

Minutes – Executive Meeting of the Kootenay Mountaineering Club



Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at Castlegar United Church

Present: Doug Clark, Leon Arishenkoff, Ross Bates, Chris Cowan, P'nina Shames, Tim Clinton, Graham Jamin and Dan Derby.

Regrets: Peter Oostlander, Peter Jordan and Mark Hatlen.

Guests:

Meeting commenced at 6:40

Approval of Agenda – moved by P'nina Shames and seconded by Leon Arishenkoff, motion carried.

Approval of January 14, 2014 Minutes – remove word “delete” from Website redesign first sentence, Acceptance of minutes moved by P'nina Shames and seconded by Doug Clark, motion carried.

Review of Old business

Website redesign – Tim Clinton said he is having a lot of fun working on the club website. There is a new slide show on home page. Doug Clark thanked Tim for all his work. The feedback to date has been overwhelmingly positive. Tim is encouraging members to contribute to website with GPS tracks and Forest Service Road access & conditions.

KMC 50th anniversary – Last weekend was a great success. Peter Oostlander is working with a supplier on the new club crests designed by Jenny Baillie. Doug Clark is researching options for a 50th anniversary T shirt. Dan Derby provided an update on the conversations to-date with BC Parks and Friends of West Kootenay Parks Society in regards to a new shelter at the Kaslo Lake wilderness camping area in Kokanee Glacier Park that could be tied into KMC's 50th.

FMCBC AGM in Castlegar June 6 and 7 – 35/40 FMCBC directors and KMC members attended the BBQ at Doug Clark's house on the Friday night. Doug thanked everyone who helped with Billeting, the BBQ and Saturday nights David Quinn presentation. The photo tribute to Mary Woodward and kind words of Jennie Baillie were a fitting send off to one of KMC's most popular members.

FMCBC Liability Insurance - The insurance issue has been put to rest. We now have a better policy through [Aon](#). Aon is providing both a Commercial General Liability policy and a Directors and Officers Liability policy for the FMCBC and those member clubs who are participating in our insurance program. Both policies went into effect on May 1st, 2014. The cost of the new policy is in line with what we were paying previously. An email was sent to KMC members to advise of the new insurance policy.

Club Satellite Phone – Graham Jamin reported the following;

- Global-star has 24 satellites, is rated for recreational use with non-reliable/spotty coverage.

- Iridium has 66 satellites, is the world standard, guaranteed to have a satellite overhead every 12 minutes. Includes SPOT and GPS built in. Phone, case, solar charger and extra battery are approximately \$2,200. Annual contract is budgeted to be \$500. It can be used by KMC to replace current rentals for the Hiking Camps, the Ski week, Bonnington Hut maintenance and for approved extended KMC trips.
- **Motion:** That the KMC purchase an Iridium satellite phone c/w case, solar charger and extra battery funded from the cabin fund, purchase not to exceed \$2500; moved by Tim Clinton and seconded by P'nina Shames, motion carried.

New Business

KMC Membership List – Tim Clinton will work with Ross Bates to develop an automatically updated, online membership list for merchants. List will have names only.

Executive Reports

President – Peter Jordan our Conservation Director will be representing the KMC on the FMCBC – Recreation and Conservation Committee.

Treasurer/Membership – Ross Bates commented that our membership numbers are getting close to last year's total.

-We have a positive cash flow.

- Suggested we put KMC rack cards in cabin and trail head log books. Discussion into having a booth at events like Sun Fest and Nelson Market Fest to promote KMC.

Social – P'nina Shames; Dave Quinn presentation was both informative and inspiring, and left her feeling hopeful about Jumbo staying wild. We had 34 non-members@ \$5= \$170, 68 KMC members attended and 21 FMCBC members.

-We had an open discussion about the location of our next AGM to be held November 14, 2014, Castlegar or Trail/Rossland.

-Fall social will be at the Resker hall in Robson. The evening will be slide shows and photo journals with members providing desert treats and an opportunity to sell any surplus gear.

Huts – Graham Jamin will circulate hut maintenance schedule.

Newsletter – Tim Clinton, the new 4 editions/year schedule is working out better than the six/year. Next newsletter will go out in a couple days.

Mountaineering School – This weekend KMC members are participating in two professionally taught mountaineering courses via Summit Mountain Guides, with discounts for members.

- Day skills 1: Ice Axe & Crampon use, Movement skills & Rope handling
- Day skills 2: Crevasse Rescue and Snow & Ice Anchors

Conservation – no report

Hiking Camp – Leon Arishenkoff (for Mark Hatlen), One couple dropped out and their spaces have been filled from the waiting list. Recce was done last week. Camp meetings are progressing and the 3 camp leaders are in place, Camp 1 – Glenn Cameron, Camp 2 – Brian Cooles and Camp 3 – Ron Perrier.

Trail Access – Leon Arishenkoff, once again the Kaslo Community Forest group will be funding a trail clearing program for youth. Have requested maintenance and brushing schedule from Friends of West Kootenay Parks.

Winter Trip Report – Chris Cowan, 2015 Kokanee Glacier Ski week is filled with 15 participants this year. Several are on the waiting list.

Secretary – no report

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 pm, next meeting September 9, 2014.

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