

Minutes Executive meeting - Kootenay Mountaineering Club

Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at the Castlegar United Church – 6:30pm

Present: Peter Oostlander, Doug Clark, Graham Jamin, Tim Clinton, Kate Woodhouse, Sherolyn Haakstad, P'nina Shames

Regrets: Mary Baker; Norm Yanke

Guests: Ross Bates (treasurer in waiting); Leon Arishenkoff (standing in for Mark Hatlen)

- 1) Call for new business
Acknowledgement of the passing of Don Lyon, a long time KMC member. Condolences to his family.
- 2) Approval of minutes from June 19, 2013 meeting: Moved/Seconded; all in favour approved as distributed
- 3) Approval of agenda: approved
- 4) Executive reports
 - a) President
 - FMCBC new universal waiver (affected on-line renewal; stand-alone waiver; paper renewal) - updates to these documents have been done and have been uploaded to our website and on-line renewal app
 - 2013 Club schedule
 - **Peter is assisting our Winter trip director to get the winter trip schedule out by Nov 4th**
 - A welcome note goes out monthly to all new and renewing members
 - **To Do: Renew backcountry access agreement with WH20**
 - does the KMC want to become a member of Canadian Avalanche Centre? Price structure for joining is being worked on by the CAC. **Motion: that KMC purchase an annual membership for \$50.** Moved/Seconded - Discussion and amend the motion to join as a club for \$200 annually. Approved by all.
 - Updated Emergency Event guidelines -guidelines have been updated - **Peter will send current updated guidelines to Dave Grant for his comments**
 - b) Treasurer
 - Request for separate Pay Pal accounts for Cabins and Membership to simplify bookkeeping
 - Payment for Ski camp to be made to ACC only after all participants have paid. Two participants have yet to pay.
 - Kate presented a Profit & Loss Statement for Oct 2012-Sept 2013, showing a net income of \$7,204.54
 - Balance sheet as of Sept 30, 2013, \$34,600 in the bank and in investments, and \$9000 for ski camp.
 - **Peter will develop the 2014 budget and present same to the membership within the next two weeks.** Major expenditures for next year will include an update of the KMC website. The budget line for this will require approval at the AGM. Motion: That it be brought to the AGM to update the KMC website with a budget of \$4000. Moved/Seconded. Carried
 - The 50th Anniversary of the KMC will occur in 2014 and there will be expenses associated with this. **Motion: the 50th Anniversary committee will bring options and budget to the AGM for approval. Moved /Seconded; Carried.**
 - Transfer of Treasurer responsibilities to new Treasurer. Best method and program to use was discussed and new treasurer will work in Excel and Quicken to do the bookkeeping – there is no cost associated with this.
 - Treasurers report received. Moved/Seconded to approve. Carried.
 - c) Vice President
 - Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC Annual General Meeting will be hosted by KMC, in conjunction with the KMC 50th Anniversary
 - consider combining KMC spring social with an event for Sat June 7, 2014 that would include FMBC and all guests
 - **P'nina will work on inviting Pat Morrow as the keynote speaker for June 7 at the Castlegar Old Theatre, or alternately Tim Ripple**
 - **Doug Clark will work on identifying and attracting a KMC member to assume Vice President position**

- d) Secretary
 - Mary Baker has submitted her resignation
 - **Peter will recruit someone**
- e) Cabins
 - Income for 2012-2013 over \$9000 and expenses were \$4600
 - Mileage will be paid for trails crews out of cabins funds.
 - Bookings are increasing every year – a trend of more bookings from abroad
 - Main expense, carried over from last year for the helicopter to bring in a new stove
 - This year expenses are odds and ends/maintenance
 - Forestry has agreed that KMC can move upto 30% of cabins income to KMC general as per email.
 - **Graham to send Peter a copy.**
- f) Conservation
 - New recruit - being worked on
 - **Gravity Sports tenure application - Peter will respond that it's not in our area**
- g) Trails and Equipment
 - No report from Director
 - Friends of Rossland Range meeting - KMC should have some presence at this discussion
 - **Doug will contact Dave Watson and Justin Dexter re: KMC interests and being a stakeholder**
 - **Big Red Cat development - KMC needs to make a formal request to be a stakeholder. Doug to do.**
- h) Hiking Camp - items arising from recent committee meeting:
 - Location for 2014 hiking camp has been determined, dates set, and will be announced at AGM
 - Newsletter will go out to KMC members by Nov. 30.
 - Planning to update biffy-cost \$400
 - Financials are at break even--current fee for the 2014 camp will remain at \$450;The camp works well due to great volunteer efforts
 - New registrar will be Terry Turner
 - Hiking camp would like its own tab on a new and revamped website
- i) Mountaineering school
 - New recruit - Peter O is interested
 - Peter has four courses he is working on: AST 1 and 2 through Summit Mountain Guides with a \$50 discount; (SMG \$25/KMC contribution \$25) + Beginner Ski touring + Advanced Ski touring (last two will have Graham and Peter + others as instructors and will be free)
 - Notice of courses and dates will be sent out to members this week
- j) Library
 - The library has seen a little more use since the last meeting
 - We received a letter from the Touchstones museum confirming the receipt of Carabiner newsletter digital files
- k) Membership
 - new recruit is Nadine Ebner
 - membership numbers: 334 so far for 2013; an increase of 22 over Dec 31, 2012 - this is unlike other clubs, where membership is declining. Membership drive - Nadine would like to have a drive targeting youth members and adding on to our membership benefits. **Peter to work with her next year on developing a plan and display.**
 - new rack cards; we're running out--should we get more? This is an opportunity to update and improve the visual look of the cards in conjunction with an updated website
 - MEC virtual club night - 10% off for on line purchasing is proposed to MEC for FMBC members
 - **Motion: A new member who joins after Oct 1 is automatically moved to the next year at no additional cost. Moved/Seconded. Carried.**
- l) Newsletter
 - Charge for printed and mailed newsletters? If so, how much? - **Motion: Bring to AGM-- KMC charge**

\$10 annually for members to receive by mail a hard copy of the newsletter. Moved/Seconded.
Carried.

m) Socials

- The Fall social attracted 35 attendees; we had an excellent variety of presentations!
- Elena will be asked to present her show (Searching for snow) at our AGM (Mexican buffet)
- 2014 Spring Social on June 7th old Castlegar Theatre – Hire Pat Morrow; Tim Ripple (spring social 50th anniversary)

n) Summer trips

- Numbers of participants/trips so far- 82 trips completed so far with 545 participants – approx. 8% were guests (non-members). This is a large increase over last year (68)
- The summer trip director has limited access to email in July/August - it would be good to have a back up person. Peter will talk to Nadine or Graham to be his backup in these two months.

o) Website

- Resignation and new recruit - Bryan Reid has resigned. New recruit is being discussed
- Revisions/Updates to our website are current again; renewal site - changes still in progress
- RFQ for new website - **Peter and Tim will be working on this**

p) KMC 50th anniversary:

- some ideas were written at the fall social. **Peter to meet with his subcommittee to see what we would like to do.**

5) Meeting adjournment--adjourned at 9:14 pm