

MINUTES of KASLO TRAILBLAZERS SOCIETY AGM MARCH 24, 2011
KASLO CURLING LOUNGE
Called to order: 7:08 PM Attendance: 13

I. Minutes from 2010 (Gerald Garnett – Secretary) adopted as read (Val Koenig/ Ian Fraser)

2. Business arising from the minutes.

Mt Buchanan Fire Tower project is completed and also wheelchair access to the outhouse
Ian Fraser will investigate what happened to the display materials
The Birchdale Trail is on hold

3. President's Report (Silvio Lettrari)

53 volunteers contributed 828 hours. Since Feb. 05 140 volunteers have contributed 6452 hours.
Admin hours double or triple that total. (Thanks Val).

In 2010 KTS participated in NKLAHC Salon of the Arts/ Saturday Market (Thanks Marge)/ Kaslo
Sufferfest/ Festival in the Forest/ May Day Celebration

KTS sponsored Pulling Invasive Weeds/ Barbecue opening Saturday market/ Winter Solstice celebration.
KTS completed trail connection to airport/ guard rails and support chain on South side/ concrete sidewalk
around Cenotaph and towards Kaslo Bay/ graveled 1,000' of trail via canvas bag/ raised trail on south side
above flood waters/ with JVH students replenished gravel bins on hillsides

KTS continued to work on trail signage/ a Nordic Center on Mt Buchanan/ the trail from Highway 31
bridge to SS Moyie/ trail maintenance

The regular work parties were held on Wednesdays, primarily led by Stu Heard. 2/3 of the old mining water
pipeline road "refurbishment" on the south side extension was completed. We will be looking for an
agreement on this trail (Section 57) as soon as the Government appoints someone to the vacant Recreation
position.

The Nordic Club and the Bike Club were formed under the KTS registered society "umbrella" and as part
of our mandate to encourage non-motorized recreational use in our community.

Everyone's help is requested to donate towards the 5th Street Bridge and to enlist friends, family,
neighbours, tourists, anyone to do the same.

Thanks to everyone who gave KTS support in 2010.

4. Treasurer's Report (Val Koenig)

Revenue: \$45,714 Expenses \$39,081 (An extra \$10,000 has been added since the start of 2011)
Admin/Advertising less than 2%. Naqui, Berg, Lehman donated cost of auditing.

5. New Business

We are obliged to spend the donated money for the projected 5th Street Bridge by 2012

a) We dropped the idea of a suspension bridge as it is too expensive at \$200,000 +

Fixed bridge options are i) Steel... \$110,000 in material costs

ii) Concrete...\$55,000, (consisting of \$30,000 for 120' girders available in
Armstrong) + \$20,000 delivery, + \$5,000 placement)

One additional factor is whether we need \$40,000 pilings for the 84,000 lbs. of concrete girders,
while the lighter steel might only require cheaper concrete pads.

Members unanimously passed a motion (Val Koenig/ Bill Wells) "that we appoint Pennco Engineering to
provide us with the answers we need to make a decision about whether to use concrete or steel".

b) New Partnership with Nordic Club/ Bicycle Club. \$10 of their membership fee comes to KTS.

They approached some of our executive, who decided to support them because it was practical, feasible, no
cost to us, and within our mandate. Both clubs carry independent insurance covered by their provincial
organizations

Catherine McCormick felt such a decision should have been referred to the whole executive and the KTS
membership before the decision was made. She felt that with too many projects we might suffer from lack
of focus and membership "burn-out". Tammy felt that newspaper articles should be very clear which
organization is sponsoring what event. It was felt that the clubs should have a representative on our Board.

c) New Chairperson for the Saturday Market. Marj will only do July this year (not the 4 months in 2010). Val will recruit through our email.

d) Kaslo and Area Youth Council Society requested our Trailblazer charity society “umbrella” to raise the \$5,200 needed for a marble donors’ plaque for the Kaslo Skate Park. We supported this worthwhile project which does not involve a financial obligation on our part.

e) In response to a request from a “Save Jumbo” enthusiast, we unanimously passed a motion (Val/Marj) “that KTS does not share our members’ email with anyone else”.

f) Walkathon Proposal.

We unanimously passed a motion (Val/Bill) “ that the club hold a walkathon followed by a barbecue on May 28 to raise funds for the bridge”. Val will organize and aims to capture some tourist pledges at May Days.

g) Silvio agreed on our behalf to accept \$2,000 from the Ministry of Tourism for maintenance of the Mt Buchanan Loop Trail.

6. Elections.

Val Koenig and Gerald Garnett were thanked for their six years as inaugural Treasurer and Secretary. Val will remain on the executive and Gerald will remain as a WWW (Willing, Wednesday, Worker).

Ken Butt was elected Treasurer. Stu Heard was elected Secretary. Silvio Lettrari will remain as President and Tom Duchastel will continue on the executive.

We also need a Membership Chairperson and a Fundraising Chairperson.

7. Other Business.

Stu Heard was awarded (in absentia) Life Membership No. 5 for his 250 volunteer hours.

Doug was awarded a framed bridge picture for 150 hours of volunteer work.

Tammy will be asking for advice about improving our web page

We passed a motion (Bill/Val) “that the KTS secretary write a letter to Jeff Mattes of Progressive Forestry that they honor their commitment to remove sharp stumps (pigs’ ears) that they created on the River Trail”.

Ian Fraser expressed his opinion that the 5th Street Bridge gave little return for its \$100,000 + price tag compared to improving the Lakeside Trail. He felt it would divert families to walk on the undeveloped South Side and that the Highway Bridge provided an existing connection at no cost.

Val felt a new bridge would solve a dangerous traffic hazard. We discussed requesting a pedestrian crossing. The Highways Bridge is not due to be replaced for twenty years and Highways does not want to relocate the pedestrian walkway.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM. (Val/Gerald)

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2010 TRAIL REPORT FOR AGM

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easily double or even triple the total hours.)

During 2010 we participated in the:

NKLAHC Salon of the Arts

Saturday Market

Kaslo Suffer Fest

Festival In The Forest

May Days Celebration

During 2010 we sponsored:

Invasive Weeds Pulling Days

Bar-B-Q Opening day Sat Markets

Winter Solstice Celebration

During 2010 we continued our regular work parties every Wednesday morning from 9am to noon. These work parties were primarily headed up by Stu Heard. Sat work parties have been dropped.

During 2010

We completed the trail connection from the bridge to the airstrip.

We installed additional guard rails and chains for support on the south side trail.

We worked on the Lakeview trail from the highway road bridge to the SS Moyie.

We completed a concrete sidewalk from the Cenotaph towards Kaslo Bay Park.

We completed concrete borders around the cenotaph.

We started and have completed approximately 2/3 of the trail extension on the south side of the river.

We oversaw the completion of rebuilding the Buchanan Lookout Tower.

We graveled approx 1,000ft of trail thanks to hikers carrying bags of gravel with them.

We raised the trail on the south side in the spring wet areas.

We had the help of J.V. Humphries school kids to fill all gravel barrels on the hillsides

We are working towards the establishment of a Nordic centre on the west flank of Buchanan.

We continue to work on various Trail maintenance items including installing additional signage.

If we want to see the 5th street bridge completed in 2011 we require everyone's help in fundraising by donating what you feel comfortable with. By talking to friends and neighbors about supporting the project financially. By downloading our solicitation letter from our website at www.kaslotrailblazers.org and forwarding it by e-mail to all your friends and family in Canada and abroad. At this time we have bridge plaques from Australia, Germany, England, various U.S.A. states and various Canadian provinces. Let's see if we can make this a most successful international Unity Bridge project.

I would like to thank all our members, volunteers, financial supporters and community partners for continuing to support our ongoing projects to help keep Kaslo on the Map.