

Kootenay Mountaineering Club

Executive Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2012

Attendees: Peter Oostlander, President; Doug Cark, VP/Library; Tim Clinton, Newsletter; P'Nina James, Social; Graham Jmin, Cabins; Mark Hatlin, Hiking Camp; Kate Woodhouse, Treasurer; Sherolyn Haakstad, Membership

Regrets: Kim Kratky, Conservation; Marilyn Nelson, Secretary; Ed Beynon, Winter Trip Director

Guest Presenter: Norm Yanke

- 1) Meeting called to order: 6:33pm
- 2) Review of June 20, 2012 minutes – Minutes were approved.
- 3) Agenda - approved
- 4) Executive Reports
 - a) President
 - Confirmed that Winter Trip/ Secretary/Mountain School directors are not continuing on the Executive after this year. Have a volunteer for the Winter trips. Will need to fill/confirm these at AGM next month.
 - b) Treasurer
 - Received \$1,060 refund from Federation of BC Mountaineering Clubs.
 - Paid one invoice towards the \$1,000 contribution we promised to support the Jumbo Wild coalition.
 - Paid postage for Darkwoods correspondence to NCC.
 - \$2,200 for huts; new wood stove in Steed.
 - \$248 expense claim to Peter.
 - Teck corporate membership did not materialize. Peter O to follow up.
 - c) VP – no report
 - d) Secretary – no report
 - e) Cabins
 - Spent an estimated \$7,000. Expenses include new stove in Steed, rebuilt stoves and lanterns, helicopter to transport firewood.
 - Income is ~\$6,500 to date.
 - Revamp and update the booking website and PayPal. **Action: Peter to contact Stephen Langley. Graham to talk to our webmaster as well.**
 - f) Conservation
 - Brian Cross wants to put a cat ski operation in at Silverton Creek.
 - Action: KMC will list as a Stakeholder and send a letter. Will get the FMCBC involved.**
 - g) Presentation on Trails access (Norm Yanke)

- Many groups (formal and informal) doing trail maintenance, but Province is deactivating FSRs that provide access to these trails. He thinks KMC should be lobbying Forestry to keep road access open to back country trails.
- Norm accepted to stand for a Director's position on KMC executive, to be ratified at the AGM. This position will start a subcommittee to work on the initiatives determined by the group.
Peter and Norm will work on a mission (purpose) and some goals for next year. Norm or designate will present this mission and goals to our AGM to give the members in attendance some idea of what group's purpose.

Action: Executive agreed to bring a motion to the AGM to enable an Executive position (Trails, Trails Equipment & Access) to develop a mission statement with an aim to preserving access roads.

h) Hiking Camp

- 2012 hiking camp was in the Rockies, north of Elkford. The three- one week camps were full except for week 3 which had one person drop out at last minute. No major issues. Minor issues were a minor injury (sprained ankle) and a late-helicopter pick-up at camp 3.
- Finances: Camp costs continue to increase. Costs came in at \$7,000 + \$18,744 for the chopper. A detailed cost summary will be ready next month after all invoices are received. It is anticipated that 2013 costs will not increase, but there is no appetite to return the \$2,417.12 to the main committee as was discussed at the 2011 AGM.
- The Hiking camp manuals will be done in time for next year's camp leaders and the committee is excited to meet the challenges of planning the 2013 hiking camp.
- Executive congratulated camp organizers on a job well done!

i) Mountaineering School

- Will Neustaeder is not continuing in this role. During his one year tenure as mountain school director, he organized one intro to backcountry skiing course, and one intro to rock climbing course; 5 or 6 participants in the ski course, and one participant in the climbing course; attempted to purchase maps for club members, but was stymied by lack of participation by the mapmaker; tried to arrange courses in Wilderness First Aid and winter Trip Leadership, but they did not go due to lack of interest.
- Discussed the possibility for Matty Walton to take over the Mountain school director position. Our goal for next year is one winter and one summer course, with a private guide.

j) Library

- This is set up at Doug Clark's basement in Castlegar, but has not been well utilized.
- Discussion on promoting and publicizing library more. Might consider doing mail/courier deliveries. Library has a small budget (~\$250).
(Note: Doug's contact info is; phone (250)365-3036; address: 2162 Crestview Crescent, Castlegar, V1N 3B3. Library books are listed on KMC website.)
- Karabiner – Ron Perrier asked for KMC's duplicate copies of the Karabiner

Action: Doug to publicize/promote library as it's a valuable resource to KMC members.

k) Membership

- 2012 (2011) – total membership: 305 (309); voting members: 289 (304); Adults: 305 (304), under 19 y.o.: nil (5); couples: 75 (78), singles: 155 (148); memberships with children: nil (4); Enrolled on-line: 246 (220); Enrolled via mail: 59 (89); Gross Revenue from dues: \$10,427 (\$10,034); Percent using on-line: 80% (71%).
- ***Action: Peter to talk to software designer Stephen Langley about some wording changes in the membership renewal site.***

l) Newsletter

Ron Perrier forwarded past minutes and a compiled history, as well as a story describing potential kayak routes, which is too big for the Newsletter.

m) Socials

- Have had 2 socials since last meeting: Doug and Sandra's appreciation/going away party at Graham's and Jude's place, and Fall Social – 25 people attended on September 28; There were six excellent presentations. We raffled off a \$25 gift certificate to the presenters. Peter Jordan won it.
- AGM is Friday, November 16, 2012 @ Little Bear golf course. We have guaranteed 40 settings. Need to consider if bus is warranted, as location is central.

Action: P'Nina to consider justification for bus transport.

n) KMC Trips

i) Winter

- Chris Cowan has agreed to stand as Winter Trip Director.
- Graham is leading a 3 ½ day ski tour.
- 4 have signed up for Bonnington Traverse with the Summit mountain guide group. This is a ski tour that combines the traverse with a privately guided and instructed AST2 course.

ii) Kokanee ski week - Need to have full payment for Kokanee KMC ski week by October 28. Three are on the waiting list.

iii) Summer – 72 trips were scheduled; 20 were canceled, primarily due to wet weather and roads washed out.

iv) Summit Register list – is online. KMC member Dan Derby and Peter O need to manufacture another 30 registers, since we have used up our inventory. Vicky Hart is our KMC summit registrar and keeps track of registers.

v) Darkwoods Agreement – Elena Cigala is managing this Agreement with the Nature Conservancy of Canada. We must get permission for each trip.

- There were three trips this year (Elena – 2; Mike Brewster – 1)

5) Meeting adjourned @ 8:45pm. (Clark)