



Kluane National Park Management Board
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Meeting Minutes 01-19
January 19, 2019
Kluane National Park Management Board Office
11 am

1. Call to Order 11:00 a.m.

In Attendance – Robin Chambers- Chair, Elsabe Kloppers, Michael Riseborough, Linaya Workman.

2. Review and approve draft Agenda 01-19

No formal approval of the Agenda in absence of quorum.

3. Review and approve draft Minutes 10-18

Approval of Minutes 10-18 will be deferred until the next meeting.

4. Old Business

4.1. Action Log Review

No comments.

4.2. Chair's Update

The Administrator has prepared two letters going to Chief Smith and Chief Dickson, regarding the nomination of Board members, as the current First Nations Board members' terms expire in October 2019. The letters will be mailed out shortly.

4.3. Site Manager's Update

The management plan working group reviewed the zoning in November and the First Nations have taken this information back with them to review. There are plans to organize one more review meeting in March, and hopes to present the zoning to the Elders.

The Mount Logan cabin is in poor condition and the park is looking into doing some repair and maintenance work on the cabin, as it can be essential to rescues on Mount Logan and there is more traffic on Mount Logan now.

A proposal for fire smart work around the Kathleen Lake has been submitted.

Work on the trades building will resume in February 2019. Work on Thachal Dhal is making good progress and the Kathleen Lake boathouse has been completed. Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) will take the old boat house for their own use.

Q: Will the fire smart work around Kathleen Lake increase bear traffic in that area, because of increased berry production? This has been an issue in Haines Junction and in Banff.

A: Linaya will look into measures being taken to avoid this increased berry production in the areas of concern.

Linaya is currently looking into the Kathleen Lake private cabins issue

Parks Canada is consolidating all of their artefacts into one building in Winnipeg for better storage.

There are more upcoming projects: bison in the park, staff uniforms, farm remediation with CAFN, KFN presence at Thachal Dhal, Guardians program.

Linaya is working to create a committee that would improve government to government relations and communications.

2019 is the Year of the Salmon and the Year of Traditional Indigenous Languages and Linaya is looking into organizing an event.

There will be a four year term PC-02 (ecologist) position to start working on forest management in the park. The goal is to have this position start in the spring or summer.

4.4. Trapping Request

Linaya will be meeting with KFN shortly to start working on the proposed establishment of trap lines in the park. Tom Buzzell, the park's new First Nations Liaison Officer is involved in the process too.

4.5. CO cross appointment

No update.

4.6. Meeting in Burwash Landing

It won't be possible for the Board to organize a meeting that coincides with the KFN Elder's Council meeting dates, but the February 16 Board meeting could be held in Burwash Landing, if it is convenient for KFN. It would be open to the community and the Board would organize a luncheon and offer door prizes.

4.7. Dall Sheep on Alaska Highway

Richard Mostyn replied to the letter sent by the KNPMB saying that two digital signs will be moved to the Thachäl Dhal area (letter is dated Dec 18, 2018 and the signs are in place by now).

There will be a communications plan for the next visitor season and the Board's logo will be on there too.

Action Item 03-01-19: Linaya will have the communication plan sent to the Administrator.

5. Finance and Administration

5.1. December 2018 Financials Review

The remaining funds can be used to purchase office supplies, swag and door prizes, and it can be used for the Board to participate in community events, such as the KFN Muskrat Camp.

For swag and door prizes, insulated mugs or bottles could be purchased.

Action Item 02-01-19: The Administrator will look into the cost of purchasing Klean Kanteen 12 ounce coffee mugs and have the KNPMB logo printed on them.

Approval of the December 2018 financials will be deferred until the next meeting.

5.2. Funding Request Q4

The request for the fourth quarter funding won't be submitted yet, as the Board has sufficient funds.

Action Item 04-01-19: The Administrator will look into the Board's predicted spending for the remainder of the fiscal year, and only then will the decision regarding the Q4 funding request be made.

5.3. Webpage Content

Robin submitted her materials.

6. New Business

6.1. Ongoing Draw for Meeting Attendees

The goal of this ongoing draw would be to encourage the public to attend Board meetings. Every time a member of the public would come to a Board meeting, they would get to put their name in for the draw. At the end of the year (possibly at the December Open House), the winning name is drawn. The prize should be something big, like the electric ice auger.

No final decision on the matter.

7. Updates or Additions

7.1. Administrator Wage Review

After discussion, it has been agreed in principal that the Administrator is to receive a wage increase. The Chair will put the motion forward to the Board via email and phone.

7.2. Training

It would be of interest to the Board to offer the opportunity for its members to attend training, such as the RRC training offered by the Yukon Government.

Action Item 01-01-19: The Administrator and Linaya will find out what training opportunities there are that could be of interest to Board members.

8. Next Regular Meeting Dates

Saturday February 16, 2019 at 11 a.m., Burwash Landing or Kluane National Park Management Board Office

Saturday March 16, 2019 at 11 a.m., Kluane National Park Management Board Office

9. Adjournment at 2:00 p.m.

Chair or Vice-Chair

Administrator