



**MINUTES – Executive Meeting of the Kootenay  
Mountaineering Club -Tuesday, September 25, 2018  
Castlegar Rec. Centre**

Present:

Abby Wilson, Laurie Helyer, Paul Eagles, Phil Best, Tina Baldwin, Sandra Fuller, Delia Roberts, Tim Clinton, Ross Bates, Peter Oostlander, Dave Heyduck, Chris Cowan

Meeting Commenced at: 6:30 pm

- 1) **Approval of Agenda** - Motion to approve by Delia Roberts; seconded by Peter Oostlander – Motion carried.
- 2) **Approval of June 13, 2018 Minutes** – Motion to approve by Phil Best; seconded by Ross Bates – Motion carried.
- 3) **Review of Old Business** –

- *Request to membership for volunteers to help with building FoRR cabin?*

Sandra advised that we would leave this issue unless we get a formal request for volunteers

- *Grants for funding for rebuilding cabins? / Grant Applications*

Sandra advised that she and Bruce met with Justin and a formal contract is in with works with Susan Chow - Susan will be handling with writing of applications for grants for which KMC may be eligible for and doing the “leg work” with respect to same. The costs for this service will be approximately \$5,000 – and fees will be coming out of the hut fund. Sandra has the contract if anyone wishes to review it.

- *Have Vicki Hart and Abby Wilson been contacted regarding promoting mountain school opportunities / encouraging younger members to join?*

Sandra advised that Abby has come on as Vice President and Tina as secretary and hopes that Abby and Paul can assist with recruiting the younger demographic going forward.

- 4) **New Business** – (Via Phil Best)
  - i) *Outhouses: Could KMC work with MOF to identify and place some kind of outhouse facility at some of the increasingly popular trailhead/destinations? ie: Lyle Lakes and MacBeth Icefields. Lack of facilities is becoming a real mess/concern.*

Sandra advised that Justin is aware of the outhouse issue and has donated a composting toilet to be put at one of the cabins. There was general discussion regarding this issue; Sandra advised that from her meetings with Justin, that she feels composting toilets are the way the forestry seems to be leaning. Sandra advised that she would be happy to contact Justin regarding this issue. Phil will send a list to Sandra of areas of most concern and she will contact Justin.

- ii) *Water bars: I understand the need of water bars but how they are constructed is a question. Or are they being placed to deter use? The USA style of water bars are more like swales that can direct water and at the same time preserve access. Can KMC lobby MOF to change this practice?*

There was general discussion regarding “swails” and the size and number of waterbars on a number of the roads. Phil would like this issue addressed as there seems to be a general feeling that these are meant more as a deterrent for entry as opposed to any real purpose. There was discussion regarding the US forestry roads. Sandra advised she would start a discussion with Justin regarding this issue.

- iii) *Enterprise Ck Access: Any knowledge of an update? I understand work has been done to open up the road to proposed logging but the road is now blocked by intentionally placed boulders. This is an MOT road and as such cannot be blocked.*

Peter Jordan’s letter was reviewed and Sandra advised that it would be sent, as it addresses the issues. Delia advised that the problem with the Enterprise Creek Road is that the slope is unstable and even if the road is cleared, it will likely become blocked again – and there are hopes it will self-stabilize.

**New Business – (Via Dave Heyduck)**

### ***KMC Work Reports***

Dave handed out a detailed Work Summary up to September 25, 2018 for work done on each cabin. The work summary is attached to these Minutes as “Schedule A”.

Dave advised of the ant infestation at cabins where the wood is stored too close to the cabins. A prime example is Grassy. Dave handed out a proposed wood storage shed kit. The design and materials required/cost estimate are attached to these Minutes as “Schedule B”.

Dave advised that we haven’t used our budget yet and the funds remaining can be used for things such as an engineer, build a few sheds etc.

### ***Billing practices between KMC/Ministry***

There was discussion regarding billing; payments of subs, helicopters, excavating etc. Sandra advised that Justin will reimburse KMC – however, receipts are required. Regarding things that are already paid for – Dave will put this together so KMC gets reimbursed.

### ***Retain an Engineer for cabin designs / Work on sheds***

Dave inquired if there was anything in the Constitution regarding putting work out for tender for contracts (such as building the woodshed proposed in Schedule B. Dave advised his company can build woodsheds being proposed; however, he understands this could be construed as conflict of interest. There was discussion about this and it was determined that a maximum amount should be set before any job is sent to tender. Dave advised that his company would likely bid on any given tender. \$3,500 was discussed as the threshold before a tender would be required.

Sandra asked Dave to put this in a proposal for review.

### ***2nd quad for KMC***

Dave expressed that he is not able to organize a work party of more than two at any given time as it is too expensive to heli in and we really need another quad so more are able to help with any given project. There was discussion regarding a used quad vs a new one and the issues surrounding not enough help for the projects because we can't get the people there.

Delia expressed concern that it would be error on the part of KMC for Dave to not have the necessary equipment / to work in an unsafe manner etc.

**Dave Heyduck made a motion that the Kootenay Mountaineering Club purchase a used quad with the maximum budget being \$6,500.00.**

**Motion was seconded by Tina Baldwin. The Motion was put to a vote. All present were in favour; no one opposed.**

**Motion passed that the Kootenay Mountaineering Club purchase a used quad with the budget being \$6,500.00.**

Dave confirmed that he will look into this purchase, pending Justin's approval

### ***Developing a reporting database for KMC works***

There was a great deal of discussion regarding cloud storage, drop box etc. Dave has organized everything into DropBox and will share this with the executive.

## **5) Executive Reports:**

### **a) President –**

Sandra met with students at LVR High School in Nelson gave them a \$500 donation – which they will be using for new climbing harnesses (their existing ones are over 14 years old).

Sandra advised that she received an email from Don Bell regarding the KMC hiking camp location for 2019. She read his correspondence – in opposition of KMC using the venue picked. The bottom line is that Sandra spoke to Mike Brewster and KMc is able to utilize the spot.

Ross suggested that KMC send a letter to the person(s) necessary who granted the tenure and let them know what has transpired. There was general discussion regarding this and that no matter where hiking camp is, we will be dealing with tenures.

Paul expressed concern that he would prefer to not ruffle any more feathers at this point, but he will deal with this issue.

There was concern expressed for those who will be attending the camp.

### **b) Vice President –**

Abby expressed her excitement to be on board and is looking forward to it and working with Tim on the website.

### **c) Treasurer –**

Ross advised that given Cindy's move, the signing authorities need to be updated. There was general discussion regarding this.

**Ross Bates made a motion that signing authorities for the Kootenay Mountaineering Club be changed to reflect:**

- 1. Ross Bates**
- 2. Tina Baldwin**
- 3. Abby Wilson**
- 4. Peter Oostlander**

**Motion was seconded by Delia Roberts. The Motion was put to a vote. All present were in favour; no one opposed.**

## **Motion passed that the signing authorities for the Kootenay Mountaineering Club be:**

**Ross Bates**

**Tina Baldwin**

**Abby Wilson**

**Peter Oostlander**

Ross expressed concern that in the past, if positions change, there isn't a further meeting until in the New Year. He has asked that the executive stay for a short meeting following the AGM to deal with any details that need to be addressed prior the next scheduled executive meeting.

Ross inquired about a cheque the club was to receive from Secret Cycle. Sandra advised she had the cheque and gave it to Ross. It was a donation to the Club in memory of Jim Kieholds for \$250.

Ross requested that anyone needing to be reimbursed get that him that ASAP so he can prepare his report for the AGM.

Please send any spending ideas to Ross as well, so a proposed budget can be prepared for the AGM.

### **d) Membership –**

Sheila was absent. The club has 412 members. Paul indicated that he is interesting in helping boost membership of the younger demographic. Sandra expressed her hopes that Abby and Paul can do this.

### **e) Secretary –**

Tina was welcomed as the new secretary. There was discussion regarding the AGM. The date will be Saturday November 17 at the Adventure Hotel in Nelson. Laurie will send out a notice to the membership.

### **f) Social –**

The fall social is scheduled for Friday, October 12 at the Smokehouse BBQ in Slocan. There will be an open mike for members to share their adventures. Please RSVP if you have not already done so. Laurie has 24 confirmed so far – and expects approximately 40.

Laurie will be stepping down as social director.

**g) Huts –**

Dave inquired if updates were necessary / wanted for each time work is done on a cabin. There was general discussion about this. Laurie suggested posting updates in the Newsletter for the membership to see. Dave will canvass this with Sheila and Bruce to see if they would be willing to do this.

Dave advised that new equipment had been purchased such as a drill, chaps etc. He spent about \$300 and an updated equipment list will be available in DropBox.

Dave advised that in addition to Justin donating a composting toilet, a woodstove had also been donated.

Dave indicated he has a vision of a hut to hut bike route – and there is a lot of support from the Ministry for a project such as this.

Dave asked for feedback regarding the Woodshed (Schedule B) proposal. Would KMC prefer “rustic” at a lower cost or as per drawings? Ross indicated that the substantial woodshed rather than basic would be a better option for the club. Phil indicated that it would be better long term having something that would last. Sandra advised that as the rates for the huts went up, the money is there and we would be justified in spending it. There was general discussion and the feeling was that building something that would last long term would be the preferred option.

Dave asked for clarification from Ross the allocation of the hut money. Ross advised that the projects require Ministry approval and basically until the huts are done, KMC is not able to use any money generated from them. All rental monies must go into the huts – after

**h) Newsletter / Website –**

Tim advised that the PayPal account password has been changed. Tim will ensure that Ross gets the new password.

There was discussion regarding KMC’s current domain and past domain and Tim inquired whether KMC wants to continue paying for both. Ross felt that is isn’t worth it; Tim’s concern is that someone other entity could buy it; Delia expressed that she would rather see the money spent elsewhere such as a school project etc.

There was general discussion regarding the website and building / maintaining a new one.

Dave indicated he had a friend in Vancouver who builds websites – he will get a quote.

**i) Mountaineering School -**

*“The following Spring 2018 mountaineering courses were completed:*

*Instructors by Summit Mountain Guides*

*June 2, 2018 Ice Axe & Crampon use, Movement skills & Rope handling: 7 participants*

*June 3, 2018 Crevasse Rescue and Snow & Ice Anchors: 6 participants*

*June 16, 2018 Introduction to Rock Climbing - Beginner program: 6 participants*

*June 17, 2018 Introduction to Rock Climbing - Intermediate skill building course: 5 participants*

*August 4, 2018 Wilderness Navigation (map and compass) field day: 11 participants*

*- Instructor: past KMC President Doug Clark, with special assistance by Linda Clark and Chris Cowan*

The two winners of the outdoor courses were Leon Arishenkoff's daughter, Jen Walsh and Tom Thompson's daughter, Molly Thompson.

**j) Conservation –** Peter was absent, however, his email is below:

*"The Forest Practices Board requested input for a report on forest recreation, which I sent (see email).*

*I propose that the KMC write it's annual letter requesting that the Enterprise Creek road be re-opened for recreational access. Draft letter attached. For best effect, it should probably be mailed as a paper letter to the various recipients.*

*Also for the files, the final financial report to RDCK for the Hummingbird Pass sign, Columbia Basin Trust funding.*

*I'm not sure if my position comes up this year or next. If this year, I don't plan to run again. I could cover the next year if there are no takers, but after that I would like to retire."*

Sandra advised that she would review the letter Peter is proposing the Club send.

There was further discussion regarding the fact that tenure holders have no legal right to "come the heavy" on us. In fact, it's grounds to have their tenure revoked.

There was discussion regarding Peter not returning to this position and concern expressed on how to fill this position as Peter has done an amazing job.

Phil suggested contacting Kurt Nixon to see if he would be interested and will do so.

**k) Climbing –**

Delia advised that there were 5 sessions and attendance was good. She advised that her budget was used to help Tawkrock replace some of their damaged hardware. They were extremely

appreciative and have recognized KMC's donation. One member did take exception to this allocation of funds – and it has been addressed.

Delia advised that she will be seeking a further \$1000 for her budget for the upcoming year with hopes that it can again be allocated to Tawrock to be used to assist with access routes re: private lands issues that are occurring.

Sandra advised that she had a nice meeting with Vince. He felt that Tawrock had nothing to offer KMC other than people; while KMC has a lot to offer to them. Sandra checked to see if Tawrock could become a member – however, our membership is for individuals – not organizations. There was general discussion regarding a combined camp, a KMC representative on their board etc.

#### **l) Hiking Camp –**

Paul advised that the camp committee already has been meeting. He is working on a binder with laminated pages of policies – such as the digging of latrines, leaving no trace etc. for the club going forward. He felt that overall, everything went well last year.

Sandra advised that at camp, one of the members had to be airlifted out. There were issues with the SAT phone. Sandra dealt with the RCMP/Ambulance at this end to get the injured person out.

There was general discussion regarding a better system such as an “in-reach” to deal with emergencies. There also needs to be step by step process in the binder that Paul would like to see in place with details as who to contact first etc. for the camp leaders to utilize.

Paul expressed concern that the camp information on the website needs to be updated – Tim advised that it can be changed – just let him know.

#### **m) Trail Access –**

*“1. Lost Mtn Trail. Kiosk installed in the parking lot by the avalanche gate. Trail sign put up. Trail builder took care of deadfall in the spring.*

*2. Purchase of trail building equipment from “Trail Boss” in Wa. Exceeded the budget, bitten with the U.S. exchange rate. The equipment will be available to those wanting to do trail maintenance and should be very useful. Enables a hiker to bring equipment to places that have difficult or long distance/high elevation access. (Trailbossusa.com).*

*3. Checked out the route up to Mt Beattie, with a view to putting a trail in there from the Back country parking lot near Whitewater up to Mt Beattie and White Queen. Forest Rec approves the*



*idea, Route is very feasible. Will try to get approval of stakeholders with a view to getting something built next summer. Will do some more scouting in the spring.*

*4. Mt Irvine. I visited recently for the first time. It's a lovely trail but has a lot of deadfall on the lower section making access a bit of a challenge. Would like to get a work party organized in the spring to go and clean it up.*

*5. Facebook Groups. Both the KMC group and the Access group are used extensively for trail access and info inquiries. The KMC group has 2500 members, and the access group (only for access issues) has 818 members.*

*6. Trail clearing in the New Denver Kaslo area. Some of our most beautiful hikes have been maintained by a handful of people living in the area. Some trails would be no longer useable if not for their hard work and long hours put in. Suggest some form of recognition. We could ask them if there's some equipment they'd like to have available up there for their use. I've got the list of names from Sheila & Goody."*

There was general discussion regarding the Trail Boss – Tim suggested that the Club look at purchasing a second handle so more than one person can use the equipment at time.

Chris advised that he would like to see some recognition to the New Denver / Kaslo folks who have been clearing the trails. There has been a lot of work done in the Lyle Lakes and Mt. Jardine areas. Maybe we can canvass if they need any equipment...

There are about 2500 members on the facebook page and 900 on the FB access page.

#### **n) Winter Trips**

Phil advised that the winter ski week is full and there are 6 on the waiting list.

He will start working on the winter schedule and Peter O., Chris and Sandra offered to assist with the emails to members with requests to volunteers to lead the trips.

#### **o) Summer Trips –**

Peter advised that there were 92 trips booked; 21 were cancelled – most between August 18 and September 3.

Trips posted were at 83% of last year. More trips are needed in the fall as there only a few booked.

The Instagram account is in its infancy and has 60 followers.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:40 pm by Sandra  
Seconded by Paul

These Minutes are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and ability.

DATED: October 3, 2018

  
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Tina Baldwin, Secretary

# "Schedule A"

Dave Heydneck

## **KMC Work Summary to Sept 25, 2018**

### **Copper – July 7-12, 2018**

- Chink interior logs and insulate
- Re-brick the woodstove, new door gasket, clean stove baffle
- Replace front porch deck boards
- New foundation posts @ front half of cabin
- Installed roof over-hang supports
- New staircase
- Prep and heli 8 trees to cabin
- Rough out heli pad
- Tidy under cabin and restock firewood

### **Grassy Trail – July 13, 2018**

- Excavation, brush cutting, pruning and chainsaw work to improve the trail for quad access

### **Huckleberry – Aug 28, 2018**

- Tidy cabin, inspect
- Measure roof for materials, make notes for install

### **Grassy – Sept 14, 2018**

- Fall, limb and sling 30 trees, 25 lifts from west woodlot to Grassy backdoor

### **Steed – Sept 17, 2018**

- Pickup new woodstove @ Ministry office

### **Grassy – Sept 21, 2018**

- Limb, buck, split and stack 210cuft firewood
- Install front wall tie-back cable
- Clean cabin, dishes, floors, stock bleach and soap, clean out garbage
- Re-install fascia support
- Muck outhouse

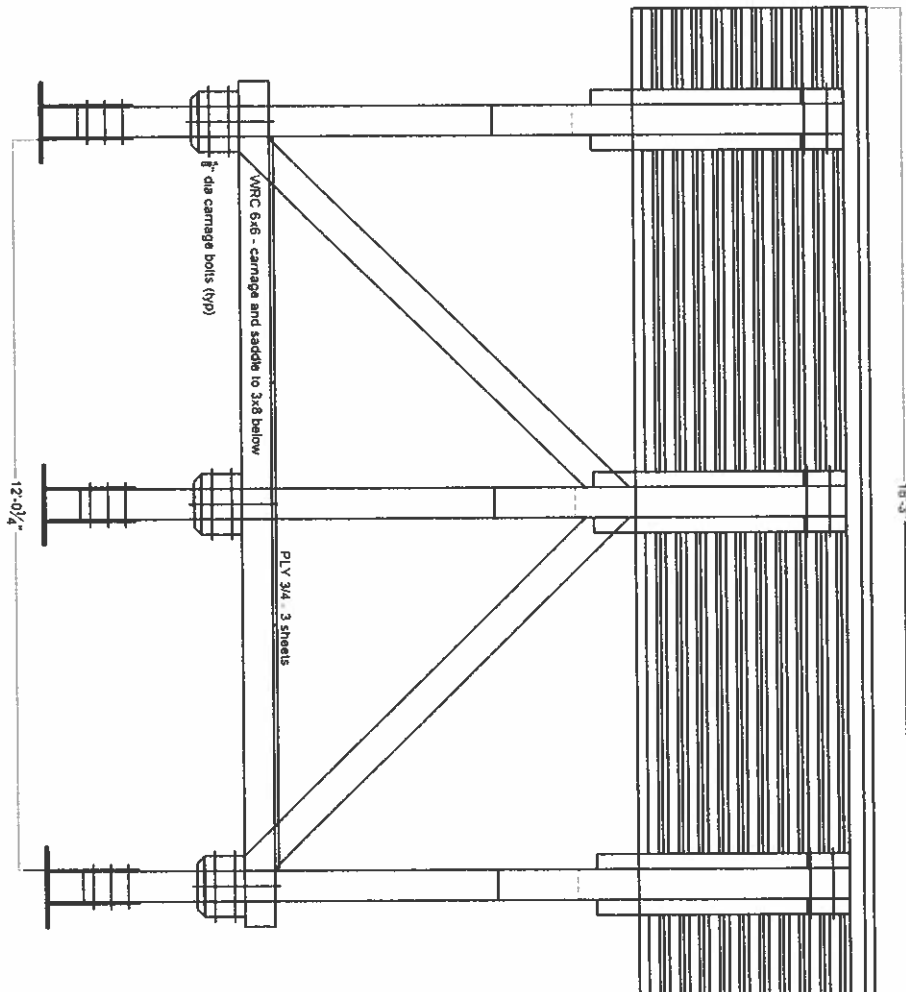
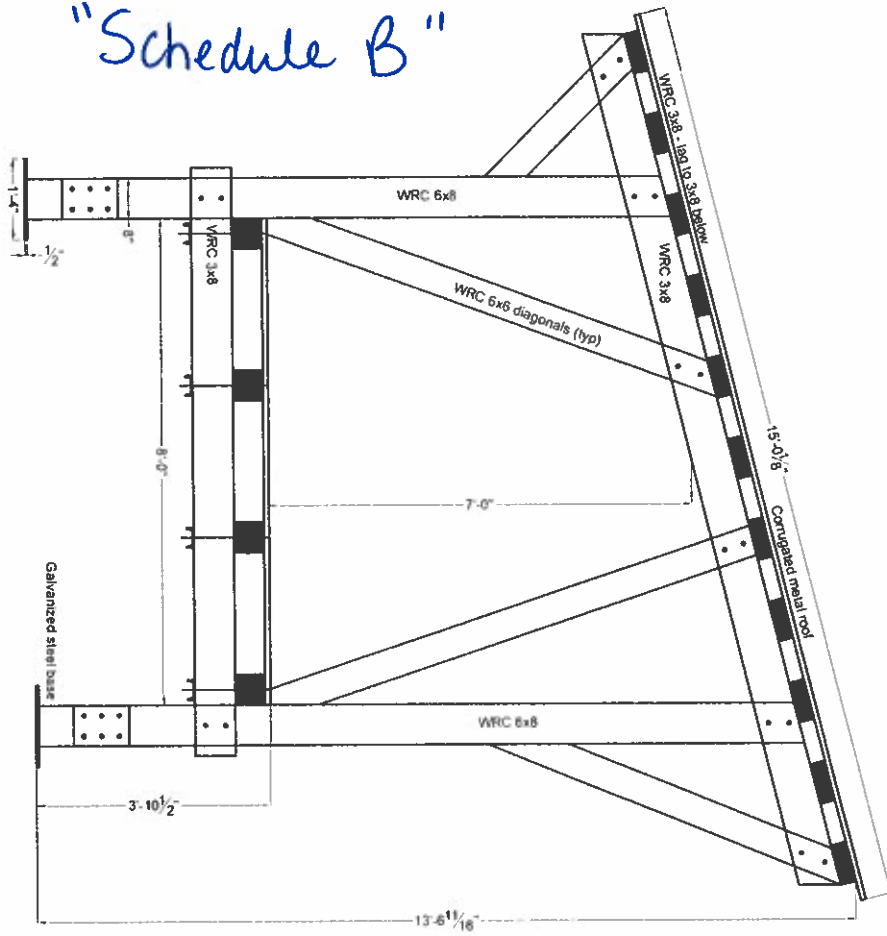
### **Steed – Sept 22, 2018**

- New woodstove installed (donated by Ministry)
- Remove old woodstove for service and re-placement
- Buck, split and stack 230cuft firewood
- Clean cabin, dishes, floors
- Measure back wall for tyvek and siding in 2019
- Measure stove pipe and chimney for parts
- Muck outhouse
- Replaced axe

### **Woodsheds – Sept 24, 2018**

- Development of new wood shed design based on current and projected wood usage

"Schedule B"



## Proposed KMC wood storage kit

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## **Proposed KMC wood storage kit**

- Western Red Cedar construction
- Metal roof, galvanized steel bases, bolts
- Max capacity 672cuft (5.25 cord)
- Galvanized steel weight 399#
- WRC weight 2365#
- Roofing weight 200#
- Plywood weight 204#
- Hardware weight 180#
- TOTAL weight **3348#**

## **BUDGET**

- Steel 1800
- WRC 3720
- Roof 620
- Ply 300
- Hdwr 200
- Design labour 650
- Shop labour (90 hr) 5000
- Field install VOLUNTEER
- Heli transport est 1500
- TOTAL budget **\$13790**