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Meeting Minutes 06-25

Tuesday June 17, 2025 at 6:00pm
KNPMB Office, Haines Junction

1. Call to Order

Elsabe moves to call the meeting to order at 6:20pm, Todd seconds, approves unanimously.
Attending via MS Teams: Grace Southwick. Absent: Ellen Bielawski.

2. Review draft Agenda 06-25

Motion 01 06-25 Todd motions to approve agenda, Grace seconds, approved unanimously.

3. Review Minutes

3.1. 05-25

Motion 02 06-25 Robin motions to approve the May 13th minutes, Elsabe seconds, approved unanimously.

3.2. 06-01-25 (Strategic Planning Meeting)

Motion 02 06-25 Todd motions to approve the June 1st minutes, Robin seconds, approved unanimously.

4. Presentations & New Business

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

4.1.1. Law Enforcement – Birch Howard

- See PowerPoint presentation

4.1.2. Asset Management – Jacob Spence

- Trail crew priorities: Down to two staff. Maintenance of Mush Lake and Alesk roads and Canada Creek campground. July horse packing trip planned to do trail maintenance on the Cottonwood with support from CAFN youth and guardians.
- Contract priorities : New cooking shelter for Otentiks, new dock at Kathleen Lake, electrical service upgrade at main administration building to support 12 EV chargers, new firewood contractor, maintenance work on cabin at Logan.

4.1.3. Forest Health – Brendan Petrasek

- In planning stages for new wildfire risk reduction project along Haines Road, aligns with YG Community Wildfire Risk Reduction Plan
- Showed preview of video of 2024 prescribed fire in the Mush Lake Road area. Board input on the video is welcome as edits are still being made.

5. Old Business

5.1. Chair's Update

5.1.1. Review of Draft Strategic Plan

- The new Strategic Plan, as drafted during the June 1, 2025 Strategic Planning retreat, was explained to the Field Unit Superintendent.

- The Board was originally set up to address anticipated conservation concerns arising from First Nations harvesting in the park, which haven't materialized, so the Board is shifting its focus to make recommendations on other management issues.
 - Does the Board have adequate capacity to deliver on its mandate?
 - KNPMB does not have full-time staff (like the RRCs). The board needs to do what it can do with the time and budget it has. Board Members have portfolios, and not all Board members attend all events.
 - The board confirmed its interest to be on hiring committees for management positions, because these positions will be supervising entry-level citizens working with the park.
 - The board also confirmed its interest in being involved in front-country planning.
 - When should Parks engage the governments, and when should it engage the Board?
 - Action 01 06-25: Aynslic to circulate word version of draft Strategic Plan to Board and Craig and John to facilitate sharing comments on the draft.
- 5.1.2. Letter - KFN to KNPMB re KFN Trapline in entire Tachal region
- KFN is not seeking exclusive rights to commercial trapping in the northern Tachal area, acknowledges WRFN has an outstanding claim.
 - Board recognizes it does not have mandate to solve WRFN claim – this is not as clean as the previous request to establish commercial trapping in the southern Tachal region.
 - Want to ensure letter to Minister is crystal clear in terms of what we are asking for
 - Parks would like to be in the loop on timelines – once the letter goes to the Minister there will be a timeline for response (60 days); having more advance notice will give staff more time to support Minister
 - Action 02 06-25: Aynslic to draft letter to minister. Share draft letter with Board and John and Craig. Once letter has been reviewed, send to KFN Director of HLR (Kristy Kennedy). Plan to invite Kristy to join next Board meeting to discuss.
- 5.1.3. Request to host BBQ at Northern Nights September 20
- Tom, Grace are not available, Elsabe likely not available (need the whole board to be present to be able to host a barbeque at an event like this). The board suggests Parks inviting a food truck to attend the event.
 - Parks asked if the Board could sponsor event, and for their opinion on the value of the event
 - This is likely the biggest event that the Park hosts for a local audience and it is well attended. The Board expects that the public would be unhappy if this event were cancelled. Consider hosting the event every two years instead of every year?
 - Action 03 06-25: Aynslic to respond to say we will ensure a Board member is in attendance at Northern Nights. and that the Board will have further discussions on sponsoring the event.
 - Action 04 06-25: Craig offered staff person to provide Board presentation about the Northern Nights event.

5.1.4. Contribution Agreement Renewal

- KNPMB would like the ability to carry over funds from fiscal year to the next to allow the Board to save funds for projects.
- KNPMB would like the ability to request funding on April 1 to ensure April bills can be paid.
- KNPMB would like the new agreement to represent COLA/FIDDIPI from year to year (not at end of the agreement). Would you like this to be calculated /applied automatically by Parks and not leave this to the Board to figure out.
- KNPMB would like the new agreement to reflect work underway through UFAIP.
- Action 05 06-25: Parks to bring Finance Manager to provide some examples/options for the contribution agreement for the board to review at their July (or September) meeting.

5.1.5. FIDDIPI

- Action 06 06-25: Parks to bring Finance Manager to discuss FIDDIPI payment/calculations at July (or September) meeting.

5.2. Site Manager's Update

- Kluane Compositions Video shown at Dance Festival
- Met with Saugeen Ojibway Delegation on Sunday June 15th at Kathleen Lake. Ellen was able to attend.
- Parks is looking into ways to alleviate burden on KNPMB to participate in hiring processes. Gwail Haanas carries out the screening and identification of top candidates, and then each candidate is invited to meet with an Elder, give a presentation to the Board.
 - The Board expressed support for this sort of approach
- Action 07 06-25: Carly's (temporary) replacement to be introduced to the Board at the next Board meeting.
- Action 08 06-25: Craig to extend invitation to Board to meet with Parks CEO during their upcoming visit.

5.3 Field Superintendent Update

- One mandate letter was issued to all ministers that outlined 7 priorities including reducing spending on government operations
- Anticipating calls for a resource review to ensure projects and initiatives are aligned with mandate
- Liberal platform did include promises that would continue the path Parks Canada was on with respect to Indigenous stewardship, the Guardians program and the establishment of new protected areas
- Canada Strong Pass initiative – free entry into National Parks (not relevant here as KNPR does not charge visitor fees).
- John will be on a one-year leave of absence starting in August/September.

6. Finance and Administration

6.1. May 2025 Financials

Motion 04 06-25 Elsabe motions to approve, Todd seconds, approved unanimously

6.2. Administrator's Update

- The landline phone number has finally been ported to our new cellphone!
- All Board members need to have signing authority paperwork into First Nations Bank before we can move on to next steps in transferring over our accounts from CIBC.
- Swag – caps and buffs have arrived. Mugs are ready for pickup, water bottles not ready yet.

7. Updates or Additions

8. Action Log Review

9. Next Meeting Dates

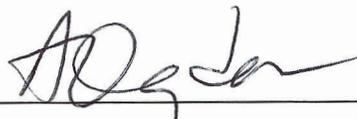
- Next Board Meeting July 15, 2025
- Action 09 06-25: Elsabe to check to see if we can meet at Silver City at Pauly's Café after SMWG meeting ends at 4pm. Can Pauly cater?
- August Board Meeting Thursday August 21 in Whitehorse. Plan to set up table at market 3-7pm, instant draws. Bring one-pager with QR Code with link to Management Plan. Meet at Parks Office before or after? Or go for dinner? Keep meeting agenda short (e.g. just pass financials)
- Action 10 06-25: Aynslie to reserve table at Fireweed Market on Thursday August 21.
- Action 11 06-25: Aynslie Order copies of management plan. Craig to share information on where we can place order.
- July 18-20 CAFN GA (Klukshu)
- August 2-3 KFN GA (Duke Meadows)

10. Adjournment

Motion 05 06-25 Todd motioned to adjourn at 8:55pm, Robin seconds, approved unanimously



Chair or Vice-Chair



Administration