on experiment with metal post anchors, which will last longer and are easier to carry into the park for installation.
  - v. John will speak with Gerry Drain about woodworking signage.
- e. Natural History – Laura was unable to attend.
- f. Interface Fire – Dave
- i. WISA Fuel Treatment work: Jean reported on a meeting with Bob Gray, Will Booth (KFD), Kent Goodwin, and John. Scheduled to start June 1 and last two months. Kimberley FD will burn in the fall. Will Booth is the liaison/coordinator and will keep KNPS informed. The contractor will put up "trail closed" signage when work is happening close to trails (felling and piling).
  - ii. HBV Field Visit with Lisa Cox, Travis Emsland, Gerry Grady (contractor), and James (Ministry of Forests): Dave and John visited to assess the small sliver of HBV within the planned treatment area and see where they've planned landings, piles, processing. Ribbons are about 10m from the road showing the start of the treatment area, and team is aware of the request to keep a buffer at least this wide of trees on either side of the road/trail.
- g. Horse Barn Valley – John had nothing to report other than the field visit above.

#### Kimberly Trails Society Report – Ryan

- Trail Crew has been working already. Major trail clearing has been done on Skid Road, Mountain Mine, Army Road, Round the Mountain, Tora Bora, Tora Bora Ridge, and more—about 70 hours of chainsaw work already. Earliest the network has been open and clear!

- Trail Crew has installed signage on new trails (mainly Nordic area, but some near Levirs and bottom of Hertz So Good). Also installed “no uphill traffic” signs on Sidecut, which has been a matter of discussion, and Ryan is still collecting feedback from the community. He shared info about the change at the Bike Park movie night fundraiser, and also shared that Class 1 e-bikes are the only ones allowed on the trails (pedal-assist, no throttle). KTS is working on signage to educate riders about the distinction.
- Planning RFP is out for a paved pathway being planned to extend Rails 2 Trails closer to town.
- Nordic Centre controlled burn was delayed again, likely to Fall 2023.
- Trans Canada Trail volunteer day had about 40 volunteers and 12 kids out to help. Most work was around the new bridge, Mr. Toad, and ha#a?øu swa? (Sneaking Cougar)
- Trickle-down reroute: conversation about reroute to reduce grade, make it safer and more inclusive. Some flagging is up to mark the reroutes. John will send info to the Board via email by this weekend, and Ryan will meet with the Natural History group to confirm. The Board will plan to vote on this by next meeting. Plan is to do some of the work through a community volunteer trail work night.

City Liaison: Sue Cairns was able to attend the meeting, and will request to be officially appointed as a liaison.

Interesting Sightings: none to report.

Motion to Adjourn: Jean, seconded by Naomi

**Next Meeting: 7pm, June 29, 2023, at McKim School**