

GRAND FORKS COMMUNITY TRAILS SOCIETY
Wednesday November 23rd, 2011
Selkirk College - Room 1 - @ 7:00 p.m.
DIRECTORS' MINUTES

Attending: Mary Ann Westaway, Bill Wilby, Sandy Einarson, Lesley Matthews, George Longden, and Chris Moslin (liaison)

Regrets: Margo Deane

1. **Meeting called to order:** 7:05 p.m.
2. **Acceptance of Minutes:** adopted as amended
3. **Acceptance of Agenda:** adopted as amended
4. **Reports:**

Treasurer's Report: Balance in Chequing Account \$4,643.61 (bank service charges taken) balance in Projects Account \$8,908.48. \$224.20 Boundary Museum expense for Kiosk paid. See attached bank statement for more information.

Moved Mary Ann that Treasurer's Report be adopted as read, Seconded by Chris. Carried.

Boundary Region of Trails BC Report: \$510.85 in Savings Account. Moved by George. Seconded by Chris. Carried.

Grand Forks to Christina Lake paving project - leg work on track- grant deadline is December 28th, 2011. RDKB - it should be a joint effort, City, Area D and Area C.

Grace - Area C is applying for the crossing over Christina Creek. Irene - Area D and John Slater's office should be made more aware of this project. John Slater's Office suggested - yes possible to jointly apply and they would assist. Question: do we give up 2011 grant and apply for a new grant in 2012. John Hawkings response - was to go slow - make sure everyone is included. Intent to do a grant application in the Spring of 2012 to TCT foundation - wants TCT completed by 2017 - huge gaps on TCT across Canada - Focus is to complete the gaps in the trail so unlikely money would be available to us, as trail already exists in our area. Harold Sellars is the liaison with TCT Foundation and Trails BC. Need RDKB to be on board.

Legislation Issues:

- who owns the trail, what agency is responsible for the trail;
- how do we enforce rules/regulations on the trail; and
- who gets to use the trail - non motorized?

George read email from John Hawkings.

Forest and Land Act - Section 56 of Act to cover trails but regulations not legislation are all that covers the trails so tools are there, but is Government willing to use them?

5. **Correspondence:** Mary Ann read letter dated November 14th, 2011, from Brian Taylor (City of Grand Forks), attention: George Longden, with respect to railings on Highway 3.

Discussed railings.

George discussed email from Al Skukas.

George discussed web site for off road vehicle framework, (<http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/mof/org>).

George discussed licensing of off road vehicles with Vera Vukelich. (250-356-7040)- new legislation in effect Fall of 2012. Quite a number of Government Cabinet Ministers are behind this.

6. **Old Business:** Brian McAndrews is working on New City Map for tourists, which will have most of the trails on it. Also included will be a legend in the lower right corner, as well as a Quick Response (QR) code to allow persons with smart phones to go to our website for more info on trails. George will update the website to make the trails info work with smart phones.

Brian is hoping to put out a new guide for trails in the Boundary called the Kettle River Express. It will be similar to the "Welcome to Boundary Country" guide he put out in 2005-2007.

Discussed copy of memo to Sarah Winton from Dawsha Hunt (VIC), with respect to Brochures re: Trails. George to drop by VIC and talk to Dawsha.

7. **New Business:** discussed trail and stairs to the beach at the Black Train Bridge, work to be moved to Spring of 2012, cost approx \$1,000.00 - George to talk to Sasha – do we need approval? Defer to January 2012 meeting.

Log jam around bridge discussed - this will be cleared by local Fire Department.

Washroom clean up on TCT discussed - Chris offered to clean toilets, to be done November 28th, 2011.

Discussed QR codes - whether they should be attached to the panel at the Kiosk. These codes are accessible by personal smart phones.

8. **Next Meeting:** "Wednesday", January 18th, 2012 - Selkirk College - 7:00 p.m.

9. **This Meeting Adjourned:** 8:53 p.m.