

AGM Kaslo Trailblazers

Tuesday,

March 5, 2008

Kaslo

Curling Club Lounge

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm

Minutes from 2007 read and accepted (Bill/Anne)

Business arising from the minutes:

Tom reported that the plan for a trail from Lower to Upper Kaslo behind the Legion is ongoing.

Both kiosks are built but require a shingle roof.

Two bear-proof garbage cans are ready to be installed at both ends of the Northside River Trail.

Kaslo Shipyards has built a metal gate for the Northside Trail entrance. A 30" opening will be left for wheelchair access.

Progress Report (Silvio Lettrari)

The bridge is built! The steel cost a bit more than we anticipated, but 1,933 volunteer hours certainly helped us. Tom will be enlisting members to help complete the bridge approaches before the grand opening in May.

Financial report (Val Koenig)

Audited report shows \$148,278 spent and net assets of \$324. Admin costs were .7% of the total not the normal 15%.

The \$10,000 loan from the Central Kootenay Board has been repaid in full.

We are still hoping for a repayment of the GST.

David McCormick has been working to get us charitable status, which would give us further access to grants; the process might take a further six months.

Motion to accept the Financial Report was passed unanimously.

(Val/Stu)

Proposed projects for 2008

Finish installing signage and plaques

Clean up around #4 marker

Finish connector trail to the airport

Concrete retaining walls for bridge and a base for plaques and bridge information board

Complete railing and approaches to the bridge

Trail constructed to circumvent Gary Zak's property

Fulfill Village of Kaslo's request for a trail to Hale

Subdivision by Transformer Substation

Instal picnic table and toilet for New Denver Highway site

Rehabilitation work where North side yarder stood by Stan Baker's platform

May Day official handover to dignitaries of Kaslo and Columbia

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Basin Trust with a barbecue on the site.

Membership drive at May Days.

Questions raised: Possible bridge over swampy section where Highways pipe from Allen Subdivision empties.

Small wedge of private land might become part of a new Kaslo River and Bay Provincial Park.

Guest Speaker: Bill Wells identified eroded sites and methods for reclamation work.

Undercut gravel banks on North Side need preparation for tree planting

Burdock needs pulling on Old Dump Site

Knapweed by old pumphouse needs pulling (for next seven years!)

Hillside gash gouged for bridge installation needs evaluation and the the judicious planting of willow, dogwood, cottonwood and r-bar

We have applied to CBT for environmental rehabilitation money.

New Business

An official thank-you from the Society was given to David McCormick for his work to get Kaslo Trailblazers charitable status.

In total 120 volunteers have donated 3,800 hours to this project

A motion was passed that a Life Membership would be awarded to volunteers who accumulated ~~237~~²⁵⁰ hours of service (Val/Catherine) 250 HRS

A motion was passed that a framed picture of the bridge would be presented to volunteers who accumulated 125 hours of service or to others at the

executive's decision (Anne/Catherine).

Paul Van Deursen is making a DVD of the bridge construction

Greg Lay was interested in laying out the continuation of the trail to Keen Creek; he might be interested in being our liason with the Community Forest Board.

Election of Officers for 2008

Re-elected President: Silvio Lettrari; Treasurer : Val Koenig; Secretary: Gerald Garnett; Director: Tom Duchastel

Jill Braley resigned but will continue to maintain the Dog Dispenser (Thank-you Jill)

Stu Heard was elected a director to replace Jill

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm