

Minutes
Kimberley Nature Park Society Board Meeting
March 31, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm by President Naomi Humenny

Present: Naomi Humenny, Frank O'Grady, Laura Duncan, Susanne Baldwin, Cliff Erven, Sandra Roberts, Matt Thompson, Ingrid Musser Okholm, Mitch Tom, Heather van der Hoop, Dave Hale, Peter McConnachie, Zsolt Csillag and Anna Csillag

Regrets: John Henly, Liz Royer, Gary Hicks, Rand Davis, and Ryan McKenzie

1. Introductions and confirm agenda

Motion to approve: carried

2. Minutes of last meeting

Motion to approve: carried

3. Delegations: none

4. Correspondence/Communications: none

5. Financial report: Ingrid reported \$550 in income, and \$40 in expenses. Total assets as of Feb. 28 were \$28,836.

6. Unfinished Business:

- Committees
 - Recommendation that committees each meet within the next couple of months to develop mission statements
 - Sandra recommended posting mission statements on the website for continuity and easy access. Many board members agreed and suggested this could also allow non-director members to learn more and potentially join committees.

7. Committee Reports:

Trails and Structures:

- Update from Susanne Baldwin on maps: Susanne has restocked all businesses that need maps, and we have 24 left in hand plus what's at all the shops. It's time to reorder, but we also need a redesign to update some trails and trail names.
 - The last order was placed in July 2018 for 1,500 maps. A new quote from the same provider would be \$3.91 each for 1,000 maps. Buying only 250 maps would run us \$12 each.
 - In 2020, we sold about 220 maps; in 2021, 255.
 - Changes are more minor than last update in 2008, so the redesign wouldn't be as involved
 - A small committee (Cliff, John, and Mitch) will work on map redesign with new trails and names, and will aim to print new maps by later this year. They will decide if they require additional help.
- Ryan McKenzie was not able to attend this meeting

- Update from Trail Committee meeting: Mitch reported that they met on March 8.
 - Ryan discussed Higgins Hill reroute by Lifetime Outdoors, and recommended that a director supervise the project to ensure compliance regarding natural impacts, etc
 - **Action item:** Naomi will contact John about being the KNPS supervisor
 - Flannel Fest: Organizers have agreed to ask for a letter of support before their 2023 event
 - Shapeshifter reroute monitoring to ensure trail rehabilitation
 - Sidecut: discussion about making it a one-way trail for cyclists going down once the specific up-route nearby is open (outside the KNP boundary)
 - Discussion about building a small extension from Army Road up to Boulder Trail to prevent collisions between pedestrians and cyclists
 - HBV boardwalk: East Kootenay Climbing Association mentioned interest in helping, but no action here yet
 - Trans Canada signage needs to be updated. New route proposed will go via Matthew Creek Connector, Mr. Toad, Shapeshifter, Thunder Turkey, Army Road.
 - Trickle-down requires some widening in narrow spots (work for trail crew 2022)
 - Flagging potential reroute on Shapeshifter up from Hoodoo View to avoid a current steep grade
 - Sunflower Hill: review and consider what to do about well-used unsanctioned trails. Potential to establish and name them to prevent additional braided trails being travelled. One in particular is very well established, follows a good contour, and could simply become a new trail.
 - Motion to name and map this trail: carried
 - Action item: Next trail committee meeting, discuss potential names for new trail
 - Action item: Ryan will map the unsanctioned trails to get a better idea of the situation

Communication, Park Promotion and Events:

- Request for support to Single Track 6 (Sept. 8 and 9)
 - Motion to approve: carried

Conservation & Education

- Update from Laura:
 - Monthly outings are taking place to observe signs of spring. The last outing was held Sunday, March 27, on Sunflower Hill. The next one will also likely be on Sunflower Hill.
 - Leaders of the outings have been asked to submit a blog post or Facebook posting describing the outing to share the natural history of the Park.
 - The equipment for the Wildlife Cameras is arriving and the sites for deployment are being finalized. Emily Chow of FLNRO will be helping to familiarize the camera teams with the function of the cameras and also help with the actual setup so we can capture the images we're aiming to capture. Setup is planned for early May.
 - Dina is leading the Landscape Photo Documentation Project (photo-point monitoring) which asks participants to take photos from a specific spot aimed at another specific spot four times a year to monitor changes over time. The photos will be taken in conjunction with the Equinoxes and Solstices, beginning with the most recent Equinox on March 21, 2022. The participants are choosing their locations and will be noting things like recovery from interface logging, erosion of trails, and ecological succession.
 - Birgitta has started to write a series of articles about Sunflower Hill to be posted on the

blog.

- Emma and Sherrin are about to launch the Photo Scavenger Hunt which will run from April 15 to May 15 as a pilot project.

- Gateway to Nature Hikes: Suzanne McAllister will organize these hikes for 2022, possibly working with Struan Robertson. Heather will serve as the board liaison.
- Update on invasive plant control: Dave reported no updates yet, but he'll connect with the new EKISC contact about options.

Administration

- Insurance documents filed for 2022
- Zoom renewed for 2022
- Discussion to donate money for the KTS Trail GM position
 - In the first year of the position (2018), we donated \$3,000. In 2020 and 2021, we re-donated the Shred Sisters monies back to the KTS (\$325 each).
 - Motion to donate \$500 to KTS Trail GM position funding: carried
- Update from Gary Hicks (membership): Gary reported that we have 265 members, 235 of whom are life members, and 156 email subscribers.
- Grant writing: Wildsight was successful with their grant application and will be conducting work in late summer with the Youth Climate Corps Nature Park Project. Ryan will share more details at the next meeting.
- Kimberley Community Church requires a \$100 cheque to hold at the church for a key, which will be returned as long as we don't lose the key.
 - Motion to donate \$100 to the church for donating meeting space: carried

Horse Barn Valley: no updates as John was not able to attend.

Interface Fire/Pine Beetle/Restoration: Dave reported that Canfor is finishing up some logging up Matthew Creek that affects Tora Bora Ridge—this will be finished and rehabbed by spring 2023. The new roads and landings in KNP (e.g., below Shapeshifter) will be rehabbed this spring, including recontouring and grass seeding similar to the skid trail that was already rehabbed above the road and landing. The new west-east road south of Mr. Toad/Matthew Creek Connector will stay in while ministry logging and manual treatments continue in that area west of KNP.

8. New Business: none

9. Interesting Sightings: Dave saw wolf prints on Front Boulevard.

10. Next Meeting: April 28, 2022, at the Kimberley Community Church

Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.