

## Trails Committee Summary August 2016

In July, Camilla was in charge of maintaining the CIT, cleaning up trash and pruning back brush. She did a fine job; but in addition, a contractor arranged by Daniel May did a great job of cutting the tall grass by the side of the trail.

The new monthly maintenance list is as follows:

**Allan, September: Tim, October: Margie & Ralph, November: Anne, December:**

Allan, Michael and Tim have been working on the main trail in Boyle Point Park to improve certain sections of the trail for easier access. This was not a regular work party as many people were not required.

At a recent Parks Committee meeting confirmation was received that the CVRD is pursuing acquiring lands off of Park Road to make it possible for trail/vehicle access into the Denman Island Park from that side.

Allan will contact Derek Moore regarding a suggestion of a "Boardwalk" across the marsh area in Boyle Point Park.

The group hike to Croteau Lake was a great success. Our group made good time in reaching the Lake. Only Michael was foolish enough to "Go for a swim," and despite nearly turning blue told us the water was just fine. Camilla had her first experience feeding Whisky Jacks and gave most of her lunch away to the hungry birds. We enjoyed a great hike and covered 13.75-kilms on the trip.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Building a switchback trail to replace the direct route on the bluff area above Betty's Beach continues a priority. By the fall we hope a new route will be flagged and the availability of downed trees to form part of the switchback trail will be noted.

Allan will e-mail the group with a suggested date to clear the "Suicide bike jump trail" that leads to our bridge on the West Trail.

### NEW BUSINESS:

A quote was received from Comox Rentals and Recreation, formally Western-One, to purchase some more tools to help us clear trails. The list includes:

- A nut, washer and plate to convert the weed eater head over to a blade.
- A weed eater attachment to fit our Kombi motors.
- A blower to fit our Kombi motors.
- Two grass cutting blades.
- Three chisel blades for brush cutting.

**The quote comes to \$467.45 including taxes.**

A motion to purchase the tools listed up to an amount of \$500.00 was unanimously passed. Allan will ask Doug Wright to cut a cheque for the total amount. Then any member going to Courtenay can purchase the items at Comox Rentals and Recreation.

An approximately 8 km. hike to Nymph Falls was proposed for sometime around the 27<sup>th</sup> September. Ralph will arrange an exact time and advise everybody by e-mail.

A donation was received from Baynes Sound Insurance of \$100.00. Allan delivered Thank You notes to both Baynes Sound Insurance and Re/Max for their donations. Graeme will contact the Coast Reality Group, who offered to donate, and when/if we receive a donation from them Margie/ Anne will put a “thank you” note in the local paper.

Daniel May was “on Island” on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> August to walk the new proposed trail from Swan Road to Corrigan Road and participate in a grass-pulling work-bee on the CIT, starting at the Firehall and working west. Tim, Ralph and Margie worked with him.

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, 27th September at 7.30-pm at the Fire Hall.**