

## 2018 Minutes – 50<sup>th</sup> AGM of the Kootenay Mountaineering Club



Saturday, November 17, 2018 – Adventure Hotel  
616 Vernon Street, Nelson, BC

The 50th AGM of the Kootenay Mountaineering Club was called to order at 7:30 pm by Sandra Fuller. Sandra chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.

### **Members in Attendance:**

Rob Moote, Page Wasson, Fran Stacy, Jan Osborne, Laurie Helyer, David Heyduck, Lindsay Heyduck, Peter Martyn, Phil Best, Delia Roberts, Peter Oostlander, Ingrid Enns, Kathie Robertson, Anne Wood, Peter Wood, Pnina Shames, Andrea Vowell, Sandra Fuller, Peter Jordan Abby Wilson, Tim Clinton, Allison Etter, Sheila Sinke, Tina Baldwin, Francois-Gael Castaignede, Andree-Anne Comp, Kathleen Nichol, Alex Nichol, Miriam Williams, Burt Port, Sue Port, Don Harasym, Steve Potter, Robyn Sheppard, Leon Arishenkoff, Sylvia Smith, Paul Eagles, Peter McIver, Ben Aubin, Bobbie Maras, Sarah Judith, Scott Wilson, Fred Thiessen, Chris Cowan, Valerie Utgaren, Peter Tchir, Andrew Woodward, Sandra England, Bruce Reeder, Sheila Achilles, Ross Bates, Helen Foulger and Bob Dean

### 1) **Approval of Agenda:**

The Agenda for the 2018 AGM was reviewed by all in attendance. Agenda approved by Pnina Shames; seconded by Leon Arishenkoff

### 2) **Approval of 2017 AGM Minutes:**

The 2017 AGM Minutes were reviewed by all in attendance. Minutes approved by Leon Arishenkoff; seconded by Sheila Sinke

### 3) **Executive Reports:**

#### a. **President** – Sandra Fuller

It's been a challenging year for me taking over as President of the Kootenay Mountaineering Club. Fortunately, it has an exceptional executive who keeps it running like a well-oiled machine and I was able to pick up and carry on where Doug left off.

Winter started and didn't stop until well into April. A group of us tried to snow shoe up Lost Mt. and had to turn back because the snow was just too deep. Several people had to turn back on the Bonnington Traverse and the high avalanche risk was an issue. I was among those fortunate enough to go to Kokanee. We had a week of great skiing even being limited by the high avalanche risk. Winter trips were down by 8 from 2017 but there were more people participating overall.

Summer came but along with it the worst fire season in BC history. Some trips went but most were cancelled due to the smoke. The rain in September helped clear out the smoke and fall hiking was and still is beautiful.

## **KMC Overview**

\* There were 3 changes in the executive over the year:

- Leon stepped down from Hiking Camp Director and Paul Eagles took his place.
- Cindy Kozak-Campbell relinquished her position as Secretary as her and her husband relocated to Kamloops. Tina Baldwin has stepped in as Secretary.
- Bruce Reeder asked to be replaced as Vice President to assist Dave Heyduck on the cabins. Abby Wilson has taken his position.

Thank you to Leon, Cindy and Bruce for their hard work and dedication to the KMC executive. Thank you to Paul, Tina and Abby for stepping up to volunteer their time to the KMC.

- \* Peter Jordan is stepping down as Conservation Director. Thank you for your hard work and dedication Peter.
- \* Laurie Helyer is also stepping down as Social Director. Thank you for your hard work and dedication Laurie.
- \* The kiosk at Hummingbird Pass was completed – thank you Peter Jordan and all who assisted him.
- \* Mountaineering school and climbing events were well attended giving members a chance to learn new skills or hone old ones.
- \* KMC executive voted to make a donation of \$500.00 to LVR outdoor program as requested by Ingrid Ens. I presented a cheque to the ATLAS program leader Graeme Marshall. The money will be used to purchase equipment for the program.
- \* FORR president Kim Deane requested financial help with snow clearing of the parking lot at Strawberry Pass. KMC executive voted to donate \$500.00.
- \* KMC received a donation of \$125.00 from Jim Kienholtz. Jim, a KMC member was killed in a plane crash in 2011. Through his estate, he requested the proceeds of the sale of a bicycle be donated to the KMC. Daryl of Secret Service sold the bike and passed the funds to the KMC. Thank you, Jim.
- \* Kokanee ski week and hiking camp both full and saw waiting lists.
- \* KMC again requested that the Province re-establish permanent summer access to the western portion of Kokanee Glacier Park along the Enterprise Creek road.
- \* Abby, Tim and Dave are looking at modernizing the KMC webpage and exploring ideas for a redesign.

### **Bonnington Huts Update**

- \* Dave Heyduck put together a 5-year plan to refurbish and rebuild the Bonnington Cabins. Justin Dexter gave the go ahead on the plan and budgeted \$25,000.00 for 2018 to begin the project. He will provide funding in his budget each year.
- \* Justin suggested and supported hiring a grant writer to assist in acquiring further funding. Susan Chew was hired. She will be paid out of the cabins fund.

\* Justin indicated that until this project is completed that all cabin funds must go back into the maintenance or the project for the cabins.

Thank you to Dave and all his volunteers for their hard work on the cabins.

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Sandra confirmed to the membership that the Club did receive a letter from the Ministry that they would not entertain re-opening the Enterprise Creek Road at this time.

Sandra elaborated on the cabin funds and confirmed that 70% goes back into the cabins and 30% goes to other projects via the Ministry of Forests and that this must continue for at least 5 more years.

Sandra also said thank you all those who volunteer for the KMC and especially to those who dedicate their time on the executive. They spend many hours of their precious time to ensure that we have a club. Also thank you to those who sit on the Hiking Camp executive. Their work shouldn't go unnoticed.

Job well done to all – it's very much appreciated!

b. **Vice President** – Bruce Reeder / Abby Wilson

Bruce Reeder served as Vice-president (VP) from November, 2017 – September, 2018, and was succeeded by Abby Wilson in October, 2018.

The KMC VP provides the linkage to the Federation of Mountain Clubs of British Columbia (FMCBC):

\* During the past year in order to have a more functional FMCBC Board, the Federation revised its bylaws to reduce the number of Directors from 42 (one from each participating club) to 11. As the majority of members and member clubs are from the lower mainland, eight Directors are from this region of the province, whereas three are from Vancouver Island and the Interior. With this change, Representatives from clubs not represented by a Director now raise issues via one of the Directors and have a vote at the Annual General Meeting.

\* The FMCBC has contracted with a new provider of insurance this year. The coverage provided to clubs remains essentially unchanged, but the annual fee charged has risen from \$7.00 to \$8.00 per member.

\* The Federation is advocating for, providing input to, provincial 'Right to Roam' legislation. This legislation would permit non-motorized passage of individuals across Crown and some classes of private land.

\* The FMCBC proposes to run a budget deficit of \$24,560 this year, but is making efforts to correct this (reduction in staff time, reduction in travel costs, receipt of greater grant funding).

During the year, Bruce assisted the President with particular issues on request and provided support to the Huts Director for the maintenance and expansion of the KMC Bonnington hut system.

Moving forward, Bruce is continuing to provide support to the Huts Director, but is stepping down from the VP role.

Abby will be focusing on modernizing the KMC's website and is working on a subcommittee with other executive members to explore a redesign. She will also be working to get more younger members engaged with the club.

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Abby thanked Bruce and Sheila for all of their hard work on the huts, and also thanked Sandra for all of her hard work. Abby advised that one of her goals in the coming year would be to attract younger members to KMC.

c. **Treasurer's Report** – Ross Bates

Ross went through his report and fielded a few questions. Ross noted that the largest expense was the new tools purchased for trail maintenance. **SEE ATTACHED 2018 FINANCIAL REPORTS.**

**There was a Motion by Sandra England to accept the Financial Reports as presented; Motion seconded by Bruce Reeder. Motion was put to a vote, all in favour. The 2018 Treasurer's Reports accepted as presented.**

There was further discussion regarding the budget proposed for 2019.

See New Business regarding Motion that was made to amend the 2019 Budget to increase the amounts of Donations, Climbing, Website re-design.

*(see Equipment and Trails Report for additional amendment that was made later in the meeting).*

d. **Secretary** – Tina Baldwin

Tina is looking forward to working with and assisting the hard-working executive.

e. **Conservation Report** – Peter Jordan

The main issue this year was tenure applications for commercial recreation. There seems to be a trend for companies with tenures to keep expanding their footprint and apply for every remaining corner of the Kootenays that isn't already occupied. A positive development is that the government has placed a moratorium on new applications in a large area of the southern Selkirk Mountains, because of conflicts between user groups, and environmental impacts. Commercial winter recreation is a big part of our local economy, and keeps a lot of ski guides, helicopter pilots, cooks, and snowcat mechanics employed. The downside is increasing crowding of the backcountry, environmental impacts, and conflicts with local backcountry skiers and hikers over access.

The biggest tenure application for which the KMC submitted input (negative) was by the company which owns the Retallack resort, who applied for a very large new tenure covering a big part of the southern

Purcell Mountains. This generated a lot of controversy locally, with public opinion being overwhelmingly negative. We also opposed an application by Stellar Heli-skiing to increase their tenure area in the Kaslo area. A third application was for a backcountry ski lodge in the Armour Mtn area of the southern Purcells, which we did not oppose. As far as I know from looking at the BC Lands web site, none of these applications has yet been decided on.

A positive development for resolving backcountry conflicts is the creation of non-mechanized recreation zones in some popular areas, by BC Recreation Sites and Trails.

The Jumbo Resort controversy seems to have faded into the background. There was a court ruling this year, that the government was wrong in ruling that the developer's environmental permit had expired. However, there is no indication that the developer is moving to try to begin work on the project

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Peter field questions and there was general discussion regarding our ability to be proactive as opposed to re-active when it came to tenure issues.

f. **Cabins** – Dave Heyduck

It's been another great year with KMC and while the huts have been a lot of hard work, the mountains have rewarded us with many great days. Now we can hang up the axes and pick up our skis knowing that the chores are done for another season!

Above all else in this report, I want to recognize and thank everyone who volunteered for hut chores this year, and to all of those who offered support in every other way. These fine ladies and gents stepped up and were a tremendous help with physical, on site tasks this year: Graham and Fresia Jamin, Jude Stralak, Bruce Reeder, Jamie Joseph, Doug Clark, Paul Eagles, and Joel Rooke. You brought the heavy lifting we needed for a record year!

**Statistics**

- Hours worked (directly and indirectly) on huts: 352 hours
- Days worked on huts: 17 days
- Firewood used previous:  
Firewood stocked current: 7.5 cord or 948 cubic feet (163 million BTUs)
- Hut revenue to Sept 30, 2018: \$30,270 up 56%
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**Grassy Hut**

Early in the season we spent 30 hours with an excavator to improve the trail into Grassy. This has made servicing the cabin via quad much safer than it has been in the past. We spent 24 hours to process and heli 30 trees to the backside of Grassy that should keep us in sufficient BTU's for a few years! And finally, Grassy was officially serviced on Sept 21 with a few simple repairs, a good cleaning and 210 cuft of firewood. A total of 76 hours was spent at Grassy over 3 days.

*Needs: Further trail improvements and a woodshed.*

### **Steed Hut**

An early Christmas present from the Ministry saw a new high efficiency stove flown in and installed during the formal service on Sept 22nd. The old stove was removed, a good cleaning throughout the cabin and the front porch loaded up with 230 cuft of firewood from the timber pile created in 2017. Measurements were taken of the back wall in preparation for siding, per the Engineers assessment in 2017. A total of 34 hours was spent on Steed over 2 days.

*Needs: Back wall finishing, a woodshed and excavation around lower supports.*

### **Copper Hut**

Copper was ambushed by an army of great builders and cooks on July 7 this year. Graham, family and friends spent 3 days making significant upgrades to Copper including a new porch, new stairs and new foundation supports among other vital maintenance items. Wood was stocked, cabin cleaned and checked off the list early this year. A total of 110 hours were spent over 3 days at Copper.

### **Huckleberry Hut**

Interestingly, we opted to do a basic service at Huck this year but ended up spending a lot of time here with plans for more in the works... The hut was officially serviced on Oct 13; cleaned, stocked and tested. In record time, we piled 308 cuft of firewood into the shed and under the porch. From Oct 25th to the 27th, we input 52 hours to replace the roof. Another 20 hours was spent brushing the trail into Huck. A total of 102 hours was spent at Huck this year over 6 days.

*Needs: Gaps in structure filled and porch/walkway re-deck.*

### **Equipment and supplies:**

This year, KMC acquired some hand and power tools, safety gear and a 2nd quad for assembling larger work parties. The storage space was improved and the shelves are stocked with everyday supplies to make prepping for outings faster; fuel, oil, mantles, stove parts, lanterns and parts, soap, bleach, dishes, first aid, brooms, axes and handles, mousetraps etc.

### **Planning, Tracking and Reporting**

It's challenging to remember everything that each hut needs during the next visit, sometimes 12 months after the last. So, I have adopted a ritualistic system of detailed photos, notes and data entry such that subsequent trips to the huts can be more efficient, with less left to memory. After each outing, I produce a work report and post to a shared account with photos for all to see. Sheila Achilles has been a huge help with administration and now posting our progress to Facebook. Having help in the periphery of the

position as 'huts director' has allowed me greater focus on organizing and planning hut works. As the year has progressed I have been feeling more confident about the system I have been using to record data, plan and implement. It's allowing us to do more work, of better quality, faster than we have in the past. It's all in the details and it's vital to keeping up with demand.

### New Developments

New cabin designs for Grassy hut have been in the works for some time. I expect to push preliminary designs to Engineering this fall for development over the winter. With the help of the Ministry, KMC has retained a grant writer to help acquire funding for the construction initiatives KMC has in the Bonningtons over the next 5 or so years.

I presented a significant wood shed structure design to KMC and the Ministry that was quickly approved and will see a new home for our heating reserves.

We have been working closely with the Ministry in our approach to upgrades and new huts, composting toilets, improved trails and more responsible shared use of the mountains we love. Big thanks to Justin Dexter for his continued support and impressive drive to make good things happen for us!

### What to expect next year

Upgrades to Steed and Huck, new woodshed(s), trail improvements, definitely maybe with some luck a new hut at Grassy!? Complete with a composting toilet... Further plans for a new hut in the Lost Lake area!

Dave gave a special "thank you" to Paul Eagles, Bruce Reeder and Sheila Achilles for all of their volunteer work and assistance with the cabins.

Dave fielded a number of questions, one of which was whether the Huckleberry / Grassy cabins are accessible via snowshoes in the winter - the answer was no unless the conditions were ideal due to distance and route finding necessity.

There was a further question from the floor regarding work parties and volunteers. Dave indicated that there would be an email to the members next season asking for help.

There was a further question from the floor regarding Quad accessibility to the various cabins. In summary, Copper = yes; Huckleberry = yes; Grassy = yes; Lost Lake = no; Steed = no.

Dave also indicated that helicopter support would be used in cabin rebuilds/builds.

### **g. Trail & Equipment Report – Chris Cowan**

#### Equipment:

\* We purchased a set of tools from “Trail Boss USA” for back country trail maintenance, which can be borrowed by members wishing to do trail repair. These consist of a modular handle and an assortment of heads for trail maintenance, carried in a backpack, making easier trail building and maintenance in high elevation locations only accessible on foot.

\* We got another 500 trail marker diamonds from the FMCBC, at a bargain price. These are robust and visible from a great distance, enabling us to dispense with ugly plastic ribbons on marked trails. Members wishing to make use of some of these should contact the trails director.

\* Some of the equipment was used from time to time in the ongoing upgrading of the Bonnington Cabins, and we intend to consolidate the larger power tools with the Hut’s Director’s storage area. The smaller non power items will continue to be stored by the Trails Director.

Trail Construction.

\* We’ve been encouraged by the satisfaction shown by our members with the Lost Mtn trail constructed last year. The contractor kindly cleared the winter deadfall early in the year making the trail a very pleasant experience for those of us who did the hike during the year. We should be able to clear most of the deadfall ourselves in the spring, on an ongoing basis. Some markers were put in as a navigation aid for people returning from the summit of the mountain to where the trail ends, as a navigation aid if sudden poor visibility develops.

\* New Trail : We’ve scoped out a route for a new trail in the Whitewater area. The whitewater area trail has some similar advantages to those of the Lost Mtn one, close to communities and starting on a well maintained road. From the trailhead at the back country ski loop, it goes to the old minesite, ascends Mt Beatty, then along the ridge to Mt White Queen, descending by the west ridge of White Queen to near the minesite. It’s about 15 Km with elevation gain just shy of 1000 metres, with lovely views and larch meadows. It’s been explored, wasn’t too difficult and highly feasible for a trail build. Justin Dexter has approved the idea, and discussions are under way with Parks, (Trail is partially in West Arm PP) and also with the forest service with regard to possibly removing some of the danger trees on the steeper sections prior to building a trail.

We’d like to get a party together in the spring to clear deadfall in the lower sections of The Mount Irvine trail. This is a beautiful ridge walk, but lower sections have an awful lot of deadfall that needs to be dealt with to enable a nicer hike.

Web: The facebook “west kootenay hiking access” group now has almost 900 members. It’s used exclusively for access and trail condition issues. People also use the regular “KMC” facebook group for access inquiries and reports. This group has over 2500 members. Not everyone likes using Facebook, but the groups likely save us from some excessive use of the club list server that’s happened in the past.

Plans for Next Year.

\* Pursue the Beatty White Queen trail negotiations, as mentioned, and mapping and marking of same. Secure some money from CBT to pay a construction contractor.



- \* Have a few more “hike and snip” events to keep some of our trails in better shape. If any members have an idea for this, please contact Trails director.
  - \* Get in touch with the folks who have been maintaining the trails in the spectacular New Denver Kaslo corridor, with a view to what we might be able to do by way of recognition and helping them out.
  - \* Do some more marking on existing trails. Replace plastic survey tape with reflective diamonds. Purchase handle for the “trail boss”, along with a couple of light weight long saws; these can make short work of deadfall up to 6 inches in diameter.
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Chris fielded a number of general questions and after discussion:

**Chris Cowan made a Motion, that the 2019 proposed budget of \$1500 for Trail Expenses be increased by \$2000 to now be \$3,500 - pending approval from stakeholders - seconded by Bruce Reeder. Motion was put to a vote, all favour. Motion passed to increase the 2019 budget for Trail Expenses to \$3,500 - pending approval from stakeholders.**

h. Hiking Camp – Paul Eagles

Overall this year’s hiking camps were a great success yet again despite the smoke from this year’s consecutive historic fire season. The success of the Camps is all owed to the wonderful camp leaders, cooks, volunteers and other Hiking Camp Committee members for their invaluable time, care and concern towards keeping things running smooth over camp and throughout the year.

As expected, we faced some disapproval from the tenure holder in the camps region this year. However, given last years confirmation ensuring our legitimate permission and access to public land from all the associated and appropriate Ministry representatives, we engaged politely with the tenure holder to work together to provide both parties members with an amazing back country experience. The coming years camp location near Golden has also spawned similar discussions with local tenure holders close by, and we foresee this to continue be highly likely challenge for all future years; especially given the large swaths of land tenure holders are bidding towards all over the back country these days. Many thanks to all those who have helped provide the context and facts towards dealing with this very important permissions and public lands access matter. Without such fact and permissions, we would be hard pressed to find a decent hiking camp location to serve our members. We will continue to communicate with tenure holders and educate them as to our access rights and permissions to use the land appropriately together.

As always, great efforts went into providing a safe and effective camp once again. We repaired tents, re-weighted equipment, swapped out the very little that needed to be, purchased an extra satellite phone battery and radios were rented to be able to access the forestry radio channels for emergencies. Meetings were also held with leaders and volunteers helped load, unload, set-up, tear-down, clean and put back away in storage.

Safety was also discussed prior to this year's camp as always and the Committee felt we had everything in place. This included for the first time bringing a copy of the permissions policy with us to keep in camp, along with a list of local emergency radio channels, satellite phone numbers and a manifest of campers. We also notified the local Ministry representative and RCMP of our camp location and the dates just prior to the first week. However, the Committee along with a few members from the Hiking Camp have made a few more suggestions for us to discuss in the future, and couple of possible changes or additions we may want to consider for any future possible emergency events that could happen. Thank you to everyone for those thoughts and suggestions, they have been noted and appreciated and look forward to discussing these important matters in the future.

Hiking Camps continues to be a popular KMC event, and financially we are on stable footing as the financial statements show. This year there was a slightly shorter wait list than a few previous years and a few changes to the roster were made directly prior to the camps. As no surprise, the demographics of our camps continues to be in the 65+ age range and KMC is hoping to start engaging and attracting a greater number of the younger demographic for a multitude of reasons. The foremost being for Hiking Camps that we will need younger individuals to learn the ropes and take over for the inevitable shift of our long-standing older demographic members that's already being felt. It will also provide perspectives and experience from the 'connected' younger generation to pertain to the younger crowds while passing on the culture and tradition that KMC and the values our society upholds.

Once again though, the Hiking Camps could not have been possible or such a success without the countless hours of work from all our volunteers. A big thank you goes to all the volunteers who helped throughout the year, some of whom, which there are a couple, I will have certainly missed, forgot about, or are simply unknown to me. Thank you especially to Andrea Vowell (registrar/leader), Jude Stralak (cooks/leader), Wayne Hohn (equipment), Peter Wood & Mike Brewster (site selection/helicopter), Sherolyn Haakstad (Camps treasurer), Peter Jordan (Conservation Director), for all the help and support! Your contributions are undoubtedly invaluable and more significant than I know. Lastly, I'd like to say a special thank you to Leon Arishenkoff, our outgoing Hiking Camps Director, for your help during the transition and ongoing support.

I look forward to continuing to learn from, engaging and working with everyone from the KMC to provide another successful Hiking Camp in 2019.

#### **SEE ATTACHED HIKING CAMP FINANCIALS**

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Paul said a "Thank you Leon" for his years of volunteering for this portfolio. Paul also thanked members for the stories, thoughts and suggestions he received.

Paul felt that the Club really needs to upgrade the method of communication used at hiking camp and would like to see another communication system purchased for hiking camp.

Paul advised that one of the main issues the past year was tenure holders and the balance between the club asserting its access to those and approaching it diplomatically.

Paul advised that the past year was an interesting learning curve and wanted to thank Andrea, Jude and Wayne for all of their assistance.

i. **Mountaineering School** – Peter Oostlander

During the past year, the Mountaineering School organized the following courses provided by Summit Mountain Guides (SMG); Peter Oostlander – Backcountry skiing (KMC) and Doug Clark – Wilderness Navigation (KMC). Great instructor feedback was received for all courses!

Course	Provider	Participants
Introduction to Backcountry Skiing – Dec 2017 (over 2 days)	KMC	14
AST 1 on skis – Dec 2017	SMG	8
AST 2 (various dates)	SMG	2
Refresher and Companion Rescue – Jan 2018	SMG	7
Intermediate Backcountry Ski trip – Jan 2018	KMC	4
Ice Axe & Crampon use, Movement skills & Rope – June 2018	SMG	7
Crevasse Rescue and Snow & Ice Anchors – June 2018	SMG	6
Introduction to Rock Climbing - Beginner program – June 2018	SMG	6
Introduction to Rock Climbing – Intermediate skills building – June 2018	SMG	5
Wilderness Navigation (map and compass) field day	KMC	<u>11</u>
<b>TOTAL (10 courses)</b>		<b>70</b>

In comparison, the previous year (Nov 2016– June 2017) we organized 9 courses with 76 participants. For the upcoming winter season we are planning three backcountry ski trips for beginners and are offering more Avalanche Skills Training (AST) courses:

- \* Introduction to Backcountry Skiing - Dec. 9
- \* AST 1 - Dec. 15-16
- \* Companion Rescue & Refresher Course - Jan. 6
- \* Managing Avalanche Terrain – Jan. 13
- \* Intermediate Backcountry Skiing; Day 1– Jan. 26
- \* Intermediate Backcountry Skiing; Day 2 – Feb. 9
- \* AST 2 (various dates)

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Peter thanked Doug Clark for the Wilderness Navigation field day. The course was a great success.

j. **Library:**

No report. Library books are at Doug Clark's house.

**k. Membership – Sheila Sinke**

Our membership numbers continue to exceed 400. Presently we have 423.

The most common question asked of the membership director is the age demographics.. Last year we added an option on the registration to indicate your age group, several people declined to answer this question. One hundred thirty eight people declined.

Of the 285 people that did answer, we have one member under 19 years of age.  
42 between 20 and 39; 104 between the ages of 40 and 59; and 138 members 60 years of age or more.

Do to ever changing interests there maybe a need to change or add to the types of trip events, training, socials and other activities offered by the club. We invite you to express your interests to ensure all members enjoy the benefits of being a club member. Do not hesitate, we are always looking for new ideas. Tim and Ross thank you for your support this past year.

And finally remember your membership and dues must be received by January 31 in order to qualify for the hiking camp lottery.

**l. Newsletter / Website – Tim Clinton:**

Editing and producing the 4 yearly issues of the Kootenay Mountaineer is easy. It is even easier still if no one submits reports and pictures. Please, make my work harder. Do not embed images in a word processing document but send me the pictures as they came out of your camera or phone. You can embed them to show me your preference for placement and captions, but still send the full resolution versions separately. Longer length essays, informational articles, executive director reports are all welcome. Thank you.

There is an ongoing effort to spruce up the website to modernize it and explore other features. A search for web development company to undertake the changes is being made.

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There was general discussion and questions from the floor and executive members. Phil queried if the costs we are looking at for a new web design are reasonable. There was discussion regarding this and a number of members felt that is we want to appeal to a younger demographic, we really need to stay updated with technology and have an appealing, more functional website. There was a question from the floor about where the extra funds will be coming from to pay for and maintain the new site; Ross advised that the club does have enough money to pay for this. The bottom line is that we will have a more user-friendly, updated website with more capabilities.

**m. Socials – Laurie Heyler**

The KMC spring social was held at the Taghum hall on Friday May 25th and was attended by 60 people, including 5 non-members. Laura Adams shared her experiences and stunning images of the remote Arctic in her presentation entitled: Arctic Adventures- a delicate balance of strength and fragility. Thanks to Sheila Sinke for hosting the event in my absence.

The fall social was held at the Kootenay Smokehouse on Friday October 12th and was attended by 79 members. Pizza was provided by the club and the amazing staff on hand managed to keep the pizza's coming out of the wood fired oven for the entire evening. A total of 43 pizza were served up and were enjoyed by all. It was a lively and fun event.

The AGM at the Adventure Hotel on Saturday November 17, 2018 will be my final event as I will be stepping down as social director. It has been an honour and privilege to have been the Social Director for the past 3 years. I want to thank everyone on the executive committee and all the KMC members for making the experience so rewarding and enjoyable.

#### n. Summer Trips – Peter Oostlander

The “summer” schedule runs from April 1 – Oct 31. Many hikes this summer were cancelled to record wildfire activity in August, affecting participation. This year's prize for most attendance goes to Ross Bates with 24 members on the Waterline Trail above Skattebo Reach, with the consolation prize (for the second year in a row) for least attendance to Peter O with 2 members on the Mt. Irvine hike.

Special mention should be made of new organizers who organized some great hikes this summer. An incomplete list as an example: Sharon Henderson (two hikes in the Ymir area) Abby Wilson (four hikes); Mike Kew (a canoe trip on the Granby River); Bruce Reeder (a hike to Monika meadows and Jumbo pass). For those that have organized trips, thank you very much! A big thank you also to the phone/email volunteers that helped out this year. They were: Robin Stoll, Chris Cowan, Phil Best, Liz Huxter, Peter Martyn, P'nina Shames, Helen Foulger, Cindy Kozak-Campbell, Brad Howard and Annie Taiatini.

Thank you, Vicki Hart, for checking the trip descriptions and difficulty grades.

Abby Wilson introduced a new KMC Trip sign-up Google Form. Trip leaders wanting to test something new can have participants fill out a Google Form instead of replying via email! To set up a Google Form for your trip, make a copy of the helpful KMC Trip Form template: Trip leaders can then rename the form, add details about the trip, and add extra questions. Trip Leaders need a Google account to make a form; however trip participants do not need an account to fill in a form! If you need any help creating a form or have feedback about this process, please contact [Abigail.c.wilson@gmail.com](mailto:Abigail.c.wilson@gmail.com)

Summer trip and participation breakdown (as of 10/25/2018):

Year	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Scheduled	95	103	100	75	96	94	82	64		
Cancelled	21	19	19	5	16	17	20	8		
Trips	74	84	81	70	80	77	62	58	68	46
Total										
Participants	714	789	783	776	642	566	472	519		
Members	677	746	740	747	604	530	435			
Guests	37	43	43	29	38	36	37			

#### Summit Register Program (Vicky Hart)

Mt Brennan and Grays Peak did not have summit registers, not sure exactly what became of them. Both mountains have new summit registers.

I placed a summit register on Empire Peak and Territory Peak this fall. Peter O. and party placed a register on Char peak near Kootenay pass

#### o. Winter trips – Phil Best

2019 Kokanee Ski Week at Kokanee Glacier Cabin. A self-guided and catered backcountry ski/tour.

- \* March 2018 – KMC successfully applied to ACC for the week of Feb 16-23, 2019. Total cost - \$15,299.55 payable to ACC (\$1020 per person, helicopter and cabin rental)
- \* March 12, 2018 all KMC members were invited via e-mail of the opportunity to participate via lottery
- \* March 12 - April 20, 2018 - 21 applications received (\$220 fee required)
- \* March 20 – \$3059.91 deposit payable to ACC
- \* April 20 – 2019 Kokanee Ski Lottery was held. 15 successful, 6 on a prioritized wait list
- \* Sept/Oct – 2 successful participants withdrew that were filled from the prioritized wait list
- \* Sept 10 – 1 new application received and placed on the wait list.
- \* Oct 19 – Remaining \$800 participant fee due to KMC.
- \* Oct 27 – Remaining fee of \$12,239.64 paid to ACC
- \* Feb 16-23, 2019 – Kokanee Ski Week!!!

A master checklist/guide for prospective trip leader(s) has been created.

#### 2018-2019 Winter Trip Schedule

- \* Last season KMC had 56 scheduled trips with 447 members attending.
- \* This year we're off to a slow start but know members will get into the winter groove soon and result in another great winter schedule of fun! If you haven't already been contacted. Please contact me if you'd like to lead a trip. philbest32@gmail.com

- \* Oct 1 – General invitation via e-mail to all KMC members to lead one or more trips and/or assist with developing the Winter Trips List.
- \* Oct 1 – 30 - Prospective trip leaders contacted individually via a volunteer e-mail fan-out. Please contact me if you'd like to lead a trip.
- \* Nov 1 – 1st Draft Winter Schedule

For all the upcoming KMC sponsored winter skills courses to be seen on the upcoming 2018/2019 schedule see here for details.

#### Winter Schedule Trips & Participants:

	<b>Scheduled</b>	<b>Cancelled</b>	<b>Trips</b>	<b>Participants</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Guests</b>
2018/2019	28*					
2017/2018	56	12	44	447	432	15
2016/2017	61	11	50	413	401	12

\* Winter Trips scheduled as of Oct 28

#### Winter Schedule Trips Breakdown:

	<b>Ski Tour</b>	<b>Snowshoe</b>	<b>X/C Ski</b>	<b>Hike Courses</b>		<b>Kokanee</b>
2018/2019	6*	9*	6*	0*	7*	1
2017/2018	13	9	3	2	2	1
2016/2017	26	20	7	2	5	1

\* Winter Trips scheduled as of Oct 28

Thanks to all that helped me with the Winter Trips this year; Peter Oostlander, Robin Stoll, Chris Cowan and Sandra Fuller.

A special thank you to all of you who are putting a trip on this winter!

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Phil thanked Ken Holmes for all the hard work he put into the Kokanee Ski Week for so many years. Phil advised he is working on Master Guide/Checklist for whomever steps forward.

Phil noted that since generating his report, there have now been 59 scheduled trips and 7 courses for the season.

#### p. **Climbing Report** – Delia Roberts

This was the first year of reinstating the position of climbing chair.

#### **Activities**

Club events were held every two weeks from the start of the climbing season in early spring through to the summer. Attendance was good, often drawing in younger and novice climbers, or people returning to the

sport after a long hiatus. Both club members and non-members attended, making this a potential route to recruit new members. Approximately ten people contacted me through the club website to inquire whether the club could provide them with an opportunity to learn and practice new climbing skills. On this note, I feel quite strongly that club policy should be that new skills should be acquired through ACMG certified rock guides, with club events either sponsoring a course taught by a certified instructor or informal, mentored skills practice. The risks of making an error are too high for casual instruction for complete novices.

We did not host an alpine climbing camp this year, in part due to the heavy smoke and backcountry closures during August. My goal is to hold a small group (max 8 people), fly in camp in 2019, perhaps in conjunction with TAWKROC. In years gone by these camps were self-guided, however, it would be possible to make the camp more similar to an ACC General Mountaineering Camp and have an ACMG guide along if that is what the membership desires. If we were to do so, it would radically change the nature and cost of the camp. Can anyone interested in attending a climbing camp please email me with their preference?

### Budget

At the 2017 AGM a budget of \$1000 was awarded to rock climbing for an additional gear purchase. However, the only time that the existing gear has been used has been during the cragging days that I organized. Instead of investing additional monies in gear that would sit in my basement, during the June 13th executive meeting, I proposed that we use the funds to support the work of TAWKROC (The association of West Kootenay Rock Climbers) as stewards of the local climbing areas. Since the budget had been specifically targeted towards a gear purchase, after discussions with TAWKROC to determine the area of greatest need, we chose to purchase new anchors so that the TAWKROC efforts to ensure that old and new routes on the local crags are safely bolted could continue. This proposed change in use of budgeted funds was passed by the executive committee during the June meeting.

TAWKROC is a local volunteer society that stewards the local rock climbing crags including trail building, upgrading old bolts and anchors, cleaning the rock, and developing new routes, as well as a significant role in preserving access to the bluffs where there are conflicts with private land.

Bob Sawyer, an ACMG guide and TAWKROC board member, who volunteers countless hours ensuring the local crags are safe as well as working with youth and disabled groups, will be present at the AGM to report on their activities and to describe how the anchors that were donated by the KMC will be used.

Further to the support of access to local climbing crags, I would like to propose a motion that the KMC continues to support the efforts of TAWKROC to maintain access and safety of the local crags by donating another \$1000 to TAWKROC this year. These funds will support the society in their successful payout of the outstanding loan for the purchase of Kinnaird Bluffs and support a similar endeavor to save the Waterline area. In case people are unaware, this lovely green space in Castlegar that includes the gas and water right of ways, a wetland, a world-class crag and extensive hiking trails covering the approximately 160 acres has been sold and there is a risk that the wetland, and access to this area will be lost. TAWKROC is currently working with a consortium of local environmental groups, the surrounding community and several funding agencies to purchase a portion of the land from the new owners with the intent of preserving these



important green spaces for public use. It seems that as users of the local green spaces when we can't make it into the back-country, this is a worthwhile conservation effort for the club to support.

Two motions to be put forward to the membership for vote:

1 (a) Motion for \$1000 donation to TAWKROC to support their work in preserving access and safety for climbing areas in the West Kootenay; and

1 (b) Motion for \$1000 budget to purchase group equipment required to support an annual climbing camp.

There was general discussion from the floor regarding the motions being put forth.

**Motion by Delia Roberts that KMC make a \$1000 donation to TAWKROC to support their work in preserving access and safety for climbing areas in the West Kootenay; Motion seconded by Bruce Reeder. The Motion was put to a vote, all were in favour. Motion passed that KMC make a \$1000 donation to TAWKROC to support their work in preserving access and safety for climbing areas in the West Kootenay.**

**Motion by Delia Roberts that KMC budget \$1000 to purchase group equipment required to support an annual climbing camp. Motion seconded by Bruce Reeder. The Motion was put to a vote, all were in favour. Motion passed that KMC budget \$1000 to purchase group equipment required to support an annual climbing camp.**

#### **ELECTIONS:**

The positions up for election and/or that have been filled by the executive due to an unexpected vacancy:

Treasurer - Ross Bates

Secretary - Tina Baldwin

Director - Conservation - \_\_\_\_\_ vacant

Director - Cabins - Dave Heyduck

Director - Socials - Jan Osborne

Director - Summer Trips - Peter Oostlander

Director - Winter Trips - Phil Best

Sandra asked for nominations from the floor for positions. The positions as filled will stay in effect.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**#1 Proposed Motion as a Special Resolution, Bylaws (Peter Oostlander)**

*Motion by Peter Oostlander; seconded by Tim Clinton.*

*To allow non-resident members to have voting privileges*

*The KMC Bylaws to be changed as follows:*

*3. Categories of membership in the Kootenay Mountaineering Club shall consist of: Resident Members -19 years or over, Resident Junior Members -14 to 18 years inclusive, Resident Family Members - including children under 19 years. Associate Members – non resident, non voting members.*

*7. Each Resident and Associate Member and each resident family membership of the Kootenay Mountaineering Club shall have a vote at General and Special Meetings of the Kootenay Mountaineering Club. However, a member of the Kootenay Mountaineering Club shall not be entitled to vote on matters undertaken by the Kootenay Mountaineering Club if such matters represent a potential conflict of interest for that member.*

*10. Resident Junior Members and Resident Family Members under 19 years and Associate Members shall not have voting privileges in the Kootenay Mountaineering Club.*

There was a great deal of open discussion regarding this Motion and Peter fielded questions from the floor. The motion was put to a vote, no one was in favour, Motion did not pass.

## #2 Proposed Motion Early Financing to Support School Outdoor Programs (Ingrid Enns)

*Motion by Ingrid Enns; seconded by Val Utgaren*

*Motion that the KMC support local youth enrolled in outdoor education programs by making an annual donation of \$500 to the Nelson and Trail Secondary School Outdoor Education programs on an alternate basis during years where surplus funds are available*

There was a great deal of open discussion regarding this Motion with questions from the floor. In particular, as the Club would like to attract a younger demographic, it was felt that a donation such as this would be very positive advertising for the Club. The membership felt that they did not want this donation to strictly be for the Nelson and Trail schools, given other programs in other schools in our "boundary". After discussion from the floor, the original motion was amended:

**Motion by Ingrid Enns that KMC support local youth enrolled in outdoor education programs by making an annual \$500 "general donation"; Motion seconded by Val Utgaren. The Motion was put to a vote, all were in favour. Motion passed that KMC would make an annual \$500 donation to an outdoor education program within our boundary (School Districts 8, 20 and 10).**

As a side note, the executive will determine year by year which programs to support.

**Ross Bates made a motion to amend the 2019 Proposed Budget to increase Donations from \$1000 to \$2000; Climbing from \$500 to \$1000; website re-design from \$5000 to a threshold of \$7500 (with a goal of trying to stay in the \$6000 range) and re-iterated the previous motion that trail expenses budget be increased to \$3500; Motion seconded by Delia Roberts. Motion was put to a vote, all in favour motion passed as made.**

Meeting adjourned by Sandra Fuller at 8:40 pm; seconded by Peter Martyn.



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Tina Baldwin, Secretary

# KMC Statement of Income and Expense

12 months ending September 30, 2017

	Current FY 2018	Previous FY 2017	Notes
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>INCOME</b>			
Membership Dues	\$ 15,044.60	\$ 14,024.00	
Donations Income	\$ 125.00	\$ -	Keinholtz
Interest Income	\$ 480.28	\$ 193.98	
Mountaineering School Revenue	\$ 5,050.00	\$ 6,555.00	tuition collected
Other Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	
	<b>\$ 20,699.88</b>	<b>\$ 20,772.98</b>	
<b>EXPENSE</b>			
Administration Expenses	\$ 527.19	\$ 458.88	
Advertising	\$ -	\$ -	
Bank Charges	\$ -	\$ 72.86	
CAA membership	\$ 210.00	\$ 210.00	
Donations	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 523.93	FORRS, ATLAS
Equipment	\$ 993.90	\$ -	
Federation of Mt. Club Fees	\$ 3,325.00	\$ 3,180.00	\$10 per membership
Federation of Mt. Club Insurance	\$ 3,240.00	\$ 2,681.00	\$8 per member
Library Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	
Membership	\$ 193.50	\$ -	
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	
Mountaineering School Expenses	\$ 5,986.51	\$ 7,505.52	
Newsletter Expenses	\$ -	\$ 48.38	
Paypal Fees	\$ 496.40	\$ 448.67	hut paypal fees not included
Registrar of Companies	\$ 40.00	\$ 110.00	
Social Expenses	\$ 614.98	\$ 522.30	
Trail Expenses	\$ 1,805.95	\$ 36.90	HBPASS Kiosk, Trailboss tools
Website Expenses - maintenance	\$ 928.86	\$ 686.49	
	<b>\$ 19,362.29</b>	<b>\$ 16,484.93</b>	
<b>Net Ordinary Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ 1,337.59</b>	<b>\$ 4,288.05</b>	
<b>Other Income/Expenses</b>			
Hut Booking Revenue	\$ 30,270.00	\$ 19,445.00	
Hut Expenses	-\$ 20,193.22	-\$ 5,307.97	
Trail Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	
Hut Paypal Fees	-\$ 989.34	-\$ 648.12	
Mountaineering School Subsidy	\$ -	\$ -	
Donation	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Net Hut Income/Expense</b>	<b>\$ 9,087.44</b>	<b>\$ 13,488.91</b>	\$9,087.44 addition made to huts reserve

# KMC Balance Sheet

as of September 30, 2018

ASSETS				LIABILITIES	
Bank of Montreal Chequing	\$ 60,585.84		Outstanding Cheques	\$ 11,184.41	
Bank of Montreal Term Deposits	\$ 35,782.52		Ski camp	\$ 3,460.30	
Paypal Account	\$ 1,437.45		Total Accounts Payable	\$ 14,644.71	
Total Current Assets	\$ 97,805.81				
			General Equity (beginning of year)	\$ 36,849.13	
Accounts Receivable	\$ -		Current Year Net Income/Loss	\$ 1,337.59	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 97,805.81		General Equity (end of year)	\$ 38,186.72	
			Reserve - Huts (beginning of year)	\$ 35,886.94	
			Current Year Transfer to Hut Reserve	\$ 9,087.44	
			Reserve - Huts (end of year)	\$ 44,974.38	
			TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 97,805.81	
Note: KMC Hiking Camp assets/liabilities reported separately in hiking camp report					

## Year Ending September 30, 2019

2018-11-11

KMC Hiking Camp					6:39 PM
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison					November 12, 2018
November 2017 through October 2018					Accrual Basis
		Nov '17 - Oct 18	Nov '16 - Oct 17	\$ Change	
Income					
	Admin Fees	0.00	250.00	(250.00)	
	Camp Fees	33,000.00	33,850.00	(850.00)	
	Camp Refunds	(1,500.00)	(2,500.00)	1,000.00	
	Interest Income	11.90	11.04	0.86	
	Total Income	31,511.90	31,611.04	(99.14)	
Expense					
	Bank Charges	186.72	168.39	18.33	
	Equipment Storage Rental	1,530.28	1,533.00	(2.72)	
Camp Costs					
	Camp Chairs	67.00	0.00	67.00	
	Privy Tent	152.31	0.00	152.31	
	Misc Items	288.61	0.00	288.61	
	Satellite Phone	246.76	0.00	246.76	
	Fence	0.00	78.00	(78.00)	
	Recce	346.20	246.00	100.20	
	Transport	200.00	200.00	0.00	
	Helicopter	23,593.50	20,600.00	2,993.50	
	Kitchen Supplies	112.84	480.00	(367.16)	
	Propane	266.13	139.00	127.13	
	Radio Rental	123.20	124.00	(0.80)	
	Cook Honorarium	600.00	600.00	0.00	
Food Costs					
	Ham	38.83	0.00	38.83	
	Produce	240.13	0.00	240.13	
	Roast Beef	87.41	0.00	87.41	
	Chili	122.19	0.00	122.19	
	Salmon Loaf	58.72	0.00	58.72	
	Bread	341.87	0.00	341.87	
	Spaghetti Sauce	119.31	0.00	119.31	
	Dry Goods	170.86	0.00	170.86	
	Cornbread and Cake	63.27	0.00	63.27	
	Wine and Juice	753.26	0.00	753.26	
	Meat, Dairy & Perishable	973.27	0.00	973.27	
	Staples	1,500.54	0.00	1,500.54	
	Beef Stew	120.05	0.00	120.05	
	Chicken Curry	89.99	0.00	89.99	
	Soup	108.26	0.00	108.26	
	Food Costs - Other	0.00	5,577.17	(5,577.17)	
	Total Food Costs	4,787.96	5,577.17	(789.21)	
	Total Camp Costs	30,784.51	28,044.17	2,740.34	
	Total Expense	32,501.51	29,745.56	2,755.95	
Net (Loss) Income		(989.61)	1,865.48	(2,855.09)	

KMC Hiking Camp						
Profit & Loss by Class						
November 2017 through October 2018						
November 12, 2018						
Accrual Basis						
		Camp 1	Camp 2	Camp 3	Unclassified	TOTAL
Income						
	Camp Fees	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00	0.00	33,000.00
	Camp Refunds	(500.00)	(500.00)	(500.00)	0.00	(1,500.00)
	Interest Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.90	11.90
	Total Income	10,500.00	10,500.00	10,500.00	11.90	31,511.90
Expense						
	Bank Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	186.72	186.72
	Equipment Storage Rental	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,530.28	1,530.28
Camp Costs						
	Camp Chairs	0.00	0.00	0.00	67.00	67.00
	Privy Tent	0.00	0.00	0.00	152.31	152.31
	Misc Items	0.00	0.00	0.00	288.61	288.61
	Satellite Phone	0.00	0.00	0.00	246.76	246.76
	Recce	0.00	0.00	0.00	346.20	346.20
	Transport	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	200.00
	Helicopter	0.00	0.00	0.00	23,593.50	23,593.50
	Kitchen Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	112.84	112.84
	Propane	0.00	0.00	0.00	266.13	266.13
	Radio Rental	0.00	0.00	0.00	123.20	123.20
	Cook Honorarium	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00	600.00
Food Costs						
	Ham	0.00	0.00	38.83	0.00	38.83
	Produce	0.00	0.00	240.13	0.00	240.13
	Roast Beef	0.00	52.47	34.94	0.00	87.41
	Chili	0.00	59.92	62.27	0.00	122.19
	Salmon Loaf	0.00	58.72	0.00	0.00	58.72
	Bread	102.35	136.56	102.96	0.00	341.87
	Spaghetti Sauce	44.57	33.56	41.18	0.00	119.31
	Dry Goods	90.57	80.29	0.00	0.00	170.86
	Cornbread and Cake	6.88	47.23	9.16	0.00	63.27
	Wine and Juice	270.66	263.78	218.82	0.00	753.26
	Meat, Dairy & Perishable	0.00	612.55	360.72	0.00	973.27
	Staples	527.20	479.88	493.46	0.00	1,500.54
	Beef Stew	47.71	0.00	72.34	0.00	120.05
	Chicken Curry	89.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	89.99
	Soup	52.76	0.00	55.50	0.00	108.26
	Total Food Costs	1,232.69	1,824.96	1,730.31	0.00	4,787.96
	Total Camp Costs	1,332.69	1,824.96	1,830.31	25,796.55	30,784.51
	Total Expense	1,332.69	1,824.96	1,830.31	27,513.55	32,501.51
	Net Income (Loss)	9,167.31	8,675.04	8,669.69	(27,501.65)	(989.61)



KMC Hiking Camp			6:44 PM
Statement of Cash Flows			November 12, 2018
November 2017 through October 2018			
		Nov '17 - Oct 18	
		OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
		Net Loss	(989.61)
		Net cash decrease	(989.61)
		Net cash decrease for period	(989.61)
		Cash at beginning of period	13,843.27
		Cash at end of period	12,853.66

## Mountaineering School Report

Peter Oostlander

November 2018

During the past year, the mountaineering school organized the following courses provided by Summit Mountain Guides (SMG); Peter Oostlander – Backcountry skiing (KMC) and Doug Clark – Wilderness Navigation (KMC). Great instructor feedback was received for all courses!

Course	Provider	Participants
Introduction to Backcountry Skiing – Dec 2017 (over 2 days)	KMC	14
AST 1 on skis – Dec 2017	SMG	8
AST 2 (various dates)	SMG	2
Refresher and Companion Rescue – Jan 2018	SMG	7
Intermediate Backcountry Ski trip – Jan 2018	KMC	4
Ice Axe & Crampon use, Movement skills & Rope – June 2018	SMG	7
Crevasse Rescue and Snow & Ice Anchors – June 2018	SMG	6
Introduction to Rock Climbing - Beginner program – June 2018	SMG	6
Introduction to Rock Climbing – Intermediate skills building – June 2018	SMG	5
Wilderness Navigation (map and compass) field day	KMC	11
<b>TOTAL (10 courses)</b>		<b>70</b>

In comparison, the previous year (Nov 2016– June 2017) we organized 9 courses with 76 participants.

For the upcoming winter season we are planning three backcountry ski trips for beginners and are offering more Avalanche Skills Training (AST) courses:

- Introduction to Backcountry Skiing - Dec. 9
- AST 1 - Dec. 15-16
- Companion Rescue & Refresher Course - Jan. 6
- Managing Avalanche Terrain – Jan. 13
- Intermediate Backcountry Skiing; Day 1– Jan. 26
- Intermediate Backcountry Skiing; Day 2 – Feb. 9
- AST 2 (various dates)