

Minutes – Executive Meeting of the Kootenay Mountaineering Club



Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at Castlegar United Church

Present: Jocelyn LaFace, Doug Clark, Leon Arishenkoff, Ross Bates, Chris Cowan, P'nina Shames, Tim Clinton, Graham Jamin, Peter Oostlander, Peter Jordan and Dan Derby.

Regrets: Mark Hatlen.

Guests: None

Meeting commenced at 6:37 – Doug Clark introduced member Jocelyn LaFace who has volunteered to be our acting membership director.

Approval of Agenda – moved by Leon Arishenkoff and seconded by Doug Clark, motion carried.

Approval of June 17, 2014 Minutes – moved by Leon Arishenkoff and seconded by Chris Cowan, motion carried.

Review of Old business

Website redesign – Tim Clinton, the Town Square portion of the website only has 3 or 4 participants at this time. In an upcoming newsletter article Doug Clark will promote the use of the Town Square and email distribution list etiquette.

KMC 50th anniversary – Peter Oostlander, new club crests have arrived. It was agreed that a system of depot's in Nelson, Castlegar, Trail and Rossland to distribute the crests. The summit challenge has been positive with approximately 30 members participating.

50th Anniversary T shirt – Doug Clark is trying to get a hold of Jenny Baillie for approval to use her artwork developed for the new club crests on T shirts.

New Shelter at the Kaslo Lake wilderness camping area in Kokanee Glacier Park – Dan Derby read out a response from Hugh Ackroyd Kootenay Lake Area Supervisor, BC Parks *"We looked at the campground and agree that some type of cooking facility would help make the campground more attractive for users. We have been kicking around this idea for a couple of years now but have had other priorities and no funds for a project like this. Let me know what your group are thinking of as a legacy project with perhaps help from the Friends of West Kootenay Parks and the ACC? The first step would be to get together and define what is being proposed so that I can look into doing an impact assessment and any referrals required."*

The executive agreed with continuing to pursue the idea of a shelter, to see what other partners (Alpine Club of Canada and Friends of West Kootenay Parks Society) would be interested in participating and what type of shelter and costs would be associated.

Club Satellite Phone – Graham Jamin has purchased a Satellite phone and accessories for the club at a cost of \$2,385.47, purchased from Cabin funds. After discussion it was decided that the phone would only be rented to KMC

members and for club trips (Summer Camp/Kokanee Ski Week/Bonnington Traverse...) Graham will use the language provided from Leon Arishenkoff to develop a draft rental agreement for our next meeting October 14th, 2014.

KMC Memberships list updates for local Merchants – Tim Clinton has set up the data base to automatically email the 5 participating merchants an updated membership list the first of the month. Tim is working to resolve an issue with the data base not showing new members.

The idea of a **Frequently Asked Questions** page on the website was discussed. We were encouraged to send Tim ideas questions for this page.

KMC Booth at community events – Doug Clark encouraged us to man KMC booths at community events to promote the KMC and encourage recruiting new members.

Aon 2014 – 2015 Insurance Documents – Doug Clark, insurance documents were emailed out with meeting agenda. He will be participating in an FMCBC meeting/conference call on September 22nd the Aon 2014 – 2015 Insurance is an agenda item. Provide any feedback to Doug prior to the meeting.

New Business

AGM – The Sandman and the Rec Centre do allow alcohol to be served but KMC would have to provide the bar tender and alcohol. The Exec agreed it would be preferable to have the establishment provide these services and decided to go to the Black Rooster – Super 8 Hotel Conference Room.

Executive Reports

President – Doug Clark asked executive to provide him with annual reports by October 21, 2014. Leon Arishenkoff confirmed it would be ok to submit Hiking Camp report October 31, 2014.

Membership – Ross Bates, members are eager to utilize store discounts.

- 2013 – 343 members
- 2014 – 342 members year to date
- New Acting Membership Director Jocelyn LaFace

Treasurer – Ross Bates

- Revenues are 98% of budget year to date
- Expenditures are under budget

Motion: to increase transfer from Cabin fund to cover Mountaineering School subsidy moved by Doug Clark and seconded by P'nina Shames, motion carried.

Secretary – no report

Social – P'nina Shames; Fall social is Oct 17th at the Resker Hall in Robson. The evening will be slide shows and photo journals with members providing desert treats and an opportunity to sell any surplus gear. Next year will be P'nina's last year as Social Director and she encouraged us to start recruiting her replacement.

Huts – Graham Jamin, all huts are good to go for the winter. Steed Hut work party going ahead next weekend. Need someone to pack in some supplies to Grassy Hut. Graham will be working with the Province of BC to develop an agreement between the Province of BC, Guides and KMC to resolve commercial access to KMC managed Huts.

Mountaineering School – Peter Oostlander, will try again to promote and schedule a wilderness first aid course. AST1 courses will be scheduled again this winter.

Summer Trip Report – Peter Oostlander, there have been over 70 trips this summer.

Newsletter – Tim Clinton, Mountain Culture Magazine will be writing an article for their next edition about the KMC. Columbia Basin Institute of Regional History is researching photos from Bill Hurst taken in the early years of the KMC.

Conservation – Peter Jordan, Jumbo proponent's environmental impact assessment approval expires at the end of October. Substantial progress needs to be demonstrated to extend approval. He continues to follow the two new proposed acts;

- Off Road Vehicle Act – not an issue requires quads and snowmobiles to be licensed.
- Bill 4 amendments are problematic as they would allow industrial activity in parks.

For our next meeting on October 14, 2014 Peter will develop a motion for naming mountains after past members.

Hiking Camp – Leon Arishenkoff (for Mark Hatlen), reported that Bert Port was the only member to summit all mountains from camp this year. Next year's location should be announced around the time of our AGM. Hiking Camp is in good financial shape.

Trail Access – Leon Arishenkoff, no activity/contact with Kaslo Community Forest group/ Friends of West Kootenay Parks Society. The idea of an access trail to both ends of Siwash and the Steed Hut was discussed. **Motion:** Ross Bates to develop a proposal for a Siwash/Steed Hut access Trail moved by P'nina Shames and seconded by Tim Clinton, motion carried.

Winter Trip Report – Chris Cowan, 2015 Kokanee Glacier Ski week is filled with 15 participants this year. Several are on the waiting list. Starting to work on winter trip schedule in the next couple weeks.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 pm, next meeting October 14, 2014.

Respectfully submitted by Dan Derby, Secretary, Kootenay Mountaineering Club.