

KMC Minutes--April 16, 1013

Present: Peter Oostlander, Norm Yanke, Tim Clinton, Doug Clark, Mark Hatlen, P'nina Shames, Chris Cowan

Regrets: Matty Walton, Mary Baker, Graham Jamin, Sherolyn Haakstad, Kate Woodhouse

Called to order: 6:38 PM

Quorum confirmed

2) Approval of Minutes January 17, 2013. M/S Doug/Tim- carried

3) Agenda approved as amended

4. Executive Reports

A) Presidents Report

-Kim Kratky--The KMC acknowledges the loss of Kim as a long time friend and contributor to the KMC.

-2013 Club schedule--approved to change executive meetings to Tuesdays June 18 and Oct 15. All in favour.

- 50th anniversary coming up in 2014. The 50th anniversary is a wonderful opportunity to put the organization forward and increase the profile of KMC. Peter offers to chair a subcommittee and request a budget for this event. Peter will write up the history of the KMC to be posted in the next newsletter. There will be a budget request put forward at the AGM, after approval by the executive.

B) Treasurer

-Kate Woodhouse has submitted her resignation. She will do the basic tasks until a new treasurer is found. A member's name has been suggested as a possibility, and Mark will speak with this person.

C) Vice President

-Peter will spend some time with current V.P. in preparation for upcoming AGM

D) Secretary--sends her regrets for this meeting

E) Cabins

-many issues: motorized vehicles; KMC doesn't have control of who books the cabins; commercial use of the cabins occurs; but not within our lease with Forestry; increased usage results in exhaustion of firewood supply;

-the KMC has an excellent map of the Bonnington Traverse, plasticized, in the KMC Library.

F) Conservation

-With the passing of Kim Kratky, there is a need to fill this position. A member's name was suggested. Doug will talk with this person and report back at next meeting.

G) Trails, Trails access and Equipment

-Norm reports that there was a meeting with Justin Dexter, Recreation Director with Forest and Resources. Justin wants to be supportive. Discussion re: sources of funding and volunteer or paid labour for trail maintenance and access. Norm and colleagues will meet with MFLNRO to discuss trail priorities and opportunities.

H) Hiking Camp

-Mark reports, camp 3& 2 are full, and there is room for two in camp 1. Leaders and cooks for all 3 camps are in place. Mark is requesting a notice to go out to members that there are still 2 openings for camp 1 (July 20-27). Peter will send an email to the KMC membership. The Hiking Camp Manuals will be completed by May 1.

I) Mountaineering school

-Matty Walton has submitted his resignation due to work commitments that take him away. Looking for a candidate to step forward and take this on.

-Introduction to Backcountry Skiing workshop was held in early March, with 11 participants, led by Peter Oostlander. It was fun and instructive. Next year we will have a theory evening first before the actual ski day.

-AST-Avalanche Safety Training 1 and 2, conducted by David Lussier of Summit Mountain Guides. The course happened in March, doing the Bonnington Traverse.

-Mountain Leadership May 3, with 24 already signed up. There is room for 45, so members are encouraged to sign up. There is no charge.

K) Membership

-there are now 276 members. Concern expressed that younger folks connect via Facebook, more informally, than by joining an organization. Membership list on the website is updated quarterly. Next update will be first week of June.

-FMBC is decreasing membership dues from \$15 to \$10.

-Membership renewal difficulties still persist. MOTION: to make changes to the membership renewal program and budget a maximum of \$500 for this. M/S Peter/Chris. Carried.

L) Newsletter-

-Tim has completed digitizing the entire collection of the Karabiner, dating from 1964-2000. DVD's will be available at \$5 each. The complete collection is on each DVD. There is also a complete set in binders and sleeved pages, available at the KMC library. Discussion re: where to place the second set of binders. It is decided to offer the second set to Touchstones Museum and Archives. Tim will contact Touchstones.

M) Socials: We had a very successful Chic Scott presentation: 140 non-members; 100 members with revenue of \$700. KMC rack cards were handed out to all non-members. The Castlegar theatre was an ideal venue and can also be rented for private functions. Congratulations to P'nina and her group for organizing this.

The AGM will be held in Nelson this year at the New Grant hotel. A suggestion was made to take advantage of their Mexican style buffet that evening. It was agreed to go ahead with this.

N) Winter Trips

-40 planned, 32 went ahead; no report on 3 trips; 7 additional short notice trips. Total 253 members and 25 guests attended. For the first time, two evening trips were held and were well attended.

-suggestion for next year, add the known Nordic club "Loppets" to our schedule

-Kokanee week is now fully subscribed. It will be held the last week of January, 2014. There are 12 places, all filled with a waiting list.

- We had a a very successful winter season. Thank you Chris!

O) Summer Trips

-62 trips are on the schedule for this year. There are seven overnight trips, three trips into the Darkwoods area.

-Last year, 68 trips scheduled, 58 went ahead.

P) Website

-Peter has met with several programmers. The best one is the most expensive. We are budgeted \$800 for website upgrades. None are within our budget. Peter looked at WordPress, which is not supported by kics, our current server. The Executive agrees that we need to update our website. It's agreed that what we want to do needs to be further refined. A more realistic budget and proposal will be brought to the AGM for the membership to approve.

Q) WH2O and Darkwoods

-Elena is the contact person for the agreement with Darkwoods. She sends photos and reports on trips in the area. She would like to see a longer term (2 year) agreement secured.

-WH2O-we are awaiting a report from Tom Braumandl re: how many requests for back country access into the WH2O resort.

R) BC Orienteering - Doug is a member of the local group, and is advising the Executive, that he would like to put on an event using compasses and maps on a specific route. Doug wonders if this type of trip would be a good KMC trip. Agreed that Doug will put together an orienteering event and add it to the KMC summer trip list.

Adjournment: Mark moved to adjourn at 9:16; seconded by Chris. All in favour. **Next meeting: June 18**