



## Minutes - Executive Meeting of the Kootenay Mountaineering Club

Wednesday January 11, 2017 at Castlegar Rec Centre

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**Present:** Doug Clark, Sandra Fuller, Ross Bates, Jocelyn LaFace, Laurie Helyer, Leon Arishenkoff, Phil Best, Peter Oostlander, Tim Clinton, Chris Cowan, Peter Jordan and Cindy Kozak-Campbell.

**Regrets:**

Meeting commenced at 6:30 pm

- 1) **Approval of Agenda** - Approval of agenda moved by Jocelyn LaFace and seconded by Chris Cowan, motion carried.
- 2) **Approval of November 2, 2016 Minutes** - moved by Sandra Fuller and seconded by Leon Arishenkoff, motion carried.
- 3) **Review of Old business**
  - a. Membership fees - Change in fees passed at AGM - \$66/couple has been implemented on web-site and membership applications.
  - b. Non-motorized tenure - discussion was held on possible replacements for Graham Jamin on the working group that is meeting with the province on adding a non motorized recreation area to the local inventory. KMC is proposing either the Bonnington traverse area or a Nelson vicinity area. Justin Dexter from the province will be exploring further with stakeholder groups. West Kokanee Access - letter circulated by Doug; Parks not in favour of reopening access. Phil Best will draft a letter to MOT and Parks to ask for further consideration for access. and circulate for exec review.
- 4) **New Business**
  - a. Trip driver reimbursement: Peter Oostlander provided a comparison of what other clubs do for driver reimbursement. Options include a minimum fee, either km or hours consideration, and consideration for road conditions. Payment does need to be voluntary so it does not impact driver's Insurance. After discussion, Peter will circulate a final recommendation to the executive for final consideration (attached). Goal is to finalize recommendations prior to the spring hiking schedule.
  - b. Summit challenge - Doug Clark proposed a peaks registry to encourage people to get out and hike. Executive discussed other options that could occur annually. Jocelyn LaFace agreed to circulate further ideas around a 150 min summit for Canada's 150th birthday for consideration prior to the next meeting.
  - c. New Societies Act - 2 years to revise constitution and bylaws to meet the Act. Cindy Kozak-Campbell agreed to lead the work; All exec members to review the guide circulated prior to this meeting, and the current constitution and bylaws prior to next meeting.
  - d. Zone 4 and alternative to PayPal - Sandra provided a summary of services available through Zone 4, including costs. Zone 4 may provide both data base and payment system, vs Paypal that is simply payment. Tim will seek out further information on Zone 4 (personal contact).
- 5) **Executive Reports**
  - a) **President** - Doug Clark - 2017 executive schedule reviewed and revisions suggested.
  - b) **Vice President** - Sandra Fuller, FMCBC changes - president and executive director vacancies being recruited for.
  - c) **Treasurer** - Ross Bates,  
Moved by Ross Bates seconded by Peter Oostlander: Whereas new executive officers have been elected at the AGM held November 18, 2016, the KMC signing authority at the Bank of Montreal should be changed from Doug Clark (President), Ross Bates (Treasurer), Dan Derby (Past Secretary)

to Doug Clark (President), Ross Bates (Treasurer) and Cindy Kozak-Campbell (Current Secretary). Motion carried.

- d) **Membership** - Jocelyn LaFace: We are up to 193 members as of Jan 1 (October 2016- present). Reminder notice will be sent out. With the current membership demographic, the club needs to be considering who the membership base is and consider targeted recruitment. Can social media (eg. KMC Facebook) assist us with recruitment? What does successful membership mean? Jocelyn will bring back some thoughts for further consideration.
  - e) **Secretary** - Cindy Kozak-Campbell: Annual meeting report for 2016 has been filed on line with BC Registries, including the update to the directors list.
  - f) **Social** - Laurie Helyer: John Dunn presentation opportunity was brought forward for consideration. Consensus was that it was a good opportunity for the club to support. Motion: Moved by Peter Oostlander and seconded by Tim Clinton: KMC will support J. L. Crowe School's Outdoor Program by co-hosting a presentation by John Dunn on Feb 3. Tickets will be \$5, and all tickets sold will be matched by KMC with an additional \$5 with all funds donated to the Outdoor Program. KMC will cover the cost of the venue. (carried) Laurie will finalize a venue, notice will go out to members, and be posted on the Facebook page. Peter Oostlander offered to assist with publicity.
  - g) **Huts (vacant)** Position currently being covered by Doug Clark and Sandra Fuller. Sandra has been meeting with Graham for information hand over; Discussion followed on the best way forward - this has been a large job for one person; Should the club consider a working group? Discussion on benefits to KMC to continue being responsible for the Bonnington Huts - funds have been used to contribute to other cabin construction (Lepsoe). Need a decision back to Forestry by May. Doug and Sandra will develop article for newsletter and letter to membership to outline the issue and present options for membership input.
  - h) **Newsletter** - Tim Clinton: information and reports from directors needed - deadline on executive schedule (publication dates loosely aimed at solstice and equinoxes).
  - i) **Mountaineering School** - Peter Oostlander: avalanche training - 10 members; refresher companion rescue - 5 members, 2 non members. working on Jan 21/22 avalanche training for snowshoers - this might have to be postponed due to instructor availability. Introduction to back country skiing course: 18 members; Upcoming - intermediate backcountry skiing course Jan 21.
  - j) **Conservation** - Peter Jordan: There are two current applications for commercial recreation tenures in the Kootenay-Columbia regions which might be of interest to KMC members. Peter will distribute the link to members to follow up. Hummingbird Pass 5 mile signage project - working with Nelson Search and Rescue, rec sites and trails, Whitewater to put in a proposal for funding for safety project. (previously approved, continuation of work)
  - k) **Hiking Camp** - Leon Arishenkoff: Results of investigation from Natural Resources officer - KMC received a warning, and request that the club follow process going forward. Approvals for 2017 hiking camp are in progress.
  - l) **Trail Access** - Chris Cowan: Lost Mountain trail - Salmo Valley Trails Society has also expressed interested in the Lost Mountain Trail and is preparing an application for grant from CBT. They are seeking letter of support- Chris has drafted and circulated for exec input. Kootenay Lake Forest Protection Crew has been approached to assist with clearing danger trees.
  - m) **Winter Trips** - Phil Best: 45 scheduled trips; increased interest for leaders. No cancellations, one postponement. 159 participants and 4 guests; Ski week - fully booked, 1 person still on waiting list Feb 4-11
  - n) **Summer trips** - no reports
- 6) Motion to adjourn meeting by Chris Cowan at 2100h. Next meeting April 12th in Castlegar.

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

Attachment: Final Proposed KMC Guidelines for payment to car pool driver