

Minutes – Executive Meeting of the Kootenay Mountaineering Club



Wednesday January 14, 2015 at Castlegar United Church

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

Regrets: Peter Jordan and Mark Hatlen.

Guests: Laurie Helyer (Social Director in waiting)

Meeting commenced at 18:42 – P'nina Shames introduced Laurie Helyer who has expressed an interest in replacing P'nina as our social director later this year.

Approval of Agenda –moved by P'nina Shames and seconded by Peter Oostlander, motion carried.

Approval of September 9, 2014 Minutes – moved by P'nina Shames and seconded by Jocelyn LaFace, motion carried.

Review of Old business

KMC 50th anniversary – Doug Clark thanked Peter Oostlander and P'nina Shames for all their work on our 50th anniversary summit program and celebrations. Peter is working on a new idea for a 2015 summer 10 summit 'mystery' challenge.

New Shelter at the Kaslo Lake wilderness camping area in Kokanee Glacier Park – Dan Derby, has been unable to get a reply from Parks staff to get an update.

Darkwoods Access – Doug Clark said that Elena Cigala-Fulgosi will drop off Darkwoods access key the next time she is in town. Peter Oostlander will contact the Nature Conservancy of Canada to maintain our agreement/relationship. Rainer Muentner who used to work in Dark Woods is interested in being a Dark Woods contact for KMC. So, we will likely give him a key.

Website redesign – Doug Clark, Tim Clinton graciously declined the payment for his work on our website. Tim was thankful for the gesture and assured the committee he is enjoying doing the work for the betterment of the club.

New Business

2015 Executive Schedule – Doug Clark, the 2015 Executive schedule was discussed and the following changes were made;

- Executive committee meetings; April 14th changed to April 15th and June 10th changed to June 17th.
- Newsletter; Deadline changed to the 20th of the month and publication the 21st.

Buy and Sell – Doug Clark, Motion: President Clark will send out an email to encourage members to utilize the buy and sell section of the web site for sale of equipment and that this information be included in the KMC new member welcome letter. Moved by Doug Clark and seconded by Graham Jamin, motion carried.

Newsletter costs – Tim Clinton, there are still 24 members who request a paper copy of the newsletter at a cost to the club of approximately \$4 per issue. Tim will email all recipients to explain the expense to the club with a goal to reduce the number of paper copies over time.

Executive Reports

President – Doug Clark, FMCBC directors have been discussing On-line waivers and acknowledgment of risk of minors. It is not possible for risk to a minor to be waived. If there is an incident that may result in a insurance claim there is a reporting form on the website that is required to be filled out.

Treasurer – Ross Bates, about half of the members have renewed their membership for 2015 so far. Hut reservations are up from last year.

Membership – Jocelyn LaFace, 384 members (mix of paid and unpaid at this time). Jocelyn will be sending out another membership renewal notice later this week.

Has been working with Tim Clinton on why some members are not included on membership list.

After a round table discussion on the privacy settings of our membership list, there was agreement to develop a solution for the data base privacy issue for 2016. A new database may be necessary to provide options.

Secretary – no report

Social – P'nina Shames, will try and coordinate with Delia Roberts to do a presentation on share information on hydration, nutrition, injury prevention and performance with the KMC membership at the spring social.

Huts – Graham Jamin, a new Recreation Sites and Trails BC Partnership Agreement for the Bonnington Range has been signed. The new agreement expires November 30, 2023. Graham is still working to try and get the agreement Memorandum changed, specifically the Commercial Use restrictions. He would like to see the restrictions for commercial users relaxed to restrict their access during spring break and Christmas only.

- Draft Satellite phone rental agreement will be developed soon.

Newsletter – Tim Clinton, encourages all members to use the website forums.

Mountaineering School – Peter Oostlander, winter skills courses have been well attended and appreciated by participants Attendance: Wilderness First Aid Course: 1; AST1 – skiers: 7; Companion Rescue and Refresher: 8; AST-1 (booked for end of January 2015): 6; AST2: 1; Introduction to Backcountry skiing: 9; Light touring day at Kootenay Pass (Graham and Peter): 12.

Peter will contact Jeff Ross to discuss options for climbing school. There will be a Map and Compass course organized for late April.

Conservation – no report. Doug Clark will ask Peter Jordan to provide a stakeholder comment on the West Kootenay Dirt Bike & ATV Association application for a proposed recreation area.

Hiking Camp – Leon Arishenkoff (for Mark Hatlen), is working to have all four manuals posted on the website soon. Access to the Purcell's is restricted by no Helicopter access. Doug Clark will inquire if some type of in-kind contribution/work would allow for Helicopter access. The 2015 Hiking camps will be in the Monashees near Fawn Lake/Valley of the Moon.

Trail Access – Leon Arishenkoff-in February Leon will start to have meetings to organize trail maintenance priorities and work parties.

Winter Trip Report – Chris Cowan, 49 winter trips were planned and 6 have been postponed due to weather. Short notice trips can be added to the schedule and are required to be on the schedule to be considered sanctioned and covered by our insurance.

Meeting Adjourned at 20:39 pm, next meeting is the Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 6:30 in Castlegar.

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