

KIMBERLEY NATURE PARK SOCIETY
Monthly Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2017

Attendance: Paul Paronetto, Cliff Erven, Naomi Humenny, John Allen, Gary Hicks, Chris Ferguson, Rod Chapman, Peter McConnachie, Randy McLeod, Ingrid Musser, Kent Goodwin, Suzanne McAllister

Regrets: Glenda Johnson, Nigel Kitto, Lou Bedard, Rob McInnis

Motion to accept the agenda moved by Suzanne McAllister , seconded by Peter McConnachie. Carried

One change on January minutes under video project, change 3 years to 20 years of experience.

Motion to accept the minutes, moved by Suzanne McAllister, seconded by Rod Chapman. Carried

Correspondence

Got the \$1500 cheque from City of Kimberley for liability insurance.

Financial Report

Motion to accept the financial report, moved by Suzanne McAllister, seconded by Peter McConnachie, Carried

Unfinished business

Insurance coverage for trade fairs/AGM events

- Discussion with broker about liability coverage during our AGM, he said we are covered for fairs, meetings, normal course of business.
- If we hold a public event with alcohol we are not covered.
- If we go to the broker a month before the event he will work with us to insure coverage.
- We needed proof of liability to have our next meeting at Blarchmont, broker approved ok.

Action items

- will be tracked and distributed by Ingrid
- 1 week after the meeting, sent to all directors

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership

- 288 members – 29 more than last year to date
- 119 life members – 22 more than last year to date

Natural History Committee

- Sandwich board donated by the Kimberley Alpine Resort
- Sandwich board will be used to advertise guided walks, Flo and Irma working on this project

Trails

Trail Maintenance – Higgins St. entrance

- Need to look at further funding applications

- applied for CBT community initiative for \$8,500.
- April City Council meeting, Rob McInnis will speak to the proposal for the Higgins Street entrance to the park.
- Kent will look for other funding opportunities
- Work will go 250m up from the gate at the Higgins St. entrance
- Applied to the Water Management Branch for permission to do the work. Naomi suggested City planner Troy Pollock may be helpful.
- Suggestion to build up lower spots further along Eimer's Road when truck is there.

Long term maintenance plan – working with other trails societies

- KTS (Kimberley Trails Society) would like to work together, trying to streamline things
- Label trails on a master plan with a colour in regards to sensitivity to impact
- Streamline the trail maintenance standards
- Designate one contact person in the community for event organizers

Trail Manager

- Have one point person for event organizers to communicate with
- Making it simpler for the event organizers
- Create a job for a trail manager – high level position
- Someone who understands the process, organizes work parties, trail maintenance, prioritization and signage on behalf of all the trail groups in town.
- Develop specs for jobs then possibly seek funding from the City of Kimberley
- Improve public awareness and ownership of trails by volunteering or donating cash
- Apply for funding for this position, grant applications

Memorial Benches

- Bench at Keiver way donated by Kiever family is approved
- Tyee bench, just like the one at Eimers lake, they are designed to be able to be knocked down and packed in to remote locations.
- We have two other requests for benches, one in the park
- We have no written policy on benches, currently we approve the location, design and installation at the KNPS meetings.
- Benches in lookout locations

Newsletter

- Newsletter will be emailed out
- Currently we have 6 members without an email, they will get the newsletter mailed to them.
- Proposed copy circulated is 10 pages
- Will include write up about the guided snow shoe walk

Horse Barn Valley

- Lots of people going around the mountain on ski's
- there are a few small snow slides on the Nordic Trails on the way to Rockslide Trail and Moe's Canyon
- discussions continue to revise HBV trailhead kiosk

Events

Past – Winter Market

- Sold 14 memberships, 8 of them new members at the winter market.
- We have participated for the past few years and this was the least well attended
- A new organizer this year
- There was no parking

Guided snow shoe

- 4 people attended

Web page and Video

- contract is signed
- paid the \$2,500 down payment
- received a \$700 grant from Telus
- we are a couple of hundred dollars short of the total \$15,000 budget
- filming March 4 & 5 in the park
- Saturday the 4th will have volunteers in the park, drone pilot, using snowmobile to get equipment in for the purpose of this project.

Interesting sightings – snow fleas in abundance

**Next meeting – Thursday March 30, 2017
Blarhmont School**