



Minutes - Executive Meeting of the Kootenay Mountaineering Club
Wednesday April 12, 2017 at Castlegar Rec Centre DRAFT

Present: Doug Clark, Ross Bates, Leon Arishenkoff, Phil Best, Peter Oostlander, Tim Clinton, Chris Cowan, Peter Jordan and Cindy Kozak-Campbell.

Regrets: Laurie Helyer, Sandra Fuller, Jocelyn LaFace

Meeting commenced at 6:30 pm

1) **Approval of Agenda** - Approval of agenda moved by Peter Oostlander and seconded by Ross Bates, motion carried.

2) **Approval of January 11, 2017 Minutes** - moved by Leon Arishenkoff and seconded by Ross Bates, motion carried.

3) **Review of Old business**

- a. Letter to MOTI and Parks re: Enterprise Creek access (Phil Best) - Response from MOTI and Parks was received; appreciate our request, and have no plans to reopen the road. (copy letter to go with minutes - Peter and Phil to consider an appropriate response referencing benefits to tourism, overuse of Kokanee access) and forward to Doug for President's signature
- b. Trip Driver reimbursement (Peter Oostlander) no further feedback to Guideline circulated by Peter; document will be added to website as a guideline for members.
- c. Summit Challenge (Jocelyn LaFace) Jocelyn circulated a proposal for KMC's 150 - Peak Challenge for further discussion: Executive approved the idea with the revision to hold the challenge for the full calendar year. The winner will be drawn at the first 2018 Executive meeting (could be drawn at 2017 AGM if 150 summits completed by then).
- d. New Societies Act (Cindy Kozak-Campbell) - Main activities to complete prior to the AGM: review the current constitution and bylaws, ensure any past special resolutions are consolidated, and create a word version that can be uploaded; ensure we meet the requirements on "official records" and board qualifications; and consider any bylaw changes we may want to make prior to finalizing our transition package. Cindy will order the transition package to ensure we have the most recent version of the bylaws and all the special resolutions.
 1. ACTION By all Executive: Review bylaws and consider anything we need to change now and advise Cindy
- e. Zone 4 and alternative to PayPal (Tim Clinton) - Zone 4 not able to cover all aspects of cabin booking, so will stay with Pay Pal

4) **New Business**

- a. Trip sign up procedure - concern about pre-registration that doesn't give everyone an opportunity to sign up. Suggestion is when attendance is limited, open registration for a period of time (48 hours?) and then randomly pull names for spots. Peter Oostlander will add as a suggestion to the trip leader guide and emphasize that there should be no pre-booking prior to the email announcing the trip.
- b. Bonnington Range Recreation Site Mgt. Plan - Doug provided an update on recent meetings - a stakeholders group has been formed, and there is an upcoming meeting with all stakeholders to discuss the possibilities and find consensus for

the future of the area. Peter and Doug attending on KMC's behalf - our focus is on a non - motorized area for the Bonnington traverse (full Recreation Site).

- c. Nelson range Recreation Site - the question was raised - is there interest in establishing a Recreation Site similar to the Rossland Range in the Whitewater area, or Morning Mountain? Benefits - enhanced access and recreational opportunities for people of all ages, some support shown from Rec Sites and Trails BC (RST BC); Risk - road access is not as available to high elevation in Nelson area, terrain is not as safe near Whitewater particularly in winter. Next steps - solicit members for a working group to discuss further with RST BC and explore possibilities. (Doug will contact Nelson recreation commission, and determine their interest in a collaborative project.)
- d. Rack cards and badges: Supply is low; do we need to redesign? Peter will review., may redesign and then print. Badge in process of being redesigned for next anniversary (55 years?). Will hold further production.
- e. TAWKROC - Kinnaird Bluffs - are developing trails and outhouse, looking for help to manage both. Doug will respond and offer to distribute info on a work bee when they are organizing, KMC not able to take on the responsibility.

5) **Executive Reports**

- a) **President** - Doug Clark - no further items.
- b) **Vice President** - Sandra Fuller - regrets
- c) **Treasurer** - Ross Bates - interim financial statement circulated (attached), highlights of report - huts bookings and course income up;
- d) **Membership** - Jocelyn LaFace (by email): update on the current numbers completed as of April 5th from the membership database. Memberships numbers will continue to climb and there were 4 new memberships that came through recently. There is usually a bit of slow down at this time of the year but it always seems to increase again as we get closer to summer or as the weather improves.
Current membership year: 2017
Memberships: 254
Individual Memberships: 175
Couple Memberships: 79
Total Members: 333
- e) **Secretary** - Cindy Kozak-Campbell: no further items.
- f) **Social** - Laurie Helyer: John Dunn presentation - good turn out; thank you note from Colin Adamson for our support. Future consideration - Douglas Noblet
- g) **Huts (vacant)** - Position currently being covered by Doug Clark and Sandra Fuller.
 - Recognition of Graham's contribution to huts; Peter Jordan moved we give Graham and his wife Jude a lifetime free use of the Bonnington Range huts in recognition of his years of service. Second - Leon Arishenkoff; approved.
 - Doug met with group of members that expressed interest in hut maintenance - they are aware of the extent of the commitment, and that a group of people would be our preference if we continue to be responsible for the huts. ACC - upcoming meeting to discuss options, what level of involvement they are interested in; Whatever the solution is, need to get province's approval. Province would like to see KMC continue to have some level of involvement to maintain stakeholder status in Bonnington Range;

- Hut funds: 30% of revenue can be used for KMC projects with province approval; one time or ongoing expenses for the same item eg. mountaineering course.
 - Hut bookings currently closed; firewood restocked, executive agreed to reopening bookings but no further firewood replenishment. (complete)
 - Tim will change the website to have Doug as the contact for now.
- h) **Newsletter** - Tim Clinton: newsletter - only 2 paper copies being distributed - recommending we stop having the option to have a paper copy going forward from this year. Executive approved. Domain name renewal - no ability for someone to use the obsolete domain name. Executive approved giving up.
- i) **Mountaineering School** - Peter Oostlander: courses are posted on website and have been circulated. Forward any further suggestions for courses to Peter.
- j) **Conservation** - Peter Jordan: Porcupine Forest Products have acquired the operating area of former Meadow Creek Cedar; forest stewardship plan up for review...Peter will circulate info to members if they are interested in reviewing, as we use the area regularly for club trips.
- Hummingbird Pass proposal - CBT process underway with results anticipated by end of May, if request is successful, a working group will be formed to execute the project.
- k) **Hiking Camp** - Leon Arishenkoff: Sat phone - Leon to connect with Graham to obtain phone for the camp. Authorization for camp location still in progress. Lottery completed, all camps full; 19 people on group A waitlist, further people inquiring. Consider moving the details of the annual camp to the members portion of the website.
- l) **Trail Access** - Chris Cowan: working with Salmo Valley Trails which obtained funding for Lost Mtn trail development. Some MOTI concerns with Lost Trail plans (parking area) by Highway 3 that will need to be addressed to get approval for trail construction.
- m) **Winter Trips** - Phil Best: summary of season distributed (attached). Successful season (50 trips total - goal was 35). Kokanee ski week draw is this week - 17 applicants.
- n) **Summer trips** - Peter Oostlander - 75 trips have been scheduled. Thanks to volunteer team for assistance with organizing!
- 6) **Motion to adjourn meeting** by Phil Best at 2045h. Next meeting June 14, 2017 in Castlegar.

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

