

## Minutes – Executive Meeting of the Kootenay Mountaineering Club



Wednesday April 15, 2015 at Castlegar United Church

**Present:** Jocelyn LaFace, Doug Clark, Leon Arishenkoff, P'nina Shames, Peter Oostlander, Graham Jamin Tim Clinton, Chris Cowan, Peter Jordan, Laurie Helyer and Dan Derby.

**Regrets:** Ross Bates.

**Guests:** Dave Watson, Bob McQueen, Kim Deane, Les Carter

**Meeting commenced at 18:40**

**Approval of Agenda** – Email etiquette, KMC website Buy and Sell were added to the agenda, moved by Leon Arishenkoff and seconded by Peter Oostlander, motion carried.

**Approval of January 14, 2015 Minutes** – moved by P'nina Shames and seconded by Leon Arishenkoff, motion carried.

**Presentation – Rossland Range Cabin** by Dave Watson, Les Carter, Bob McQueen and Kim Dean in regards to the Lepsoe Cabin Project.

1. The Friends of the Rossland Range Society ("FORRS") have an agreement with the Province to develop the new Rossland Range Recreation Site which extends from Red Mountain Resort to the summit of Mt. Crowe. FORRS is now asking members of the community and sponsors to build 9 new cabins to replace the old cabins currently in use. Most old cabins have structural, safety and hygiene issues. FORRS will "own" the new cabins and hence will assume the cost of ongoing maintenance.
2. KMC members Dave Watson and Bob McQueen have volunteered to build a new cabin on the north face of Mt. Lepsoe to replace the Sunspot and Berry Ridge cabins.
3. The estimated cost of the Lepsoe Cabin is \$10,746 including a \$1500 contingency. In addition, \$6,565 has been received in donations and/or discounts for materials and equipment. The grand total of the cabin cost is \$17,311
4. Why are we approaching the KMC as a potential sponsor? Because the KMC is the premier outdoor recreation club in the West Kootenays. The KMC constitution supports "an interest in, and development of, mountaineering and conservation of the natural values in the mountains". We believe the development of this new recreation area and the associated upgrading of trails and cabins fits nicely with the KMC values. The Rossland Range Rec. Site, and the associated cabins, are used extensively by the KMC members for organized trips, casual trips and mountaineering school activities. The KMC has been active in the construction, operation and/or maintenance of back country cabins almost since inception, starting with Slocan Chief, then Mulvey Basin, Silver Spray, Copper, Grassy, Steed and Huckleberry. So, why not one in the Rossland Range?

5. KMC members and the general public will benefit by having a new hike, ski or snowshoe in cabin destination and the club will enhance their exposure and prominence in the outdoors community. We see this as not just a sponsorship but also an opportunity for the KMC.

In conclusion: FORRS is asking the KMC to support a small part of this new Rec. Site development by considering a significant funding sponsorship of the new Lepsoe Basin Cabin at whatever amount it deems appropriate. Dave Watson, Les Carter, Bob McQueen and Kim Dean left the meeting.

The KMC executive debated the funding request and made the following motions;

Moved by Doug Clark and seconded by P'nina Shames that The KMC Executive supports the proposed Lepsoe Cabin as a KMC 50th anniversary legacy project, and further support providing funds to Friends of the Rossland Range with \$6,000 from the KMC Bonnington Hut fund and with \$4,700 from KMC surplus in general funds, motion carried.

Moved by Doug Clark and seconded by Leon Arishenkoff that a special meeting be called on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Resker Hall – 2963 Waldie road in Robson, BC to get memberships approval to support the FORRS funding request, motion carried.

### **Review of Old business**

**Purcell Wilderness Area for Hiking Camp** – Doug Clark talked to Hugh Ackroyd from BC parks and he confirmed there was to be no motorized access to the Purcell Wilderness Area. Hugh suggested that pack horses may be an option. Leon Arishenkoff said that the hiking camp committee planned to pick a site within the Purcell's in the future for hiking camp and seek approval from Mr. Ackroyd based on ACC's aerial access to the Bugaboo's.

**Kokanee Glacier Park shelter at the Kaslo Lake wilderness camping area** – Dan Derby, spoke to Hugh Ackroyd the day before the meeting. Parks is still pursuing the project but has yet to develop a plan. Mr. Ackroyd was asked to provide information to the club as soon as it was available.

**Buy and Sell** – Doug Clark was unable to access the buy and sell on the club website and thus has yet to email the membership to encourage usage of the buy and sell.

### **New Business**

**Insurance costs - single vs. double** – recently a member inquired about the difference in a single membership vs. a double membership. The difference in single vs. double is based on the FMCBC membership costs. The FMCBC charges a membership fee that is the same for a single or couple membership. Insurance costs are charged per person however.

**Mid-Year Financial Report** – Ross Bates provided the mid-year financial report to the committee prior to the meeting by email. The report was provided for information only.

**Email Etiquette** – Doug is to ask the membership to not 'Reply All' to emails.

### **Executive Reports**

**President** – Doug Clark, No update on the On-line waivers and acknowledgement of risk of minors from the FMCBC.

**Treasurer** – Ross Bates, mid-year financial report provided.

**Membership** – Jocelyn LaFace, 335 member's year-to-date. She is working with Tim on membership committee/data base changes.

**Secretary** – Dan Derby, no report

**Social** – P'nina Shames, Spring Social is May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Resker Hall – 2963 Waldie road in Robson. KMC Club member Delia Roberts is presenting a "Fit for Snow".

**Huts** – Graham Jamin, no report

**Newsletter** – Tim Clinton, there was a short discussion about deleting the Town Square portion of the website due to its limited use by members. No change or decision was made.

**Mountaineering School** – Peter Oostlander,

- Intro to Wilderness Navigation – Map and Compass use – 26 members signed up.
- Canadian Red Cross Wilderness and Remote First Aid – 3 members signed up.
- Summit Mountain Guides courses – a few members have signed up directly with SMG.

**Conservation** – Peter Jordan,

- Peter will draft a submission to the proposed heli-ski application for areas adjacent to the west and south borders of Kokanee Glacier Park on behalf of the KMC. The draft will be circulated to the executive for approval and signature of the president.
- A request by a group in Argenta for support in their efforts to have the Earl Gray Pass trail repaired, as it suffered considerable damage in the 2013 flood. There was support for the Earl Gray Pass trail to be repaired. Leon Arishenkoff will follow up on this trail as part of the overall trail access plan.
- Jumbo resort – no new news.
- West Kootenay Dirt Bikers & ATV Society use of Rover Creek area no concern to KMC, area is mid slope.
- Keen creek access to Kokanee Glacier Park continues to be an issue. There is some activity in the area by the local community forest that may assist in getting the road reopened.

**Hiking Camp** – Leon Arishenkoff, all 3 camps are full, 12 on wait list. Mark Hatlen has resigned as chair and 2 more hiking camp committee members are stepping down after this year.

**Trail Access** – Leon Arishenkoff, is working on the list of potential trails to be maintained, improved or created submitted by KMC members. He has had conversation with MFLNRO in regards to approval process and potential areas the club would like to see improved trail access and now needs to meet with BC Parks. Glacier creek, Pulpit rock and Siwash are areas of high interest to the membership.

**Winter Trip Report** – Chris Cowan, considering what a dud of a winter we had, the stats aren't too bad for outings. We had high hopes with over 50 trips planned, but only 31 ended up going due to poor conditions.

- Cancelled trips – 12
- Postponed trips – 8
- Trips that went ahead – 31
- Maximum on a trip – 45
- Total members on trips – 330

- Non members on trips – 11
- Total on trips – 341
- Average attendance – 11

**Summer Trip Schedule** – Peter Oostlander, summer trip schedule is out now. Planning trips into Darkwoods conservancy this summer.

Meeting Adjourned at 21:32 pm, next meeting is the Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at 6:30 in Castlegar.

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