



**Minutes – Executive Meeting of the Kootenay Mountaineering Club**  
Wednesday Jan 17, 2018 at Castlegar Rec Centre

**Present:** Sandra Fuller, Sheila Sinkie, Laurie Helyer, Tim Clinton, Chris Cowan, Peter Jordan, Ross Bates, Phil Best, David Heyduck, Peter Oostlander, Bruce Reeder, Delia Roberts

**Regrets:** Cindy Kozak-Campbell, Leon Arishenkoff

Meeting commenced at 6:30 pm

1. **Approval of Agenda** – Approval of agenda moved by Phil Best and seconded by Ross Bates; motion carried.
2. **Approval of Sept 20, 2017 Minutes** – moved by Sheila Sinke and seconded by Laurie Helyer, motion carried.
3. **Review of Old business**
  - a. Commercial use of Bonnington Huts - Dave provided a handout outlining his proposal for KMC Huts Commercial Use Terms for Exec review. Dave advised that Justin Dexter agrees with the points outlined in his proposal. All exec agreed that this document was a good framework to start from. It was acknowledged that KMC can only track those who pay and that there is no way to monitor guide use. **Bruce Reeder moved to accept the guidelines and the motion was seconded by Tim Clinton. Motion passed.**
  - b. Bonnington Range access - new lead? Peter Jordan advised that most of the work is done and that the signs just need to be installed. He will remain as lead and Bruce Reeder will assist with the kiosks until the project is completed. Peter said there has been some indication that the snowmobile club may install the remaining kiosks. Dave Heyduck agreed to step in if needed. Peter said that the kiosk installations may not happen until summer time.
  - c. 150 peak challenge winner. No winner to acknowledge as it appears the goal was not achieved. Joceyln was in charge and as she is no longer in her position we will have to review entries on the data system to see what was entered by deadline of 31Dec2017. Tim will check the list to see the number of peaks entered in the system to date and report back at next meeting.

**5. New Business**

- a. GPS Downloads on webpage - Chris is keen to begin entering GPS tracks with description of trips and have that info available online. Exec consensus was that this info should be available to members only to avoid possible liability issues and agreed in principle to this project. Tim and Chris will collaborate: Tim will provide template and Chris will fill in content. **Chris Cowan made a motion to put GPS downloads on the KMC web. The motion was seconded by Phil Best. Motion passed.**
- b. Maintaining old membership records - Sheila has determined that paper files need to be retained for 10 years. Tim advised that no paper records will be required for period 2011 onwards as

the records are on the database.

- c. **Paypal account oversight.** Sandra Fuller made a motion that the Paypal account be maintained by the treasurer. Bruce Reeder second the motion. Motion passed. Ross will contact Graham to get ratified (?) and assume account management.
- d. Two requests for donations have been made to KMC: Ingrid Enns has asked KMC to consider donating to youth engaged in outdoor education, specifically the LVR Atlas program and the JL Crowe program for grade 11 & 12 students. She has suggested a donation of \$500.00 Exec discussed various ways to consider these type of requests: we could partner in event based fundraisers ie Jon Dunn last year. We could cap total donations to \$500 per year and that it could be a budget item for the AGM for members to vote on. It was agreed that the request is consistent with our constitution. **Ross Bates made a motion that we donate \$500 to LVR as a one time donation. Bruce Reeder seconded the motion. Motion passed.** The topic will be brought forward to the next AGM as a budget line item for consideration and approval.

The second request from Dan Derby is a donation for the Friends of the Rossland Range, specifically for snow ploughing of the parking lot. It was decided that Sandra would reply to Dan advising that we are looking favourably at the request but that it will need to be officially requested by Friends of the Rossland Range.

- e) **Boundaries for membership.** Peter questioned why we have resident and non resident members and if it was specific to hiking camp. He suggested that we eliminate the non resident membership and that executive review the bylaws. **Peter Oostlander made a motion to amend the bylaws to remove the boundaries and the distinction between resident and non residents, and for this bylaw change to be taken to the AGM for approval. Motion was seconded by Ross Bates and passed.**
- f) **Instagram:** Peter would like KMC to have an Instagram account on our website. Benefits of the account is that posts are controlled by one person only and high quality photos would attract younger members. He is willing to setup the account and as there is no downside there were no objections and a motion was not needed.

## 6. Executive Reports

- a. **President** – Sandra Fuller distributed the executive schedule for review by all exec members. She was able to speak with Curt Jensen of Whitewater about the kiosk installed at the entrance to Hummingbird pass and they (WH20) will consider covering half of the cost. She also advised that she has had some enquiries to put links on the KMC website. Exec was unanimous in voting NO to this request.
- b. **Vice President** – Bruce Reeder introduced himself as a new member of the exec and said that he is happy to be joining the exec.
- c. **Treasurer** – Ross Bates distributed the interim financial report prior to the meeting; monies are tracking as expected. He also advised that as Doug Clark is no longer president the signing authority will have to be changed with the Bank of Montreal so that Sandra Fuller will now have signing authority as President. Ross made a motion: **Whereas new executive officers have been elected at the AGM held November 17, 2017, the KMC signing authority at the Bank of Montreal should be changed from Doug Clark, (past President). Ross Bates (Treasurer), Cindy Kozak Campbell (Secretary) to Sandra Fuller (current President), Ross Bates (Treasurer), Cindy**

**Kozak Campbell(Secretary).** Motion was seconded by Peter Oostlander and approved by Exec.

- d. **Membership** – Sheila Sinkie reported that current membership is 229 down from 405 as at September of last year. She will send out a reminder to membership to renew their membership prior to 31Jan in order to be eligible for the hiking camp lottery.
- e. **Secretary** – Cindy Kozak-Campbell (regrets). Sandra collected the Director declarations for Cindy in her absence.
- f. **Social** – Laurie Helyer is working on sourcing a guest speaker for the spring social. Discussed that Dave Swain might be interested in doing a short presentation about trekking in Nepal and his Altitude Project which he would want to promote in hopes of generating donations. Peter suggested that if this proceeds an honorarium might be more appropriate and less complicated than dealing with a formal KMC donation. Exec members will provide Laurie with some names and contact info for possible other speakers.
- g. **Huts** – David Heyduck is still waiting on engineer report which is 1 - 1 ½ months late. Steed Hut is in good shape but the engineer is not able to state that the other 3 huts are safe for public use. Dave has a copy of the draft report outlining strong recommendations for the foundation and deck. Once he receives the final report he will meet with exec to discuss how to move forward.
- h. **Newsletter/website** – Tim Clinton, no new business.
- i. **Mountaineering School** – Peter Oostlander. Intro to Backcountry course had 5 students on both days. Instructors on 1st course: Linda Johansen and Peter Oostlander. On the 2nd day instructors were: Doug Clark and Peter Oostlander. Excellent feedback was received regarding Lila who was the instructor of the AST level 1 and Companion rescue course. AST 1 had 8 students and the Companion rescue course was attended by 5 people with one no show. A follow up intermediate backcountry course is scheduled for the weekend of Jan 20th. The Managing Avalanche Terrain course was cancelled. To date only 3 people have registered for the AST level one course on snowshoes. Lila Taugh also was the instructor for the AST level 2 course that had 8 participants.
- j. **Conservation** – Peter Jordan. A tenure application has been made by Stellar Heli Ski to expand to include Schroeder Creek north of Kaslo. No new news regarding the West Kokanee cabin. Peter proposed that KMC oppose commercial tenure applications in general as there are so many already. Hummingbird kiosk is built and in place and paid for. Peter will invoice CBT for the \$4200. with a photo when the signage is in place. The sign is not yet up but Speedpro quote has been received and is reasonable. Peter will determine if the hut fund can be used.
- k. **Hiking Camp** – Leon Arishenkoff was absent but submitted a report stating that the hiking camp site has been selected. Details are now on the KMC website.
- l. **Trail Access** – Chris Cowan. Kiosk and signage for Lost Mountain Trailhead is awaiting placement decision.
- m. **Winter Trips** – Phil Best reported that as of Jan 14th there were a total of 169 members and 5 non members attending 14 trips to date. A total of 44 trips are projected and there has been no cancellations to date. Ski week is being organized by Ken Holmes. Currently there are two people of the list waiting.

- n. Summer Trips - Peter Oostlander advised the goal is 90 trips. All exec to assist in contacting members to step forward to lead trips.
- o. Climbing - Delia Roberts had contacted Bob Sawyer to set up some climbing courses. She has also talked with Fred Theissen regarding a climbing trips\ and a climbing camp for 5 days in August for a small group.
- 6. Motion to adjourn meeting by Sandra Fuller at 8:40 pm, next meeting, April 11, 2018 in Castlegar

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Kozak-Campbell, Secretary, Kootenay Mountaineering Club. (with thanks to Laurie Helyer)