

**Minutes of the 43<sup>rd</sup> AGM of the Kootenay Mountaineering Club**  
**Friday, November 18, 2011**

Annual general meeting and dinner held at the Garage Restaurant in Rossland. Meeting called to order by President Dave Grant at 8:18 pm with 48 people in attendance.

Many thanks to P'nina Shames for organizing a terrific dinner.

Minutes were taken by Marilyn Nelson, KMC Secretary.

Call for new business resulted in no additions to agenda.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the 2010 AGM: Don Lyon/Peter Oostlander. Carried

Motion to approve the agenda: Kim Kratky/Carol Potasnyk. Carried

Dave Grant gave the **President's Report**. The Club has had a positive year. We have 1) increased membership from 299 to 307 and increased the number of summer trips from 58 to 66, 2) negotiated a land use agreement with Darkwoods and the Nature Conservancy of Canada to have access to the presently gated road systems on the Darkwoods' property, 3) integrated the new online registration system into common use by club members, 4) developed a more equitable fee structure for members and 5) were successful in running a balanced budget for 2010 – 2011. Overall it has been a great year. Many thanks to the hard working executive members who made this happen. Thanks was given to departing executive members Sandra McGuiness, Nancy Selwood, Ken Roy and Dave Grant.

**Committee Reports:**

Kate Woodhouse gave the **Treasurer's Report**. The profit & loss statement and balance sheet were presented showing the club made a surplus of \$1,861.68 in 2011 and presently has a usable club bank balance of \$17,627.68. It was noted that 1) the ski camp, hiking camp and climbing camp are all self funding and are no longer included in the club budget, 2) Huts are now tracked in a separate budget, as they are also self funding and 3) there was an influx of other revenue, with \$1000 coming from a donation from one of the club members, \$1030 coming from a one time refund from the FMCBC and a \$370 surplus from the leadership course. Treasurer's report is attached.

Motion to adopt the Treasurer's Report: P'nina Shames/Ed Beynon. Carried.

Kate then presented the 2012 **Budget**, showing a balanced budget for 2012. The only major revision was an allotment of \$2000 to help fund the hiring of professionals to assist the mountain school in giving some of the courses. 2012 budget is attached.

Motion to adopt the Budget: Leon Arishenkoff/Peter Jordon. Carried

The adoption of a new **Fee structure** was discussed and voted on. The new fee structure will be

Single - **\$38** (made up of \$15 KMC membership fee, \$15 FMCBC membership fee, \$8 insurance)  
Couple/Family - **\$61** (made up of \$30 KMC membership fee, \$15 FMCBC membership fee, \$16 insurance)...there is an additional \$8 per person charge for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> etc family members to cover insurance costs.

Motion to adopt the new Fee structure: Paul Allen/P'nina Shames. Carried.

There was discussion around the cost of the printed newsletter. This included

- 1) A question as to whether there should be a charge to the members for a printed copy of the newsletter
  - 2) A discussion as to the effects on the club's finances if the club newsletter is published 6 times per year as opposed to the 3 times that it was published this year (printing and mailing cost is \$3 per mailing/newsletter)
  - 3) a discussion of the number of members receiving a printed copy of the newsletter (+/-50 memberships out of a total of 234 received a printed copy)
  - 4) a discussion on the idea that the newsletter should be free, as it is one of the main purposes of the club to disseminate information to the members
  - 5) acknowledgement that some of the members do not have internet access (<5% of the club)
  - 6) a proposal that we look at a nominal charge for the printed newsletter, maybe \$5-\$10
  - 7) discussion about dropping the newsletter altogether or making it only electronic,
  - 8) suggestion to move some of the information printed in the newsletter to a blog or facebook format or put it on our website.
  - 9) discussion re the cost of upgrading our online registration system to accept a payment for the newsletter.
  - 10) discussion about lowering membership fees even further if we charge members for the printed newsletter.
- We could drop membership fees another \$2-\$3 per person, if we charged for a printed newsletter.

In the end, after listening to discussion, the executive will look at creating a fee structure for the printed newsletter and come up with some costs for upgrading the computer system. The topic will be revisited at next year's AGM.

Peter Oostalnder gave the **Vice President's Report**. Peter has been working on raising the profile of the club. He has put together a group of volunteers to be present at the Rossland Mountain film festival to answer any questions the public had about joining the Club, attended meetings with Friends of the Rossland Range and given an interview to the Trail times. Peter has also filled in for vacationing members of the executive. Filling in for the President, Social Director and Winter trips director, at various times this year. Peter is also dealing with the FMCBC re the insurance issue for non-members who wish to try out a hike prior to joining the Club. Presently the insurer is asking us to pay for any non members who attend club hikes. We hope to rectify this issue in 2012

There was no **Secretary's Report** .

Graham Jamin gave the **Cabins Report**. All the cabins are clean and well stocked with firewood by Forest Service fire suppression crews. Other works included:

**Copper hut** -A new metal roof was put on, after the old shingles were stripped off. Two new sets of bunks were built and installed. A kitchen cabinet and countertop were built and installed and all the walls were chinked with wooden strips.

**Grassy hut** - A new cabinet was installed.

**Steed hut** - A new outhouse was dug...many thanks to Peter and Rob for completing this nasty job.

**Huckleberry hut** – Brushing around the cabin was completed.

The cabins generated **\$7,665.20 in revenue** this year, **expenses** for the same period were **\$3,747.75**

In the fall of 2011 the club has purchased a used Kawasaki 700 ATV for use on the cabins. When fitted with a trailer, it will be helpful in getting firewood, tools and material to the cabins. Plans for this summer include regular maintenance work, firewood gathering and flying a new stove into the Steed hut. The use of a propane heater, stove and tanks is also being looked at, but will be discussed at the executive level before any action is taken.

## **Climbing Camp** – no report

Kim Kratky gave the **Conservation Report**. Kim has focused energy on numerous local issues.

1. Axor Power Corporation/Glacier Creek power project
  - Feb. 7, 2011 two RDCK Directors (Andy Shadrack, Ramona Faust) and one RDEK Director (Geri Wilkie) send open letter to the interested parties, urging that the review process of the project be stopped and urging the public "to insist that this colossal waste of taxpayers' money be halted."
  - "Power is being taken from the public and placed into private hands: public rivers are being sacrificed while tax dollars flow directly into corporate bank accounts."  
Amanda Follett, *Kootenay Mountain Culture Magazine*  
Summer 2011, p. 65.
2. Jumbo Glacier Resort project
  - Minister responsible Steve Thomsom could make a decision at any time.
  - According to BC Government, the Farnham Glacier remediation action has been satisfactorily completed.
  - Ktunaxa Nation says remediation was not done in a timely manner and no penalties were imposed.
  - MLAs Norm McDonald (opposed) and Bill Bennett (in favour) call for government to make a decision.
  - Scott Niedermayer (former NHL player), Kathryn Teneese (chair of Ktunaxa Nation), and Adrian Dix (NDP leader) call for cancellation of project, Nov. 15, 2011
  - Ktunaxa Nation releases report it commissioned by SFU economist Marvin Shaffer: it questions economic benefit of adding another ski area that would draw skiers away from existing hills. Nov. 15, 2011
  - Overnight visits to BC down by 11% in 2006-2010 period

In addition Kim held a moment of silence for long time member Jim Kienholz who passed away this summer.

There was no **Equipment and Trails Report** .

Leon Arishenkoff ( in lieu of Nancy Selwood) gave the **Hiking Camp Report** - 2011 was the 37th annual KMC Hiking camp. Location: Hume Creek, in the Duncan River Area, north of Kaslo. The three week camp was fully subscribed and response from the participants was very positive on the location. For the second year in a row, helicopter costs were more than estimated and exceeded the revenue collected from camp participants. The committee was forced to dip into its contingency fund to cover these extra costs. It is hoped that better communication between camp leaders and the organizing committee in 2012 will help reduce the costs. There were also some discussions between member and non members as to the general running of the camp. Nancy Selwood is presently working on an online manual which should help straighten out some of the issues. Next year's camp will be in the Golden area and fees will stay the same as this year.

Dave Grant (in lieu of Sandra McGuinness) gave the **Library Report**. No new books. There is slow but steady use, mostly of technical "how to" books. The executive is looking for a new home for the library with Sandra's departure. This consists of two bookcases about 2 meters high by 1 meter wide.

Dave Grant (in lieu of Sandra McGuinness) gave the **Mountain School report**

## Summary of programs/workshops this year:

- Mountain School Tech Tips in each issue of the newsletter. This year covered terrain evaluation and group management. All Mountain School Tech Tips can be found on the KMC webpage at <http://www.kootenaymountaineering.bc.ca/techtips.html>
- Winter Travel Review with four participants.
- Summer Mountain Leaders workshop with 13 participants for the evening session and 5 for both day and evening sessions.
- Two forms to help trip leaders have been developed and are available on the webpage. These are the Summer Trip Leaders Planning Sheet and Route Card.
- Testosterone Free Women's Ski Tours ran with 10 participants.
- A grant application has been submitted for a Winter Leaders Course.

Dave Grant (in lieu of Sherolyn Haakstad) gave the **Membership Report** :

- In 2010 there were 299 members in 212 memberships: 82 couple/families (=168 members), 124 individuals and 7 non-residents .
- In 2011 there were 307 members in 220 memberships: 82 couple/families (= 169 members), 121 individuals and 17 non-residents
- This is an increase of 8 members.
- We now have a web based enrollment and registration system, which was used by 218 members to register (71%). 89 members (29%) submitted paper applications. The new system has greatly reduced the amount of paperwork for the membership director and hopefully with a few more tweaks will run glitch free. The mail in system is still available for those members who wish to use it.

There was no **Newsletter report**. Kenneth Roy has stepped down from this job and we are still looking for a replacement. Anyone interested in this position should contact Peter Oostlander to get filled in on the details. We are hoping to have 5-6 newsletters published this year, once a new director steps forward.

P'nina Shames gave the **Social Report**. First, we had our AGM in Nelson, November 20, 2010, with a turnout of 47 . A fantastic presentation by Shaun King of Mountain Sense Guiding and Instruction was enjoyed by all present.

On April 8, 2011, the Spring Social was held at the Reskor Hall. A slide presentation was given by Don Lyon, sharing great stories from his climbs with Hans Gmoser and others to **Mt Logan** (East Ridge, 2<sup>nd</sup> ascent) and Mt. Denali - **McKinley** (via Pioneer Ridge, 1<sup>st</sup> ascent). Also included were photographs of his more recent hikes in the Dolomites. The turnout was amazing, with standing room only at Resker Hall.

On September 30, 2011, the Fall Slide show was held at Resker Hall. The slide show was a great success with well over 40 members. We had 5 slide/video shows and finished a little after 9pm. Bryan Reid brought and ran the laptop and projector. Some new elements included greeters at the door, a gear swap, and the People's Choice award. Ross Scott's presentation was the winner. Many thanks on both events to all those members that pitched in to help make the evening a success by setting up, and supplying baking and goodies.

Peter Oostlander gave the **Summer Trips Report**. The 2011 schedule had 66 day trips with:

- 58 trips that went ahead
- 8 trips that were cancelled
- 519 participants
- 26 summits that were achieved

This compares well with the 2010 KMC hiking schedule which had 58 day trips.

We are still working on the FMCBC (Federation of Mountain clubs of BC) requirement to charge non-members a \$6 fee to hike with the KMC. This covers insurance requirements, and along with a signed waiver, protects the club. However trip leaders have often not checked for membership status and as such there was a shortfall in funds. As the club wants potential new members to continue taking these hikes, the club and FMCBC will cover any shortfall in what we owe the insurer this year. (Note that 13% - 67 participants - of summer trip participants were non-members, for a cost of \$871.) . We hope to resolve this matter with the insurer in 2012.

Dave Grant (in lieu of Sandra McGuiness) gave the **Website Report** . The web page has been completely revamped and includes several new pages: Mountain School Tech tips, Current Conditions, Links, Site Map and a link to the KMC Facebook page. The Facebook page now has 115 members.

The web page gets updated at least every week or two and we are presently getting thousands of hits. Photos and trip reports are welcome.

As time was running short Ed Beynon was not able to give the **Winter Trips Report**. In summary despite a winter with sometimes poor snow conditions and high avalanche hazards, 19 ski trips were led by 15 members. Four snowshoe trips were led by two members. Also a number of routine snowshoe outings were led by one member at the Nelson Golf Club. Accurate participation information is not available.

The 2012 Kokanee ski week has been filled. There was great difficulty in filling the trip due to a considerable dropout rate among the participants. With only 4 club members applying for the week, numerous non-members had to be recruited to fill the final spots. For the 2013 Kokanee week, we will look at restructuring the application process so that we can cancel the week without consequence to the club, if we do not get enough applicants.

## Elections

Nine executive positions were up for election and six were filled by acclamation, three have remained vacant:

President	Peter Oostlander	2 yr term
Vice President	Doug Clark	2 yr term
Director, Hiking Camp	Mark Hatlyn	2 yr term
Director, Membership	Sherolyn Haakstad	2 yr term
Director, Newsletter	Kim Clinton	2 yr term
Director, Climbing Camp	No applicants - vacant	
Director, Equipment and trails	No applicants – vacant	
Director, Mountaineering School, library	Will Neustaedter	2 yr term
Director, Website	Bryan Reid	1 yr term

Thank you to all the outgoing directors: Dave Grant at President, Sandra McGuiness in Mountain School, Library and Web Director, Nancy Selwood in Hiking Camp and Ken Roy in Newsletter.

Motion of adjournment at 9:40 p.m. Ed Beynon/ Kim Kratky

Next year's AGM will be held in Castlegar.

**KMC Proposed Budget - Year Ending September 30, 2012**

<b>REVENUE</b>	<b><u>2011 Budget</u></b>	<b><u>2011 Actual</u></b>	<b><u>2012 Budget</u></b>
Membership Dues	\$9,700.00	\$9,706.00	\$9,700.00
Climbing Camp	\$4,800.00		
Mountaineering School			
Ski Camp	\$11,000.00		
Donations	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Interest	\$200.00	\$297.93	\$200.00
Other Revenue	\$100.00	\$370.00	\$1,030.00
Transfer from Reserve	\$2,375.00		
Huts	\$4,000.00		
Total	<u>\$32,275.00</u>	<u>\$10,473.93</u>	<u>\$11,930.00</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Administration	\$500.00	\$375.15	\$500.00
Advertising	\$400.00	\$396.98	\$100.00
Bank Charges	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Climbing Camp	\$4,800.00		
Computer Upgrades	\$500.00	\$40.32	\$50.00
Conservation Committee	\$500.00		\$0.00
Equipment & Trails	\$250.00		\$0.00
Fed of Mt. Club Fees	\$3,300.00	\$2,887.50	\$3,300.00
Fed of Mt. Club Insurance	\$2,200.00	\$2,212.35	\$2,456.00
Huts Expenses	\$4,000.00		
Incentive Program	\$1,000.00	\$950.00	\$0.00
Library Expenses	\$200.00	\$123.39	\$155.00
Miscellaneous	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Mountaineering School	\$500.00	\$113.47	\$2,000.00
Newsletter	\$2,000.00	\$731.04	\$1,000.00
PayPal fees	\$200.00	\$255.57	\$400.00
Registrar of Companies	\$50.00	\$40.00	\$50.00
Ski Camp	\$11,000.00		
Social Expenses	\$500.00	\$419.97	\$750.00
Website Expenses	\$150.00	\$66.51	\$800.00
Total	<u>\$32,275.00</u>	<u>\$8,612.25</u>	<u>\$11,786.00</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$1,861.68</u>	<u>\$144.00</u>

**Balance Sheet****2010****2011**

Bank Balance	\$15,572.43	\$24,991.06
Term deposit	\$10,359.12	\$5,138.42
Paypal	\$1,556.75	\$715.83
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$27,488.30</b>	<b>\$30,845.31</b>

**Funds earmarked for self funding camps and expenditures**

Climbing camp	\$171.70	\$171.70
Environmental	\$240.00	\$240.00
Huts	\$7,593.43	\$12,977.63
<b>Hiking Camp</b>	<b>\$2,417.12</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total Earmarked</b>	<b>\$10,422.25</b>	<b>\$13,217.63</b>
 <b>Net to KMC</b>	 <b>\$17,066.05</b>	 <b>\$17,627.68</b>