

## Minutes – Executive Meeting of the Kootenay Mountaineering Club



Wednesday June 3, 2015 at Castlegar United Church

**Present:** Ross Bates, Jocelyn LaFace, Leon Arishenkoff, P'nina Shames, Peter Oostlander, Tim Clinton, Chris Cowan, Peter Jordan, Laurie Helyer and Dan Derby.

**Regrets:** Doug Clark and Graham Jamin.

**Meeting commenced at 18:33**

**Approval of Agenda** – Peter Oostlander chaired meeting in Doug Clark's absence. Agenda was moved by Ross Bates and seconded by Laurie Helyer, motion carried.

**Approval of April 15, 2015 Minutes** – minutes of April 15, 2015 were amended to read 335 members year to date; moved by P'nina Shames and seconded by Jocelyn LaFace, motion carried.

### **Review of Old business**

**Buy and Sell & Email Etiquette** – Doug Clark, carried over to September 15, 2015 meeting.

**Friends of Rossland Range – Lepsoe Cabin** – Peter Oostlander will request Dave Watson to provide a short article for the next newsletter on the Friends of Rossland Range – Lepsoe Cabin project.

### **New Business**

**Proposal to add North-East Washington counties to definition of the Kootenays** – Peter Oostlander Committee discussed the constitutions wording/definition of membership and how a change would impact the Hiking Camp committee. The current constitution wording is: *Membership is open to those who support the purposes of the Kootenay Mountaineering Club and pay the appropriate membership fees to the Treasurer of the Kootenay Mountaineering Club. For the purpose of meeting the resident membership requirements, the Kootenays shall be defined as that area of south-eastern British Columbia bounded on the west by the Granby River Valley, on the north by the Trans-Canada Highway, on the east by the BC-Alberta border, and on the south by the Canada-USA border.*

At the next full meeting of the Hiking Camp committee Leon will bring up the topic of eligibility requirements for inclusion to the hiking camp lottery. Specifically, whether to allow active participating club members, as well as partners of existing members, that reside outside of the geographical boundary, as defined in the constitution, to be able to participate in the lottery with the same 'rights' as resident members.

### **Executive Reports**

**President** – Doug Clark, no report

**Treasurer** – Ross Bates, \$10,700 cheque for Friends of Rossland Range – Lepsoe cabin project has been cashed.

**Membership** – Jocelyn LaFace, 362 member's year-to-date, still new members joining. An automated welcome message will be set up by Tim Clinton for when members join online.

**Secretary** – Dan Derby asked that he be provided a copy of any passwords to create a paper record.

**Social** – Laurie Helyer and P'nina Shames, Spring Social/Delia Roberts presentation "Fit for Snow" on May 9<sup>th</sup> was a great success. 41 members attended. Fall Social/Gear Swap will be October 16, 2015 and AGM will be November 14, 2015 at the Black Rooster Super 8 Hotel and Conference Room 651 18<sup>th</sup> St. Castlegar, BC.

**Huts** – Graham Jamin, no work on the cabins yet. Most of it will happen sometime in August, will put out some work party notices at that time.

**Newsletter** – Tim Clinton, need people to keep sending newsletter articles and photos for upcoming newsletter. Considering turning off Town square function of website due to very low usage.

**Mountaineering School** – Peter Oostlander, 17 members have signed up directly with Summit Mountain Guides for Introduction to Mountaineering and Crevasse Rescue courses this weekend.

**Conservation** – Peter Jordan,

- President Clark sent in a letter in regards to the proposed heli-ski for the west and south borders of Kokanee Glacier Park.
- Jumbo – at a recent rally Michelle Mungall encouraged attendees to write to Mary Polack, Minister of Environment about concerns.
- Keen creek access to Kokanee Glacier Park – Kaslo community forest may be working in the area and this would assist in getting the road reopened.
- ATV mandatory registration deadline has been extended from June 1<sup>st</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

**Hiking Camp** – Leon Arishenkoff, all 3 camps are full, no cancelations, 6 residents and 1 non-resident on wait list. There will be 3 vacancies on the Hiking Camp Committee after this season; Chair, Registrar and Equipment Coordinator. Committee members are looking for club members to fill these roles. It may be necessary to rent a storage locker in the future to store hiking camp equipment.

**Trail Access** – Leon Arishenkoff, has completed an inventory of club equipment;

- 1 – 30" Bow saw
- 1 – Extendable lopper
- 2 – 32" Fiskars loppers
- 3 – 15" Fiskars loppers
- 6 – Hand pruners
- 16" Husqvarna chainsaw (donated by Tim Clinton)
- Cabins/Graham Jamin also has a lager chainsaw and pack to carry it.
- From Forest Rec – 1 – medium Stihl brush saw, 14" Stihl chainsaw, 2 – Fiskars loppers and 1 – Pulaski.

Upcoming work parties that are being planned for are Flag Pole, Toad mountain approach and Glacier Creek road. Trail work is also being done by and or coordinated with other groups in the area; North Kootenay Regional Trails, Friends of West Kootenay Parks and local Parks staff/rangers. Work is being done in Argenta on the Earl Grey and Fry Creek trails.

Club will need a new Trail Access coordinator next year.

**Winter Trip Report** – Chris Cowan, no report.

**Summer Trip Schedule** – Peter Oostlander, summer trip schedule is out now.

- Summer trips on schedule – 70
- Completed trips so far – 33
- Cancelled trips – 0
- Total members on trips – 428 (67% of last year's total summer trip attendance)

**Elections** – at the AGM in November both the president and vice president positions need to be filled. Executive committee members are encouraged to recruit candidates for the executive.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Tim Clinton at 8:05 pm, next meeting is the Wednesday, September 15, 2015 at 6:30 in Castlegar.

Respectfully submitted by Dan Derby, Secretary, Kootenay Mountaineering Club.