



Minutes - Executive Meeting of the Kootenay Mountaineering Club
Wednesday Sept 20, 2017 at Castlegar Rec Centre

Present: Doug Clark, Sandra Fuller, Jocelyn LaFace, Laurie Helyer, Leon Arishenkoff, Tim Clinton, Chris Cowan, Peter Jordan, Ross Bates, Phil Best and David Heyduck

Regrets: Cindy Kozak-Campbell, Peter Oostlander

Meeting commenced at 6:30 pm

- 1) **Approval of Agenda** - Approval of agenda moved by; Ross Bates and seconded by Laurie Helyer, motion carried.
- 2) **Approval of June 14, 2017 Minutes** - moved by Phil Best and seconded by Jocelyn LaFace, motion carried.
- 3) **Review of Old business**
 - a. New Societies Act
Circulate revised constitution for approval, email for discussion of changes put forward.
Motion by Doug Clark: Submit constitution to membership at AGM for approval, seconded by Peter Jordan. Motion carried.

Membership definitions

Leave definitions as they are for the purposes of the Societies Act - explore further during the coming year and bring resolution to the 2018 meeting.

4) **New Business**

- a. Bonnington Range Mgt. Plan

Doug and Peter met with John Cathro, Beaver Valley Snowmobile Association and Nelson Sno-Goers and agreed to signage indicating designated areas for skiers and sledders. Signage to be temporary for one year.

- b. 150 Peak challenge ammendment - include the entire 2017 calendar year, the same duration as the Canada birthday year agreed upon.

5) **Executive Reports**

- a) **President** - Doug Clark (**Vacancies 2018 Exec** - Pres., VP, Hiking Camp, Climbing, Trails Access, Mountaineering School, Newsletter, Membership)
Jocelyn stepping down from membership and VP vacant. All others staying in their positions. Climbing has been vacant for years ? will approach Delia Roberts.
Directors annual reports due to Doug by October 21, 2017

- b) **Vice President** - Sandra Fuller,

Approached by Alpine Club of Canada re developing a relationship between the two clubs. Will discuss with ACC what they are offering to KMC.

- c) **Treasurer** - Ross Bates,

As per report from Ross. To present to AGM to 2017/09/30.

- d) **Membership** - Jocelyn LaFace,
Thanks to Jocelyn. 394 members, added age range to membership application (not mandatory), will discuss survey with new membership director.
- e) **Secretary** - Cindy Kozak-Campbell (Society's Act) No report (regrets)
- f) **Social** - Laurie Helyer,

Fall Social reminder sent out - will be slide show with Ken Holmes at Kinaird Hall on October 13, 2017
AGM to be at the Adventure Hotel in Nelson. Motion by Ross Bates to subsidize the cost of the AGM dinner by \$5.00 dollars. Seconded by Phil Best, motion carried.
- g) **Huts** - David Heyduck
SAT phone has been signed into David's name. Would like someone to take the contract from him.
Graham wants equipment moved from his place. David suggested renting a location for \$100.00 per month. Executive agreed and David has a location and will rent it and move the equipment. Graham had been using his own trailer to haul the ATV and equipment. David will buy a trailer, insure it and store it and rent it back to KMC when he uses it for KMC work. Agreed amount of \$.50 per KM.
Huckleberry cabin has been cleaned, updated and stocked. Suggests roof to be replaced this year.
Copper hut has been stocked and cleaned. Steed and Grassy to be done ASAP. Engineers assessment to be completed in the next few weeks.
- h) **Newsletter/website** - Tim Clinton, no report Newsletter out.
- i) **Mountaineering School** - Peter Oostlander,

Ice Axe and Crampon use, Movement skills and rope handling: 7
Crevasse Rescue and Snow and Ice Anchors: 8
Introduction to Rock Climbing - Beginner program: 8
Introduction to Rock Climbing - Intermediate skill building: 5
- j) **Conservation** - Peter Jordan,

Hummingbird Pass signage moving forward - should be completed by December.
Peter will resend letters pertaining to Enterprise Creek access.
- k) **Hiking Camp** - Leon Arishenkoff,

Believe it or not, all 3 camps went as scheduled and from participant feedback were great. The hot, dry weather kept us all wondering as to whether access on FSRs would remain open and we were thankful they were. As to smoky skies, each camp did experience a bit of smoke but nothing really serious. Forestry was aware of where we were camped as well as our staging area where vehicles were left. They had our SAT phone number and we let them know that we would check for messages each day am and pm. Camp 1 was excellent at checking, camp 2 not quite as good and camp 3 was sporadic due to issues with the sat phone staying charged. However, they were able to get the message about an earlier departure than originally planned for the last day.

Camp 1 had an issue with a participant not following or obeying helicopter protocol - which is a very serious safety concern. Myself and one other HCC member will be talking to the individual and a ban from a future camp will likely be in order. Either some sort of

training or listening to a required talk on helicopter safety may become a prerequisite for future camp participants in the future.

Camp 2 had a couple cancel the evening before departure but let their spot go for half price and it was quickly taken by a couple that were new to the club and they had a memorable experience.

Not aware of anything concerning Camp 3 but Ross Bates is free to speak up if there was anything.

From the last executive meeting (I reported) we were told to have a copy of the permissions policy with us at all times. After camp 1 was in place yet another email from the Natural Resources Officer came asking for our lands permit. My reply detailed all of the government people that we had been in contact with as well as the tenure holders and said we were doing everything we were asked to. Thus far we have heard nothing back. It will be interesting to see what unfolds next year.

Going ahead our finances are great; helicopter service was exceptional and cost put us slightly in the black. One of our site selection committee members has resigned and we are seeking another individual to assist. We have 13 people on the waitlist who will have guaranteed spots for next year. We are definitely seeing a trend of more and more people applying. We hope to have next year's site by the AGM and would welcome any input as to where this could be.

l) **Trail Access** - Chris Cowan,

Lost Mountain Trail upgrade... Happy to report that the trail, on which we collaborated with the Salmo Valley Trails Society, has now been completed, along the line we laid out in the spring, and over the past couple of years. Thanks to Randy Boardman and his hardworking trail crew working in the heat of summer. Elevation gain to summit is 1100 metres, over 6 km. The signage and kiosk remains to be done, Lisa Tedesco of Salmo Valley Trails Society is working on this with the GPS track and markers provided by KMC.

WEB INFO... A lot of posts on the (KMC?) Facebook page were concerned with access So why not have a group dedicated just to access, to get everything connected with access in a single place and not meshed up with trip reports etc. The "West Kootenay Hiking Access" F/B page, created on June 30, now has over 200 members, and seems well used... A report yesterday for instance detailed improvements made to the Gimli access so that it's now accessible by car... very useful info.

Maintenance of Google Shared spreadsheet on KMC web page has been discontinued... due to difficulty in maintaining it.

Equipment: One pair of loppers was broken during work on the Lost Mountain route. Will be purchasing another pair, along with some kind of Pulaski for trail maintenance. We need to buy some more red diamond trail markers too; supply was used up on the Lost Mtn trail.

m) **Winter Trips** - Phil Best,

Fan out for winter trips to be done with assistance as Phil will be away. Sandra will compile the winter list for the website.

Kokanee final payment (\$820.00) due October 15. To be forwarded directly to Ross via cheque or e-transfer.

n) Summer Trips - Peter Oostlander

93 trips scheduled, 8 not started, 12 cancelled. 73 trips went ahead with 711 participants (679 members and 32 guests). 8 bike rides, 4 climbing events and the remainder hikers or snowshoes. Last year this time 71 trips with 769 participants. Reduction in attendance and increase in trip postponements and cancellations due to fires and smoke in the area. Prize for most attendance goes to Ross Bates with 23 participants on the McNally creek traverse, the consolation prize goes to Peter O with 3 participants on the Old Glory ascent.

There are members signing up for trips and cancelling at the last moment - some who are repeat offenders. Executive discussed options on how to deal with this issue as most trips have a cap so people sign up go hold a spot and then don't go at the last-minute leaving spots that can't be filled at the last minute. Peter O will speak with them directly the next time they sign up for one of his trips.

- 6) Motion to adjourn meeting by Phil Best at 8:50 pm, next meeting, November 17, 2017 Annual General meeting in Nelson

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Kozak-Campbell, Secretary, Kootenay Mountaineering Club.