

Kaslo Trailblazers AGM

February 29, 2007

Curling Club Lounge

Called to order at 7:10 pm

1. Minutes from 2006 read and accepted
2. Business arising from the minutes.
 - Obtaining charitable status involves a lot of paperwork
 - Running a raffle needs strong support from membership
3. 2006 Progress Report (Val Koenig)
 - Thank you to Heide for photographic display
 - A connecting trail to the highway on the North Side has been built
 - Interpretive signage is ready to be installed
 - 10,000 maps have been printed
 - A kiosk has been installed and there are 5 bundles of shingles to be put on
 - Columbia Basin Trust is impressed with the work done by Ian Fraser on the interpretive signs.
 - 96 volunteers have donated 1600 hours of work
 - South Side is 90% complete with the remaining work being access to the bridge site, gravel and a few final metres to the airport
 - Depending on matching grants, bridge construction is slated for the summer and fall
4. Financial Report (Val Koenig)
 - Assets of \$61,593
 - Audited December 31
5. Proposed projects for 2007 (Silvio Lettrari)
 - Clean up interpretive site #4
 - Install signage
 - Invite CBT to fund publicity for signs
 - Finish connector trail to the airport
 - Top coat of gravel on south side
 - Bridge construction
 - Trail to Keen Creek
 - Reconstruct gate houses
6. Mission Statement
 - The Kaslo Trailblazers Society aims to provide a network of hiking and biking trails for residents and visitors.
7. Questions
 - The members passed a motion supporting Tom Duchastel's proposal for a walking trail from behind the legion to Upper Kaslo. This would encourage people to walk rather than drive, be safer and avoid car fumes.
 - Jill Braley reported on the sale of three more bridge treads donated by the new owners of the Mariner Inn. She reported on a continuing problem with dirt bikes, quads, and dog poop.
 - We are looking into getting bear proof containers
 - A 12' gate is being made for access to the North Side (keys to RCMP, Village, Search and Rescue)
 - Mike Rogers is redoing the web site

- Doug Roberts is talking to Highways to get the road repairers to make a better parking area by the Highway
8. Bridge Construction
 - Plan A: funds from the Gaming Commission or Man in Motion (June)
 - Plan B: funds from BC Lotteries (September)
 - Plan C: build modified bridge?
 9. A motion was passed to write a letter of support for the Village Council's efforts to build a green trail from Kaslo Bay to Kaslo River
 10. Officers and Directors: re-elected

Adjourned 8:18pm

2006 Summary Report (Val Koenig)

Projects Completed

- » Connected Highway to proposed bridge site & extended it
- » Interpretive Signage is done
- » Kiosks are complete
- » 12 Benches were built on the North Side
- » 3 Picnic Tables built
- » North Side is now Wheelchair Accessible
- » Foot Trail on South Side.

In Progress

- » South end is 90% complete
- » Connecting trail to Airport is 90% complete

Financial

- » \$56,738 of Grants Left, as of December 31, 2006

Projections for 2007

- » Main Bridge to be completed in the Summer of 2007
- » 2-4 Benches built on South Side (In the Works)

Goals for 2007

- » Power House (Pelican Wheel Cleanup)
- » 2-4 Benches built on South Side (In the Works)
- » Installation of Signage
- » Finish Connecting Trail to Airport
- » Reconstruction of Gate House
- » Make Trail to Keen Creek