

Minutes of meeting on Tuesday, 22nd August 2017.

Reports:

Cross Island Trail Maintenance Report for August 2017.

Anne's report was attached to the meeting notice and forwarded to the CVRD, Good report Anne.

Partial report for August, Allan.

With the very dry conditions it is hard to cut back grass and such; however I did concentrate on cutting back the very many vines that were trying to take residence in the pathway. The same is true of the thistles that again seem in abundance, I cut many down but they keep popping up. While grass is not too bad this month, it's so dry I find the longer rooted weeds such as the small flower dandelion very aggressive. When, (if ever.) the rain comes we can use the weed-eater and/or brush-cutter to clean up the sides.

Where the trail goes through a wooded area little to no weeds or grass invade the path, the opposite is true when the path runs between weed and grassed terrain.

Litter collection was about normal but as recently reported by Frank, a horse has been making regular deposits of droppings on the path, 5-piles to be exact, with the horse owner seemingly not concerned in the least. The horse in question also loosens the surface of the path making many soft spots. I still have to do another maintenance walk before month's end.

Graeme, September: Tim, October: Ralph and Margie, November.

Recent projects:

At our surprise recent work party on the 18th July we were joined by Jamie, the BC Park Ranger and a good sized group of us worked on the Betty's Beach trail in Boyle Point Park. This trail is included in the new Park hiking log and is desperately in need of an up-grade. The top part of the trail is steep and slippery but with the aid of logs in the vicinity we were able to create a number of stairs that actually worked well. While a group of us attended to that other members cut back the salal to better expose the trail. We all worked very hard and I know Jamie was very impressed with what we had created, so good work everybody.

At a later date Jamie went back to re-enforce our wooden stakes with re-bar.

During this session Ralph and Tim operated the chainsaws for Jamie to review. I'm pleased to relay that both Ralph and Tim are now qualified to use a chainsaw on our excursions.

Parks Committee report:

N/A

Old Business:

A motion was made to purchase 2-front ATV tires for the 6x6 ATV we use so much to carry tools, safety equipment, individual packs etc. to and from the many trail clearing events we engage in. The cost is \$223.45 inclusive.

The motion carried unanimously with the understanding that the funds will come from our own separate Denman Trails account that is not funded in any way by Tax-Payers.

New Business:

Derek Moore needs a quote from us to present to BC Parks to cover expenses for our trail signage program. Allan will try to figure out what's needed and share it with both the committee and Derek.

Derek Moore, Jamie, Graeme and Allan flagged a trail in the Park that will not require Islanders to walk on private property. This issue blew up this summer where a couple of Lake Farm residents made it difficult for hikers to reach Chick-a-Dee Lake via the Lake-farm Road. Derek did not make this a burning issue but at least a practical route has been flagged.

Most of our Committee is aware that Michael Rapati and his crew won the contract to build the next section of trail from Swan roast to Coakley Road. The dry weather will impact the start of building but when the flag drops the Trail will begin.

Work date:

Another dry weather trail clearing on the **19th September, meet at the main Park entrance to Boyle Point Park at 9.30-am.** Due to dry weather we will only be using hand tools and walking in to improve the top section of our new steep bluff trail.

No date was set for a hike but remains a possibility.

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, 26th September 2017.**