



## **Minutes – Executive Meeting of the Kootenay Mountaineering Club**

Wednesday September 14, 2016 at Castlegar Recreation Centre

**Present:** Doug Clark, Sandra Fuller, Ross Bates, Graham Jamin, Leon Arishenkoff, Phil Best, Tim Clinton, Chris Cowan, Peter Jordan.

**Regrets:** Dan Derby, Peter Oostlander, Laurie Helyer and Jocelyn LaFace

Meeting commenced at 6:45 pm

- 1) Approval of Agenda** – Approval of agenda moved by Phil Best and seconded by Ross Bates, motion carried  
**a) Added** - 4 c) Membership fees.
- 2) Approval of June 15, 2016 Minutes** – moved by Ross Bates and seconded by Phil Best, motion carried.
- 3) Review of Old business**
  - a) Plaque completed for Lepsoe Basin cabin. Cost was less than \$40 of which KMC pays half.
  - b) Trail marking – Peter Jordan – nothing new, will apply for funding in the new year.
  - c) Local Land Management Planning – BCRST reports no progress.
  - d) Darkwoods Access Agreement has been signed by KMC and sent back for their signature.
- 4) New Business**
  - a) Bonnington Huts review – Sandra to head up club review of KMC involvement in for huts' short and long term future. Will start by discussing immediate and long term needs with Graham.
  - b) Outdoor Recreation Council asked for member clubs' support to increase park funding. Peter J. to draft letter from KMC to the province in support.
  - c) Exec agreed to present a motion at AGM to raise fees for couples by \$5.00 (\$2.50 each) so fees are equitable per person for couples and individuals.
- 5) Executive Reports**
  - a) **President** – Doug Clark, nothing to report
  - b) **Vice President** – Sandra Fuller, nothing to report
  - c) **Treasurer** – Ross Bates, as per report (please attach)
  - d) **Membership** – Jocelyn LaFace, absent/no report
  - e) **Secretary** – Dan Derby, absent/no report
  - f) **Social** – Laurie Helyer, absent – Fall social October 14, 2016 to be held at Kootenay Art Gallery
  - g) **Huts** – Graham Jamin, Work done on Grassy – replaced post and lifted front of cabin 8". Bunks and kitchen table replaced. All stoves to be replaced with propane. Significant work will have to be done on all the cabins in the next few years as they are showing their age.

**h) Newsletter** – Tim Clinton, no report

**i) Mountaineering School** – Peter Oostlander, absent/no report

**j) Conservation** – Peter Jordan, no report

**k) Hiking Camp** – Leon Arishenkoff, all 3 camps went ahead with full complements of 20 people each. Despite being so close to the heavily used Rock Wall trail and contact with a myriad of hikers, it was a beautiful area and participants made the best of it. The Hiking Camp Committee (HCC) has had an almost complete change in directors this year and welcomes Andrea Vowell as Registrar, Jude Stralak as Cook/Leader Co-ordinator, Peter Wood (original founder of hiking camps) and Peter Mclver as Site Selection Co-ordinators. Equipment Co-ordinator remains vacant and hopefully someone will step to the plate soon. Thanks to Rob Richardson, Simon Mitchell and Dave St. Denis for their past contributions.

- Expenses this year were considerably higher than the past and we had to use about \$6000.00 from our balance. Andrea solicited feedback from all campers and the feedback received has been duly noted by the HCC. The HCC asked if the KMC has a policy re campfires. (None are in place.)
- Going forward the biggest challenge could be getting a permit so we are not in violation of the Land Act. To date, no further word has come back from the Natural Resource Officer's investigation into this year's camp location.
- The HCC continues to work towards ensuring policies and procedures are clarified in the manuals.

**l) Trail Access** – Chris Cowan, Facebook being used very well to pass on access to trails. Equipment is being used and is in good working order. Lost mountain trail partially flagged – will contact Justin Dexter re building the trail.

**m) Trips** – Phil Best, Kokanee ski week full – two on the wait list.

**6)** Motion to adjourn meeting by Peter Jordan at 8:50 pm, next meeting, Kootenay Mountaineering Club Annual General Meeting November 18, 2016 in Castlegar.

Respectfully submitted by Sandra Fuller, acting-Secretary, Kootenay Mountaineering Club.