



**Minutes – Executive Meeting of the Kootenay Mountaineering Club**  
Wednesday April 11, 2018 at Castlegar Rec Centre

**Present:** Sandra Fuller, Laurie Helyer, Tim Clinton, Chris Cowan, Peter Jordan, Ross Bates, David Heyduck, Peter Oostlander, Delia Roberts, Cindy Kozak-Campbell, Paul Eagles, Delia Roberts

**Regrets:** Phil Best, Sheila Sinkie, Bruce Reeder

Meeting commenced at 6:30 pm

1. **Approval of Agenda** – Approval of agenda moved by Ross Bates and seconded by Chris Cowan; motion carried.
2. **Approval of January 17, 2018 Minutes** – moved by Peter Oostlander and seconded by Laurie Helyer, motion carried.
3. **Review of Old business**
  - a. 150 peak challenge winner- confirmed we did not meet the 150 peak total (120 total) so no winner will be selected.
4. **New Business**
  - a. New Hiking Camp Director - Paul Eagles was introduced to the executive.
  - b. Hut Fee Reimbursement - email discussion on the hut fee reimbursement. General consensus is that the web site clearly states no reimbursement, and individuals could advertise if they need a replacement. Policy of no hut fee reimbursement stands. Hut Director can use their own discretion on switching dates. Will trial a six month booking window.
6. **Executive Reports**
  - a. **President – Sandra Fuller:** Dave, Bruce and I met with Justin Dexter re funding for hut repairs. A 5 year plan for repairs was presented, and received approval. KMC has received 30% of hut revenues, and used funds for approved expenses. All hut revenue currently being held must be used for planned hut repairs only until the repairs are complete. Forestry will also fund \$25K for this year, with commitment for yearly funds for the next 2 years. It was requested that KMC also apply for grants for huts upgrades - Forestry is willing to provide funds for a grant writer. Chris will contact Lisa Tedesco and see if she is interested. The second proposal discussed with Justin was for a hut at Lost Lake. There is interest in the proposal, and KMC has been requested to submit an official request. Forestry will consider requesting the area become non-motorized. Sandra will approach Graeme to see if he would be willing to draft a proposal.  
Presentation for students Atlas- Sandra will check on the next hike they are holding, and make arrangements for KMC members to join and present the cheque.
  - b. **Vice President –Bruce Reeder.** Written report read by Sandra

The KMC VP serves as a Board member on, and thereby a link to the Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC (FMCBC). I assumed this role following the KMC AGM in November, 2017. A quarterly teleconference of the FMCBC Board was held on March 12, 2018. Updates include:

- a. The Bylaws committee has prepared a proposal for the **re-structuring of the FMCBC Board** which was discussed in the teleconference and approved in principle. The proposal will be further developed and presented for decision at the FMCBC Annual General Meeting in June, 2018. It is proposed that the Board be reduced in size from its current 42 representatives (one from each participating club) to 11-13 members to reflect member numbers and the regions (eg. 2 Island, 8 Lower mainland, 3 rest of BC). Representatives of all participating clubs would attend and vote at the AGM.
- b. The **BC Mountaineering Club** gave notice of its intention to withdraw from the FMCBC, including from the FMCBC Insurance scheme. Although it is the second largest club in the Federation (736 members of a total of 5759), the club's executive feels its priorities are not adequately reflected by the activities of the Federation. This is to be further discussed at the FMCBC AGM.
- c. FMCBC is lobbying for, and assisting the development of the **'Right-to-Roam' legislation** for BC proposed as a private member's bill by Andrew Weaver, BC Greens. Such legislation, as exists in several European countries, would give the public the ability to cross private lands to access public lands and ensure public access to public lands.

In response to a request from Sandra and Dave, I am assisting them in the development of the club's Bonnington huts program during the coming years.

- c. **Treasurer** – Ross Bates: Signing authority change still in progress. Paypal account transfer also in progress. Funds are being transferred from the Pay Pal account regularly.
- d. **Membership** –Sheila Sinkie: Total membership currently 369, with age breakdown noted below; receiving lots of inquiries from people moving into the area. Age breakdown:  
under 20 - 1  
20-39 - 36  
40-59 -85  
60+ - 124  
declined - 123
- e. **Secretary** – Cindy Kozak-Campbell - nothing to report.
- f. **Social** – Laurie Helyer: Spring Social May 25 Taghum hall - Laura Adams presentation on Baffin Island. Free for members, \$5 at door for guests. A host is needed - Laurie will check with Sheila, and Peter is willing to assist. Laura has asked for us to use the revenue to sponsor a youth for one of the KMC skills programs. Laurie will discuss with her further as sponsoring a single person could be challenging. An alternate would be to donate the revenue to the Atlas program or Jump Start . AGM is booked for the Adventure Hotel in Nelson.
- g. **Huts** – David Heyduck - further discussion ensued on the Lost Lake cabin potential and historical usage of the area. Adding the Lost Lake cabin would increase po-

tential use for the full area. Process to apply for a new cabin is lengthy. David reviewed the five year plan that proposes repairs and hut replacements where appropriate. The plan includes annual servicing cost of \$8000. New (replacement) cabins would reduce the operational budget. New builds could be a combination of volunteer, covering meals/accommodation, and potential honorarium. The plan over 5 years includes:

- 1- update copper, regular servicing
- 2-update steed, new grassy cabin and regular servicing
3. new lost cabin and reg servicing
4. new copper and reg servicing
5. new huckleberry, and reg servicing.

Sandra will review grant deadlines and pursue a professional grant writer. David will send a summary of the five year plan to the executive. David and Sandra will also draft an email to update the membership on the 5 year plan, and also seek volunteers. Justin Dexter had suggested the forestry crews can assist as their time schedule allows. David will provide a task schedule.

- h. **Newsletter/website** – Tim Clinton: request for the summary of the hut plan for the newsletter. Request for an overview of hiking camp for new members (plan for the fall issue), and also review the website content for updating on hiking camp. Website - new area for GPS routes is ready for use- Chris will trial adding new routes.
- i. **Mountainpeering School** – Peter Oostlander. 5 courses on the summer schedule. Peter asked for other course suggestions.
- j. **Conservation** – Peter Jordan: Conservation update  
Correspondence received:
  - An update from EcoSociety on their activities for last year, and upcoming events.
  - An email from the ADM Parks about their public notification and engagement policy, which we gave input too last year.
  - FWKP and F of Kootenay Lake - Beach cleanup event at Kokanee Creek Park on April 22.

There are two new tenure applications posted on the BC Lands web site:

- Northwest Mountain Experience (Daniel Morton, ACMG ski guide) is applying for a commercial backcountry ski lodge at Armour Mountain, northeast of Crawford Bay.
- "1155768 BC Ltd" (Retallack Lodge) is applying for commercial backcountry tenure of a very large area, covering much of the southern Purcell Mountains south of the wilderness conservancy, which isn't already covered by existing tenures.

Peter will send out a notice to the membership about these applications, and will probably write a submission on behalf of KMC.

- k. **Hiking Camp** – Paul Eagles: all 3 camps filled and small wait list. (clarification that hiking camp could continue with rules on eligibility, separate from definition of membership in bylaws.) CMH is concerned with this year's site selection but we did receive approval. Paul will advise them of our intention to proceed. New email address has been set up specifically for Hiking Camp correspondence.

- l. Trail Access** – Chris Cowan: Lost Mountain kiosk will be put in once snow has left. Volunteers will be needed for trail clean up; Chris is requesting funding for additional collapsable equipment with a cost of approximately \$600 US. He'll explore further costing. Lost Lake is being considered for the coming year. Question about responsibility for Grassy and Huckleberry access, both need some improvements - will be added to the task list for Forestry.

- m. Winter Trips** – Phil Best: 2019 Ski Week Feb 16 – Feb 23  
21 applications to date, ACC deposit is paid; Lottery draw is April 20.  
Winter Schedule Goal 40 Trips  
Booked 56 trips, cancelled 10  
Cancelled Courses 2  
Actual Trips 44  
Members 431, Guests 15

Discussion on Bonnington Huts Traverse Parking lot break ins - risk is indicated on the website. Suggestion to write to RCMP to ask for concrete action, cc Chamber of Commerce; increase visibility of warnings on Bonnington sites; approach taxi companies about shuttle service and advertise this and other options on website (Peter O will f/u with Castlegar; Peter J will contact Queen City).

- n. Summer Trips** - Peter Oostlander: (email details to be inserted). Stock card supply is running low. Peter will update before re-ordering. Will bring official request to change logo to the AGM.
- o. Climbing** - Delia Roberts: 2 courses being planned for August.
- 6. Motion to adjourn meeting** by Peter Jordan, second by Chris Cowan at 8:30 pm.  
Next meeting, June 13, 2018 in Nelson.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Kozak-Campbell, Secretary, Kootenay Mountaineering Club.