

Cranbrook Community Forest Society Meeting – Monday, October 22nd, 2018

Attendance: Joseph Cross, Randy Harris, Walter Rechlin, Todd Hebert, Tara Szkorupa, Kathleen Opal, Jo Ellen Floer

Excused: Gaby Zezulka

	Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1	Introductions		
2.	Approval of Agenda	Moved by Walter with additions, seconded by Kathleen. Carried.	
3.	Approval of Previous minutes: Sept 17th, 2018	Moved by: Todd Seconded by: Randy Carried	
4.	Treasurer's Report	Current Balance: \$6526.26 Motion to accept Report: Kathleen Seconded by: Randy Carried	
5.	Discussion with Neil Shuttleworth	Several directors went out with Neil this afternoon to see the proposed trail adjustment. Walked Mistletoe to Meander to Roller Coaster to Juniper out to the opening by Four Mile Lake. There is an arch zone there to be capped, with no disturbance to the site. This route has better grades. Will reroute part of the trail to get around the steep section. Board to consider reclaiming the steep section as a future project. Some gravelling will be done around Gateway. Randy moves to change approved location from Meander to Mistletoe, include the small realignment and gravel trails as needed as proposed by Neil. Seconded by Tara. Carried	
6.	Standing Reports		
6a	Trails	i. Loops Lake Proposal – Tara presented a map with three trail loop options: Gateway, 2800m return, Lakes Loop (north), 8200m return and Lakes Loop (South) 6400m return to the COTR parking lot. Can put maps in hotels. For website, use georeferenced maps. Next step is to figure out a design for the markers. Walter to approach CBK	

		<p>chamber of Commerce tourism. Motion to approve loops as proposed by Tara moved by Randy, Kathleen seconded. Carried.</p> <p>ii. Trails approved for Wildhorse in the spring is almost complete. Beginners luck not a great name. Neil conversed with FN, who suggested Pilliset (wife of Chief Isadore).</p> <p>iii. Future Trail Building – aim is to encourage more people to use the trail head at Isadore.</p> <p>Espresso is a downhill run, coffee grinder a climb, and green chicken extension (black diamond) a downhill to rail grade. Section 57 approval needed from Lisa. More detailed layout to be completed. Motion to approve adding the Espresso, Coffee Grinder and Green Chicken extension trails to the plan by Randy, Seconded by Joseph. Carried.</p> <p>iv. Trail Maintenance update – Tara is starting a database. Start to populate in the spring. There may be CBT money available for maintenance. Signage and upgrades done for Bonehead and Ewok.</p> <p>v. Weed Treatment plan - Deferred</p> <p>vi. Endowment Fund (Community Foundation. Use when we want to look at longer term sustainable funding. Need \$10,000 to start. Board would have to decide to pursue as sit can't be touched. 2.5% return (after cuts taken by others). Can use funds for whatever you want or direct to a specific area. Needs to be a registered charity or partner with someone who is for tax receipts. Someone on Board would have to take on. Columbia Outdoor School could take the role on as a flow through.</p> <p>vii. Counters - Lisa put out 6 counters in the spring. Interested in winter use. Lisa to collect the data for this fall.</p> <p>viii. Winter grooming - would like to know what is planned. Deferred.</p>	
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6b	Maintenance/ Infrastructure	<p>i. Demonstration Forest Sign – will be ready by week's end. Kathleen to look after getting it installed.</p> <p>ii. Gateway Sign – Tara quotes. Brett's rate is \$450, and lower than the other quote. Tara moved to accept the quote from Brett Tara, seconded by Kathleen. Carried.</p> <p>iii. Gate Vandalism - Pin cut from the north gate and removed along with chain. Security guard is a good problem solver. Lisa doesn't have a replacement pin yet. South gate locked with chain only until another pin can be found.</p>	
6c	Operations (ecosystem restoration, invasive plants)	<p>Standard Hill next area to be treated in the 5-year plan. Becky Phillips has agreed to the contract for plot measurement..</p> <p>Invasive Species Council of BC general meeting October 24th at the Manual training Center</p>	
6d	Marketing Plan	<p>Website update – Need a little more text and images for the site. Go live date - November 1st. No problem with adding things afterwards. Will provide training on how to update ourselves. Contractor suggested having a trail pass option and community contributors as fund raisers on the site. Add section for minutes, strategic plans etc. for anyone to view. Approach Bob W for a few more photos.</p>	
6e	Strategic Planning	Tabled.	
5f	Grants	No report.	
6g	Map Sales	75 maps delivered to the Chamber of Commerce.	
6h	Membership	Gaby will not be able to do this role following the AGM.	
6i	Events	Bear Encounter Tips Sept 16 th . 16 attended, Best tips, carry a whistle, bear spray, and a cellphone.	
7.	Old Business		

7a	BCTS Harvesting	<p>i. BCTS will not be proceeding with the south parking lot due to the gasline crossing requirements. Tara and Joe will approach the city regarding the gas line parking lot. Worth an ask</p> <p>ii. Informal Survey of public users near the COTR by Walter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • major cleanup is needed; • want shorter stumps, or none.; • leave more big trees standing; • what is the effect on wildlife? (generally positive); • Create a nice meadow with wildflowers; • a burn would help but no chance that would be approved; • plant trees after thinning (trees will come back themselves); • leave as the forest as it is in low hazard areas; • The attraction of the CCF gets lost after thinning; and • all members should be contacted, have a public meeting. <p>We should have an information board at the Gateway Trail.</p> <p>iii. Invasive plants are being treated prior to harvest by BCTS.</p> <p>More discussion by the Board regarding what the area should look like is needed.</p>	
7b	Poop bag dispensers	Sponsor found – Thank you to Steeples Veterinary for the \$750 donation. There are two new posts and dispensers to install at Isadore and Gateway Trail heads.	Kathleen to look after post installation.
8	New Business	None	
9	Next meeting date:	Monday December 10th at Joseph's	