

Kaslo Trailblazers Society
Meeting 7pm May 19, 2011 at Stu Heard's house

Minutes

Present: Tom Duchastel, Ken Butt, Stu Heard, Val Koenig, Silvio Lettrari, Janis Lampimaki

Business:

1. Val informs that Jill Braley is looking after filling the doggie bag dispensers at the trailheads.
2. Guidebook: Janis presented the new, hot off the press Kaslo Trail Guidebook developed by the Nordic Club, which will be for sale for the May Days long weekend. All sale proceeds go to raising funds for the Nordic Club projects.
3. Backroad incident: Janis reported that her van had recently been vandalized (side window broken) while parked along the Backroad while Janis and others were out clearing trail and putting up trail signs. The incident has been reported to the RCMP.
4. Janis requested support the KTBS for the new signs on existing trails, and in her work to re-establish older existing trails. Some discussion about what exactly was being undertaken, especially in light of a recent e-mail from Bill Wells with respect to the airport area woodlot and woodlot owners/managers (Greg Lay, Bill Wells, Peter McAllister) concerns. It was noted that the Horse Club trails are officially registered with the BC government, but that other trails are not registered.
5. Pine Ridge trails: Steve Forest from BC Forestry was contacted by a Pine Ridge resident after trails had be re-established and signed in that area. According to Mr. Forest, a bridge and a small section of new trail actually needed prior permission, but deemed to be OK.
6. Communications: After discussion about some of the incidents encountered by Janis, it was determined that regular public communications needs to be undertaken. Immediately, and thereafter about every 3 months, articles to the Pennywise and the Valley Voice should be sent. Its important to keep people informed of all the activities of the KTBS, the Nordic Club and the Mountain Bike Club. In the first one, there should be some discussion of the volunteer effort, rather than any commercial gain, and give people a clear idea of what is being done to promote active lifestyles, outdoor recreation and tourism.
7. Waivers and volunteer hours: all volunteers must sign waivers, and number of volunteer hours must be tracked and compiled for KTBS.
8. Designation of trails: proposal for our existing trails for be applied to BC Tourism for Section 57 approval. Silvio feels it is better to send the GPS data and guidebook to Forestry to establish the trails on Forestry maps. Janis is contact Steve Forest to determine the best route forward, and then report back to the KTBS directors prior to making the application. A good contact is Katherine McKrae in Kaslo as a Forestry ministry resource person.
9. Legal liability: There was reference made to a previous discussion by the executive on this matter. Directors insurance was discussed. No decision was made.
10. Role of Janis Lampimaki: discussion of the role and relation of Janis to the KTBS. As president of the Nordic Club and the Mountain Bike Club (*is this correct?*) Janis is the liaison person between the two clubs and the KTBS. Communication about projects should proceed through the KTBS if projects are on behalf of the KTBS. The president(s) of the two clubs should become directors on the KTBS at our next AGM.
11. 5th St Bridge: the proposed concrete and steel girders will be strong enough to support vehicles, if those are the ones we purchase (this is yet to be determined). Pennco says that given that they would be strong enough to support vehicles, we should consider placing the

bridge in the road right-of-way centre to allow for emergency vehicle use if needed. There was discussion about whether we want to build the bridge to this standard or adopt lower specifications for strictly pedestrian useage. It was agreed that once we receive the reports for Pennco and the Geotech then we should meet to discuss this further and finalize our approach.

12. Trail workshop in Castlegar: there will be a regional trails workshop in Castlegar on June 23. Several folks are interested to attend. Car pooling would be appropriate.
13. Nordic Club warming hut: the Nordic Club will be building a warming hut on skids to be placed at the Mt. Buchanan Nordic ski area.

Meeting adjourned 9pm.