

Minutes – Executive Meeting of the Kootenay Mountaineering Club



Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at Castlegar United Church

Present: Doug Clark, Ross Bates, Peter Oostlander, Dan Derby, Graham Jamin, Leon Arishenkoff, Tim Clinton, Chris Cowan and Elena Cigala-Fulgosi.

Regrets: P'nina Shames, Nadine Ebner and Mark Hatlen.

Guests: Peter Jordan (conservation director)

Meeting commenced at 6:35

- Acknowledgement of the passing of Al Sinkie, a long time KMC member, condolences to the family.
- President Doug Clark opened the meeting with recognizing past President Peter Oostlander and last year's executive for their work and welcomed the new executive to the meeting.

Approve Agenda – Moved by Ross Bates and seconded by Peter Oostlander, motion carried.

Approval of October 16, 2013 Minutes – Minutes to be amended, add - Chris Cowan to regrets. Moved by Graham Jamin and seconded by Elena Cigala-Fulgosi motion carried.

Review of Old business - none

New Business

2014 Club Schedule – Doug to update changes and distribute to executive.

Website redesign – Motion: Peter Oostlander and Nadine Ebner to develop a combined membership and website survey by end of January to solicit responses from membership. Moved by Peter Oostlander and seconded by Graham Jamin motion carried.

- **Tim Clinton to develop a 'draft' scope of work for website redesign based on survey results for the next executive meeting.** An advisory panel was established made up of Tim Clinton, Chris Cowan, Peter Oostlander and Elena Cigala-Fulgosi.

KMC 50th anniversary – Based on survey of executive Peter Oostlander recommended the following actions be done to celebrate our 50th anniversary;

- 50th Anniversary commemorative newsletter – Tim Clinton was requested to seek out material from past presidents
- Social to include 50th Anniversary photos & presentation
- Media release highlighting club activities and history in the region – Doug Clark
- Club crest redesign – Peter Oostlander
- 50 Summit Challenge – Peter Oostlander

Motion - All members to receive a 50th anniversary crest and implement a 50 summit challenge with a budget of \$700 moved by Peter Oostlander and seconded by Graham Jamin motion carried.

WH₂O Agreement – Agreement is current, **Doug Clark to follow up with Tom Braumandl** who is KMC liaison with Whitewater. There was discussion about whether and how to secure access to the agreement information/map on the website.

Emergency Event Guidelines – after discussion about the content, accuracy of information and KMC members being called out to assist SAR the **executive requested Dan Derby to update KMC Emergency Event Guidelines**. Doug Clark will email membership highlighting appropriate actions for KMC members during an active search.

FORR – there was no need identified in becoming a stake holder in the new recreation area in the Rossland range and it was decided to “keep our powder dry” at this time. Graham Jamin offered to assist if KMC involvement is requested.

Executive Reports

President – Doug Clark reported Federation Mountain Clubs of BC AGM will be hosted in Castlegar June 6 - 8, 2014.

- Friday night BBQ @ Doug Clark’s residence with FMBC & KMC Executive and local billets for FMCBC directors.
- Billets required to host FMBC members from out of town
- FMBC Executive meeting Saturday morning
- Orienteering Saturday afternoon (will be added to KMC trip schedule)
- KMC Social Saturday night with Dave Quinn presentation at Old Castlegar Theatre
- Sunday morning hike(s) (to be on KMC trip schedule).
- We are willing to run without a VP for this year, but we **MUST** have a VP nominated for the next AGM
- At our next meeting we will discuss the following;
 - 1- What is the one improvement you want to achieve in your directorship's portfolio, and
 - 2- What do you want to see the KMC, as a whole, do better

Treasurer – Motion moved by Leon Arishenkoff and seconded by Peter Oostlander that;

- The signing officers for the Kootenay Mountaineering Club are President Doug Clark, Treasurer Ross Bates and Secretary Dan Derby;
- All cheques issued by the Kootenay Mountaineering Club require two signing officers;
- The previous signing officers for the Kootenay Mountaineering Club Peter Oostlander and Kate Woodhouse no longer have signing authority;
- Financial statements for the Kootenay Mountaineering Club are to be sent to Kootenay Mountaineering Club P.O. Box 3195, Castlegar, B. C. V1N 3H5;
- Motion carried.

Secretary – The KMC is required to complete a “Society Annual Report” to the province of BC. **Doug to review and discuss with Dan.**

Cabins – Graham Jamin reported on our partnership agreement for activities on and occupation of Crown lands including; provincial falling/chainsaw safety requirements, insurance and private use of public lands (commercial

use) specifically for the maintenance of the Bonnington Range Huts. Graham continues to work with Justin Dexter with the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations.

Conservation – Doug Clark moved and Peter Oostlander seconded that Peter Jordan be appointed Conservation Director, motion carried. Doug Clark reported

- Fred Thiessen had commented on the proposed Kootenay Lake Visual Land Inventory and Visual Quality Objectives on behalf of the KMC. The comments were reviewed by several members of the Executive and sent to the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Nelson office. **Doug to distribute to all of the executive.** Doug expressed appreciation to Fred on behalf of the KMC for an excellent job.
- Requested Justin Dexter to add the KMC to the list for land tenure referrals that relate to commercial Backcountry ski operations.

Trails and Access - Leon Arishenkoff reported that sadly, Al Sinkie no longer with us, however, his 'spirit' certainly is. A member of "Friends of Parks" has made contact with us to see if we would work with them and help brush out the access road to the Silver Spray/Woodbury parking lot as well as some further work on both of the trails(probably mid-July) and will contact us prior to their meeting to gauge our interest. Hopefully, Kaslo District Community Forest will again fund another trail program. Both Pulpit Rock Society and Kaslo Sufferfest to be contacted re trail work; respectively Pulpit to flagpole and to CBC towers and the Wakefield trail to Idaho peak. The goal is to communicate and collaborate with the various groups in the area and be able to post on the KMC website current conditions. From KMC members - will require a greater number to commit to volunteering; even a single day out of a summer/fall will be a big boost.

Hiking Camp - Leon Arishenkoff reported applications are coming in. Reminder that the membership to provide the registrar (Terry Turner) and Chair a list of all members as of January 31, 2014 ASAP after said cut-off date. Leon is going to work with Elena to get more hiking camp information on our website, as follows:

- Hiking Camp should have a tab on the redesigned website. In the meantime, can we add a tab on the present homepage for **Hiking Camp** instead of having to go to **Club Forms & Documents** to get info on hiking camp?
- Can we add more information - as in - access to hiking camp committee manuals?
- On the current hiking camp registration form there is a waiver that the applicant is required to sign, is this redundant as one agrees to a general waiver upon joining or renewing membership to the KMC?
- The current camp info document needs to be changed as the incorrect dates are on it.

Mountain School – Peter Oostlander reported.

- Completed – Avalanche Skills Training Course – level 1 in early December, 2013 with 8 members signed up. February 1-2 we will repeat this course for another 8 members on snowshoes.
- The Avalanche Skills Training course – level 2 only had one member participate. All avalanche courses were done with Summit Mountain Guides.
- Peter O. completed the introduction to backcountry ski day (Mt Crowe) with 7 participants.
- This Saturday Graham Jamin and Peter O. will organize an intermediate course for backcountry skiers to Mt Beattie and White Queen. Graham is also organizing an introductory backcountry ski day for beginners in early February.

Doug asked if it is possible that rather than have Summit Mountain Guides organize these courses on our behalf, can the club provide \$25 reimbursement to members who take a KMC approved mountaineering/avalanche course as long as it's done by a qualified instructor. **Peter to look into it.**

Library – no report

Membership – Nadine Ebner was not able to be at the meeting. Rather than discuss her report, of which the Executive has a copy, it will be brought forward to discuss at our next meeting when Nadine is present. **Newsletter** – Tim Clinton discussed changing the Newsletter schedule to 4 per year to bring the issues more in line with the seasons. The executive supported the recommendation to go to 4 newsletters a year.

March 15	What happened in the winter
June 15:	What happened in the spring shoulder season
Sept 15:	Summer issue
Dec 15:	Fall shoulder season

Socials - P'nina Shames was unable to attend and provided the following report:

"... The AGM was a great success, held at the Granite Point Golf course on Nov. 15. Total of 52 attended. Thank you to all who attended and to Peter Jordon and Elena Fulgosi for supplying a great slide show. In late December, I met with Doug and Jodi Appleton of FMBC to finalize plans for the KMC hosted FMBC AGM. Dave Quinn will be the keynote speaker on June 7 at the Old Castlegar Theatre. This event will be the KMC spring social. Similar to the Chic Scott event, there will be a charge at the door for the public and FMBC/KMC members will have free entry. The weekend will include a number of events that KMC members can participate in. Social events for the remainder of the year will be the fall social and the AGM. The AGM will be held in the Trail/Rossland area again this year. Suggestions for venue are welcome. Would KMC subsidize a bus again? I checked on rates, and without subsidy, its cost prohibitive. I will be out of the country for March, and not checking email, so please direct any questions or concerns to me related to socials before the end of Feb, or in early April. Thanks—P'nina, your friendly social convenor..."

Trips –

Winter Trips – 48 trips on this winter schedule, 19 have taken place to-date, 1 postponed, 3 cancelled, 2 no report yet, total members (on reported trips) 114, total guests 6, total 120 and greatest attendance 17 (Simply decadent, Gordon Kerr cabin) and 19 for the Champion Lakes hike. 2 trips were cancelled due to weather... not enough snow, and one was postponed till later. One cancelled due no takers...

Kokanee Glacier trip.... Trip is full (12); takes place last week of January.

Summer trips – Peter Oostlander will start the summer trips planning/trip leader recruiting process in March.

Website –Elena Cigala-Fulgosi will have to resign in April, 2014 as our website director due to work commitments. Tim Clinton will take over as our Web Master.

- The 2013 AGM approved funding for revamping the club's website.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Dan Derby, Secretary, Kootenay Mountaineering Club.