

March 23, 2010

KASLO TRAILBLAZERS AGM

Called to order: 7:07 pm

MINUTES from 2009 (Gerald Garnett – secretary) read and accepted (Graham Gilbert/ Val Koenig)

PRESIDENT's REPORT (Silvio Lettrari)

Last year 93 individuals contributed 733 hours of labour (grand total over 5 years is 5624 hrs)
Macbeth Icefield Trail cleared by Tom, Gerald, Dave and Bob
Mt Loki Traverse Trail improved by Tom, Gerald, Kim, Tom Freyta, Dave, etc.
The Society donated a bridge tread to be auctioned by Nth Kootenay Arts Heritage Council
We – and especially Val Koenig – participated in Festival in the Forest, May Days, Farmers Market, Bavarian Folk Dancing Variety Show, David Thomson slide night, Winter Solstice Bridge Light-up, Invasive weed eradication program
Work parties were held weekly especially by Val, Doug, Gerald
Highway Information Signs were stained a vivid violet
School volunteers helped fill 20 gravel barrels with gravel for winter use against the ice
300 cement blocks were laid and await re-engineering!
Steps and guard rails were installed
50 trees were planted (Thanks Bill Wells)
5 cubic yards of gravel were laid to improve drainage in the horse tail area
Sections of trail on the South side were widened
Maps were reprinted
Val and his crew maintained a regular garbage patrol
Tammy and Doug did an excellent job of maintaining the Trailblazer web site and BLOG.

Treasurer's Report (Val Koenig)

We have revenues of \$34,187 and Expenses of \$11,763 reviewed by Berg, Naqvi, Lehmann
Admin costs remain very low at \$592 Read and accepted (Bill Wells / Ian Fraser)

New Business (Val Koenig)

May Days. Guided walk on Sat. and Sunday at 10 am led by Stu and Marge
Booth in Community tent – info and membership renewal – six volunteers organized by Val.
Motion passed (Val and Ian) to spend \$190 to have a permanent booth in Saturday Market
We are the conduit organization for funding for the Buchanan Lookout Rebuilding (CBT \$10,000 grant for supervisor; Kalesnikoff \$19,000 for materials; Jane Miller of Springer Creek applying through the Forestry Investment Account). Val to check on liability insurance
Birchdale. Bobbie Huber requested help with a public trail from Little Fry Creek to connect with the public road down to the wharf. A motion was passed to support this application to Parks in principle (Val / Stu)
Interest was shown in Trailblazers helping construct a camp kitchen in Kokanee Park. It was decided to check our mandate. Some members resent that Kaslo's access to the park has been cut off with the closure of the Joker Millsite / Keen Creek entrance.
Water Street. A motion was passed “that the Kaslo Trailblazers put the the Village on notice that unless it is clear that the Society will have time to complete the project by July 31 that the \$23,000 grant will no longer be available”. (Graham Gilbert / Val Koenig)
Katimavik. The costs of using two or four students to extend the trails to South Fork are prohibitive and we have decided not to apply. (Supervisor \$10,000 / Insurance \$2,000)

Bridge. The main drive this year will be fundraising \$70,000 by selling bridge plaques. A local engineer recommends using laminated wood to avoid expense of suspension bridge Regional Park. Disbursement of regional park money is still being discussed with the Village. Bill Wells will be organizing work parties to install rebar and logs at erosion points.

Presentation of a framed bridge photo to Marge for 150 hours of volunteer work

The Executive was re-elected by acclamation:

Silvio Lettrari – President

Val Koenig – Treasurer

Gerald Garnett – Secretary

Directors – Tom Duchastel, Stu Heard

Adjourned: 8:40 pm

2009 TRAIL REPORT

93 DIFFERENT VOLUNTEERS CONTRIBUTED 733 ½ HRS.

Total since the start (5 years) 5,624 hrs. not counting administrative hrs.

While not part of our mandate, I am pleased to report that some of our members took the initiative to clear the MacBeth Icefield trail as well as complete the Mt. Loki traverse trail. The Kaslo Trailblazers have also partnered with the Kaslo and District Rails to Trails group to brush out approx. 6km. of the old restored wagon road trail from Retallack to Bear Lake. The ladies from the Wed. Walkers assisted us with this task.

During this past year we participated in the

**Christmas Fair
NKLAHC Salon of the Arts
Festival in the Forest
May Days Celebration
Farmers Market**

During this past year we sponsored

**Variety Show
David Thompson Voyageur Brigade DVD presentation
Invasive Weeds pulling days
Winter Solstice Celebration**

During 2009 we continued our regular work parties every Wed. and Sat. mornings from 9am to Noon.

We completed the highway information Kiosks with advertising sales at \$500. for 5 years expiring Dec. 31/2013

We made approx. 300 concrete blocks to use in a retaining wall just west of the bridge.

We completed the steps and guardrails from the highway to the bridge.

We planted approx. 50 more trees.

We moved approx. 5 cu yds of gravel on the trail through the horse tails.

We widened various sections of trail on the hillsides on the south side.

We purchased , installed and filled 6 more sand barrels for winter use.

We have completed the revisions to the existing trail map and have ordered 12,000 copies.

We continue to complete various tasks for ongoing trail maintenance.

Thank you to all work volunteers, members and financial supporters. Without your support this project would not be possible.



**Val. Koenig
Treas./Trail Boss**