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Meeting Minutes 05-25

Tuesday May 13, 2025 at 6:00pm
KNPMB Office, Haines Junction

1. Call to Order

2. Review draft Agenda 05-25

Motion 01 05-25 Elsabe motions to approve agenda with the following additions, Robin seconds, approved unanimously.

- Request from CAFN Cultural Centre
- DKRRC Open House May 14th

3. Review Minutes 03-25

Motion 02 05-25 Robin motions to approve the minutes, Todd seconds, approved unanimously.

4. Presentations & New Business

4.1. Presentations from KNPR Managers on plans for the upcoming season

4.1.1 Presentation: Lisa Larson

- Training has been the focus so far this season
- Ecological monitoring will include songbirds, lake temperature, water quality in Dezadeash, sheep, moose, alpine vegetation, forest composition. Planning an invasive species pull.
- Decolonizing funds will support a KFN land camp this year.

4.1.2 Presentation: Carly Sims

- New panels at Da Kų to tell the story of the Washburne Cache discovery as well as information on the forest health program and last year's prescribed burn. This is the first new content in 12 years. New exhibits have replaced screens with interpretive panels -- digital content has proven to be more difficult to update and some of the original screens have failed.
- Budget cuts have affected staffing – two fewer visitor service attendants this year.
- Received some funds to update equipment in theatre.
- Park researchers will be presenting at Da Kų on Wednesday nights.
- Planning a scaled back northern nights program in the fall.
- Artist in residence program is continuing this summer.
- Presenting Dark Sky Reserve proposal to KFN Elders Council tomorrow; presented to CAFN within the past month.

4.2. Request from Saugeen Ojibway Nation to meet in June

- Craig talked with Ben MacLeod – Parks Coordinator for the Saugeen Ojibway Nation who are touring across the country this summer to meet with Park Management Boards to explore shared governance arrangements with Parks Canada.
- Availability -- June 14, 15 and maybe 17th, visit coincides with dance festival (encourage them to attend).

- Parks staff will offer a guided walk at Thechàl Dhàl. They have also reached out to KFN and plan to reach out to CAFN to schedule meetings.
- Action 01 05-25: Schedule next regular meeting on June 17th and invite delegation to attend to be part of the agenda for this meeting. Plan to hold the meeting at the Park Office as there will be six in their delegation, which will require a bigger space.
- Action 02 05-25: Include minutes from interview with Firelight into the next agenda package for reference.

5. Old Business

5.1. Chair's Update

5.1.1. Debrief on Kathleen Lake Event

- Great attendance, kids were having fun.
- Parks staff were a great help during the event.
- Too much food! Seniors appreciated the leftovers.
- This was a good time of year to host an event.
- The road wasn't in great shape and people did get stuck.
- All Board members were able to attend.
- The protest was handled well.
- Positive feedback was received from those who attended.
- Consensus – it is worth doing again.

5.1.2. Planning agenda for strategic planning meeting

- Sunday June 1st 11am-5pm
- Can't host at Thechàl Dhàl as a sheep event is planned.
- Action 03 05-25: Tom will host at his place at Dezadeash Lake (don't drive past Rock Glacier Trail). Internet available. Will use up leftover burgers/chips/sodas from the Kathleen Lake event. Need: burger buns.
- Action 04 05-25: Add to meeting agenda:
 - Go through past strategic plan and the new park management plan
 - Craig can review work parks is doing to prepare an implementation plan for the new management plan.

5.2. Site Manager's Update

5.2.1. For Review – Thechàl Dhàl Closures and Dog Prohibition

- A voluntary ridge walk closure has been in place for the past 4 years. This closure is reflected in the management plan and has now been designated by the park superintendent per section 7(1) of the National Parks General Regulations. The closure includes a dog prohibition.
- KFN is in full support of this action.

5.2.2. OAG Survey on Federal Support for Protected Areas

- This survey pertains to an audit that the Office of the Auditor General of Canada (OAG) is undertaking on federal support for terrestrial and marine protected and conserved areas.
- Board members of protected and conserved areas across the country were asked to complete a survey to share their perspective on the support provided by the Government of Canada.
- Board members are encouraged to complete the survey individually.
- The Board went through the survey as a group and discussed the questions.

5.2.3 Staffing of Resource Conservation Manager Position

- Lisa Larson is acting until September.

- There is one seat available on the hiring committee for the Board.
- Action 05 05-25: Put on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss Board representation. KNPMB asked to develop five potential questions to ask of candidates that are important to the Board.

5.2.4 Trapping file update

- Needed to make a submission via the YFWMB reg change proposal process to create a trapping concession within the park.
- The Board confirmed that it has had no further correspondence with the Minister since its original letter to the Minister on this topic.

5.2.5 Other updates

- KNPR All Staff Meeting - Held at Kathleen Lake on May 12th. Elsabe attended for the Board.
- Kathleen Lake Cabins - Seeking access to cabins to assess whether there are hazardous materials present (e.g. asbestos). September deadline to vacate cabins. The Board recommended developing interpretive panels explaining the history of cabins and why they are being removed. Need photos before removed, and photos of the demolition process.
- Upcoming meeting with Executive Committee (Executive Directors and Directors from CAFN and KFN as well as Parks Field Superintendent and KNPR Site Manager).
- Renewal of contribution agreement - Would like to have ready for fall. Newer templates are available that allow for more flexibility. Desire for this new agreement to reflect what the Boards and Committees UFAIP Funding process comes up with.
- Action 06 05-25: Put contribution agreement on the agenda for the Strategic Planning session and keep as a standing item on the agenda until drafting is complete.

5.3. What We Heard Report - Boards and Committees Engagement Session - March 20

- Todd and Robin sat in on the engagement session. General sense from the session is that most B&Cs are not funded adequately to be proactive or carry out projects, B&Cs are feeling challenged to deliver on their mandates because of resource limitations.

5.3 Letter from Krista Reid

- Da Ku Cultural Centre is curating the 2025 Summer Exhibit – Healing Through the Arts program, requesting loan of the four Fran Oles paintings that she was commissioned to create of the KNPMB values to include in the exhibit. Exhibit opening June 1st.
- Tom called Linaya – the originals are in the safe. Need to be framed with UV protection so they don't fade.
- Action 07 05-25: Need to pick up paintings and get them framed and make copies. Include description from management plan to explain what they represent.
- Action 08 05-25: Aynslie to respond to Krista that board is ok to loan

6. Finance and Administration

6.1. March 2025 Financials

Motion 04 05-25 Todd motions to approve, Elsabe seconds, approved unanimously

6.2. April 2025 Financials

Motion 04 05-25 Robin motions to approve, Todd seconds, approved unanimously

6.3. Administrator's Update

6.3.1. Q1 Funding Request

- Proposed budget for 2025-6
 - Parks doesn't need KNPMB funding support for the 2025 KFN camp as it is well-funded

- Parks could use some support with public engagement in the coming year – could reflect this in budget?
- Contractor and Professional Fees – don't show a negative number, \$1500
- Round out numbers (not to the penny)
- Could provide funds to St Elias Ski Club for Gas?
- Action 09 05-25: Per contribution agreement, the FIDIPI amount is to be added on in 2025-2026, add on annual inflation adjustment for past five years. Will need to update 2025-2026 budget and Q2 request. Make note in Q1 letter that we are working on this. This request was made a year ago but was deferred to this fiscal year (per agreement).

Motion 04 05-25 Elsabe motions to approve the 2025-6 budget with the above noted amendments, Ellen seconds, approved unanimously

6.3.2. Next Steps on First Nations Bank

- Action 10 05-25: Todd, Grace & Ellen will need to go to the bank to provide forms and ID. Aynslie will drop off her, Tom, Robin, Elsabe's paperwork within the next few days.

7. Updates or Additions

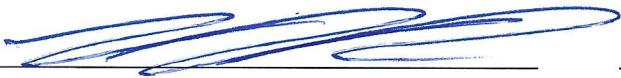
8. Action Log Review

9. Next Meeting Dates

- Next meeting: Sunday June 1, 2025 (Strategic Planning)
- June 17th – next board meeting
- July 18-20 CAFN GA at Dalton Post – Todd will be there, Tom will be there in another capacity

10. Adjournment

Motion 05 05-25 Elsabe motioned to adjourn at 8:50 Robin seconds, approved unanimously



Chair or Vice-Chair



Administration