

Kootenay Mountaineering Club
Executive Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2012 Castlegar United Church

Present: Sherolyn Haakstad, Mark Hatlen, Peter Oosterlander, Tim Clinton, P'nina Shames, Doug Clark
(quorum was reached)

Regrets: Kate Woodhouse, Kim Kratky, Graham Jamin, Bryan Reid, Will Neusteadler, Ed Beynon, Marilyn Nelson

1. Meeting called to order 6:45 pm

2. Approval of minutes from January 18 meeting (moved Sherolyn, seconded Mark) carried

3. Executive reports

President: FMCBC insurance update: Present insurance will expire in April 30, 2012, and a new carrier is being sought. 8% of participants on FMCBC insured trips are non members (guests); Rates will go up by approx. that amount, given other factors to cover guests. New insurance will be effective as of May 1, 2012.

4. 2012 Club schedule: revised (this is the schedule with deadlines for the various club activities NOT the trip schedule). The group went through the dates and approved of it.

5. Treasurer: no report (an informal report was sent via email a couple of weeks ago)

6. Vice President: V.P now has Bank signing authority; Library is now located at Doug's place; shelving has been installed and Doug is in the process of checking the list of books against inventory. Tim will publish a message to the membership about the library's new location.

7. Secretary: no report

8. Cabins: No report. As a note - Ripple Cabin has now been taken over by the Creston snowmobile club

9. Conservation: Celebrate Earth Day, keep Jumbo Wild, hear the case against the Enbridge Pipeline. On Sunday, April 22nd at 3:00 pm join us at "The People's Commons" in front of Nelson City Hall.

10. Hiking Camp: lottery held March 20, 2012; notices went out March 22, 2012

-camp 1 is full - leader Bryan Cooles and cook is Terri Simpson

-camp 2 is also full - leader is Glen Cameron and cook tba

-camp 3 has 3 spots available - leader is Peter McIver and cook is Suzanne Blewett

Kananaskis helicopters has been chartered --cost is about \$10,000

Hiking camp policy manuals are being refined and will be ready in early May. The hiking camp committee will have a dedicated meeting to refine and finalize this document. Peter O will receive a

copy as well for his input.

11. Mountaineering school: The first course, Introduction to Backcountry Skiing, had 4 attendants; Peter to call Will to see what his plans are for the Summer.

12. Library: Will suggested that we develop a complete map collection for the area. Our first step is to see what we currently have, before we make a decision.

13. Membership: This year 80% of the members used the on line system to renew their membership vs 71% last year, so that is almost a 10% increase in members using the on line system. Although memberships are down by 39 members over last year, in April 2011 there were 256 members enrolled, so there are 14 more members enrolled this year vs the same time last year.

The KMC membership list for the sports shops will be printed before the end of April and given to the sports shops that offer members a 10% discount. **PRIVATE NAMES** - On March 20th and then again on April 15h, Sherolyn sent emails to the 35 members who chose to keep their name private to ask if they chose that option in error. So far, only one member has confirmed that he wants his name kept private. Sherolyn has not heard back from eight members. There were 26 members who chose the option to keep their name private in error, so maybe we can make the wording a little clearer on the website – see suggested wording below. **Current wording:** Traditionally the KMC occasionally published the names and addresses for its members in the newsletter. The B.C. Privacy Act requires that we ask your permission. Please check each item below that you do not wish published: **Suggested wording:** The KMC publishes the member's names, addresses, email and phone numbers in the newsletter and on the KMC website which is password protected for access by KMC members only. The KMC also publishes the **member's names only** in a list given to selected sports shops who offer KMC members a 10% discount. These are the only two ways the KMC publishes member's names. The B.C. Privacy Act requires that we ask your permission to publish your personal information. **PLEASE CHECK THE BOXES BELOW ONLY FOR ITEMS YOU DO NOT WANT PUBLISHED:**

Peter O. to contact Steve Langley to see if he's still interested in updating the on line renewal system

14. Newsletter: Summer trip list will be published in next newsletter – April 30 deadline. All commented that the new format looks very attractive!

15. Socials: Last event March 30th was hugely succesful. Next one will be the Fall slideshow September 28. We are investigating charter bus service for the November 16 AGM at the Mulligans Restaurant at Little Bear Golf course in Castlegar, to see if it is feasable and if there would be an interest. One bus from Nelson and another from Rossland/Trail, if there is sufficient demand. We will need some money from our Socials budget to subsidize the rate. We will continue with the Potluck style of deserts for the

Fall social. P'nina will investigate a speaker for the AGM. Several topics were suggested. Since Doug and Sandra are leaving our geographical area, P'nina will organize a potluck get together and "roast" to honour them for all the years they have contributed to the club.

16. KMC trip schedule: WINTER: Peter has requested the final numbers of participants/trips from Ed. Waivers - signed waivers of non members (guests) are not getting to Peter and Ed. Peter O will remind the trip leaders to send or scan/email the signed waivers to the Summer or Winter trip directors. Peter will also add the waiver request to the summer trip schedule and add the waiver requests when he does the trip statistics follow ups.

KMC access agreement through Whitewater ski area: There is a signed agreement between KMC and the owners of Whitewater for KMC member access to the backcountry which was signed in 2006. This agreement needs to be sustained. Doug will ask for a volunteer to take on maintenance of the agreement.

SUMMER: 65 trips are scheduled, with a nice mix of hikes, bike and canoe trips. The schedule runs from April to November.

17. Website: AGM, Financials, Membership list, and most recent executive minutes have been posted to the KMC website and are password protected.

18. Correspondence: email from Bert Port on how to increase applications to the Kokanee ski week, to insure it's filled up as it was slow to fill last year; However, the Kokanee ski week for 2013 is now full with three people on the waiting list. Likely, we started too late last year. Bert made another good point about trips that were cancelled for personal reasons. He recommended that trip leaders are encouraged to find substitute leader rather than cancel. Peter will put this message on updated trip schedule.

Meeting adjourned - 8:17 pm (everyone in agreement)