

Minutes – 46th AGM of the Kootenay Mountaineering Club



Friday, November 14th, 2014 at Black Rooster – Super 8 Hotel Conference Room
651 18 St, Castlegar, BC

Present: Leon Arishenkoff, Eric Ackerman, Elizabeth (with Eric), Ed Beynon, Hazel Beynon, Renate Belczyk, Ron Cameron, Janet Cameron, Doug Clark, Linda Clark, Chris Cowan, Tim Clinton, Dan Derby, Emilee Fanjoy, Nadine Hetrick, Don Harasym, June Harasym, Ken Holmes, Laurie Helyer, Roy Hopland, Gloria (with Roy), Colleen Humphreys, Steve (with Colleen), Graham Jamin, Peter Jordan, Graham Kenyon, Jill Kenyon, Jocelyn LaFace, Bobbi Maras, Peter Martyn, Peter McIver, Irme Mende, Rainer Muentner, Maureen Muentner-Anderson, Theresa Negreiff, Peter Oostlander, Bert Port, Sue Port, Kathie Robertson, P'nina Shames, Terry Turner, Sharon Turner, John Walton, Muriel Walton, Peter Wood, Peter Tchir and Ross Bates.

Meeting commenced at 7:26, President Doug Clark welcomed members to the 46th AGM and introduced the executive; Tim Clinton – Website/Newsletter, Peter Jordan – Conservation, Chris Cowan – Winter trips, Peter Oostlander – Summer trips/Mountain school, Jocelyn LaFace – Memberships, Ross Bates – Treasurer, Graham Jamin – Cabins, Leon Arishenkoff - Trails and Access, Mark Hatlen (not in attendance) – Hiking Camp, P'nina Shames – Socials and Dan Derby – Secretary.

Call for new business – no new business from the floor

Approval of the minutes from 2013 AGM – moved by P'nina Shames and second by Jocelyn LaFace, motion carried.

Approval of agenda – moved by Ron Cameron and second by Hazel Beynon, motion carried.

President's report: Doug Clark read out his report; The KMC celebrated its 50th anniversary this year. We did ourselves proud by initiating, and seeing several members achieve, the 50 summit challenge. While the challenge will continue for a while yet, those that achieved the 50 summits are: Peter Oostlander, Dan Derby, Nadine Ebner, Caroline LaFace, Steve and Eliane Miros, Gene van Dyck and Bill McNally. Congratulations to these folks. That was a huge accomplishment and time commitment. A significant number did 25 and 10 summits. We'll post the names of all in an upcoming newsletter.

The Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC held its AGM in Castlegar in June. The KMC welcomed the FMCBC directors with a Friday evening back yard bar-b-q. Thank you to those who billeted the FMCBC directors from throughout the Province. They were most appreciative of the KMC's hospitality.

The same weekend, KMC held its spring social and celebrated its 50th anniversary at the Old Castlegar theatre where Dave Quinn, a Kootenay guide and outdoor adventurer, gave an interesting and informative presentation on ski touring and Kootenay environmental issues. That weekend the club also sponsored an Orienteering event at Selkirk College where 30 individuals enjoyed that challenge and the KMC led two local trips which were well attended by both KMC members and the FMCBC directors.

Unfortunately, the same weekend was the funeral of a KMC favorite, Mary Woodward. The club paid tribute to Mary at the Old Castlegar theatre that night by presenting a collection of photos of Mary throughout the years along

with a tribute from her longtime friend, Jenny Baillie. As a footnote, the photos were loaded on a memory stick and forwarded to Mary's family.

2014 also saw the passing of long time and active members, Al Sinkie, Dave Adams and Felix Belczyk. Their camaraderie and leadership will be missed by the club.

The fall social was held at Resker hall in Robson and was a great success. Those of us who don't get out much, enjoyed seeing the pictures and hearing the stories of several members' adventures over the past year. Thank you to the presenters; we enjoyed living vicariously through your travels. Thank you to P'Nina for doing another great year for the KMC socials.

The year also saw the insurance boondoggle whereby the FMCBC did not have the insurance it was told it had. This led to a merry chase for a couple of months until a new insurer was located who provided the insurance FMCBC thought it had in the first place with no increase in price. A basic description of the insurance coverage will be placed on the club's website. There are still discussions going on about e-Waivers and waivers for minors.

On a related insurance matter, it has just come to light that KMC members must be on a sanctioned club trip in order to be covered by the insurance policy. When informed in sufficient time, the trip directors will add a 'short-notice' trip to the club's trip schedule. Executive will discuss this matter at its next meeting and approve a method that if followed will allow members to be covered for short-notice trips. It's important to understand that you may not be covered if you and a couple members, on short notice, decide to meet to go out for a day of adventure that is not on the KMC schedule.

The 2013 AGM voted to spend \$5,000 on upgrading the KMC website. Tim Clinton took on the website director role when Elena Cigala-Fulgosi left the area for employment reasons. Rather than hire an agency, Tim chose to do the work himself. In addition to this assignment, Tim produces our Newsletter 4 times/year.

Our membership numbers are up from 336 in 2013 to 352 this year. As part of this portfolio, Nadine Ebner coordinated a survey to find out more about the membership and what they thought about the club's activities. Turns out we are getting older. Over 75% are more than 45yo. This is something that really needs to be addressed and we encourage the membership to offer their suggestions. Perhaps, we can start by inviting younger non-members to join our trips. However, the survey told us that our membership, by a large margin, is quite happy with the club's activities and trips. Ross Bates our treasurer performed the membership role when Nadine left the executive. This duty was more recently assumed by Jocelyn LaFace.

The Mountaineering school was active and well attended by our members. Through a liaison with Summit Mountain Guides developed by Peter Oostlander, a discounted course fee was made available to members to attend two Avalanche Skills courses and three mountaineering skills courses, which 40 members attended. Beginner back country skiing lessons organized by Peter Oostlander and Graham Jamin were very popular.

The summer trip schedule had 96 trips posted of which 80 proceeded with 642 participants. This too was a significant increase from the previous year. Winter trips were well attended, too, with 295 participants in 36 trips. The Kokanee ski week went off without a hitch. Good weather and camaraderie were enjoyed by all 12 members.

The hiking camp at Marvel Pass was fully subscribed with a waiting list. This endeavor is one of the club's highlights year after year and we are indebted to the member volunteers for the great job they do in getting the participants in and out safely every year.

Club members participated in trail clearing work that Al Sinkie had begun from Jumbo parking area towards the Horseshoe glacier. Other trail clearing work was done on an ad hoc basis. In 2015, the Trails director will solicit your input on which trails need to be built or improved. We want to do trail upgrades in a planned manner that meets the wishes of the members. Exec sees this as not only work that is needed, but also as a good team building exercise for the club. We want to encourage all to participate in Trails Director Leon's initiative to firstly nominate trails that need attention and secondly to lend a hand to do the work.

The cabins are becoming busier and busier with each succeeding year. Hut revenue set a record in 2014 at \$12,590.00. A major unplanned, but in Exec's opinion, fully justified expense for safety reasons was purchase of a satellite phone for KMC's use in tending the huts, and at hiking camp and ski week. Graham Jamin will maintain the phone and is developing guidelines for its use by club members.

With respect to Conservation, Jumbo Valley Resort remains a concern and Peter Jordan, Conservation Director, will speak to this later in the meeting. In November 2013, Fred Thiessen was asked by the Executive to develop the KMC's response to the Ministry of Forestry's request for comments on the draft Visual Quality Objectives for the Kootenay lake area. Fred provided a thoughtful response for preserving and retaining the unspoiled views around the lake. The KMC appreciates Fred's efforts in this regard.

Financially, the club's bank account is healthy with nearly \$19,000 in the hut reserve and nearly \$25,000 in the club's reserve. Details of the budget will be provided by the Treasurer for the meeting's review and approval.

On a personal note, while I have been involved with many service clubs and committees over the years, the KMC Executive is the most enthusiastic and competent Board with which I have ever been involved. I encourage you all to step up and take a turn on the KMC Executive. It will be a rewarding and even a personal growth experience.

Look ahead to 2015

The KMC should anticipate leveraging the experience gained by the multi-summiteers into an exciting trip schedule next year. Please help keep the club's enthusiasm surging ahead by leading and participating in trips.

You can expect more refinements to the website from resident genius, Tim Clinton. We ask you to take a look at it. Navigate your way around and try using the forum Tim developed to sell items, exchange info and update trail conditions, rather than sending emails.

The Mountaineering School initiative developed by Peter O. provides members with an excellent opportunity. Please make use of it to increase your back country skills and awareness. You could save somebody's life – maybe your own.

Trails Director, Leon A., is undertaking to get your input into which trails the KMC should tackle and then he will need your muscle power to help do the clearing and/or construction. We view this as an important initiative for 2015 and hope to see a good number participate. Many hands make light work.

The executive discussed the need for a cookhouse shelter at Kokanee Glacier Park. One does not exist and whenever the weather turns foul, campers seek shelter in and use and overcrowd the lodge's facilities. Dan Derby is taking the lead to look into partnering with Parks and other outdoor clubs to determine the feasibility of accomplishing this in the most cost effective manner. Should a significant expenditure be involved, it will of course be brought to the AGM for a vote.

The Kootenay Mountaineering Club will be as good as you make it. Please help make it a good one.

Treasurer: Ross Bates reviewed our 2014 financial statements and 2014/2015 Budget and read out his report. Attached are the 2014 financial statements for the Kootenay Mountaineering Club and proposed budget for the 2014/2015 fiscal year upcoming.

The proposed budget is to be presented at this fall's Annual General Meeting for approval. Selected highlights: The net ordinary income for the last year was \$2899.90, a surplus over the budgeted amount of zero. Website design expenses were not incurred thanks to webmaster Tim Clinton's volunteer efforts. Check out the much improved club website. The mountaineering school was a great success, with expenses well over budget as a result. The mountaineering school was fully subsidized by a transfer from the huts reserve. Hut bookings were up 33% over the previous year. Hut reserves increased by \$2423.25, despite new expenditures being charged against hut revenue (A new satellite phone purchase, trail work expenses, and the mountaineering school subsidy). Two line items in the 2015 proposed budget were amended; Federation of Mt. Club Fees, changed to - \$2,750 and Federation of Mt. Club Insurance, changed to - \$2,885. The following motions were presented, with some discussion, to the members.

Motion 1: to approve the 2014 financial report – moved by Janet Cameron and seconded by Eric Ackerman, motion carried.

Motion 2: to approve spending up to \$2,000 to purchase trail building equipment – moved by Bobbi Maras and seconded by Emilee Fanjoy, motion carried.

Motion 3: to approve the 2015 budget as amended – moved by Peter Wood and seconded by Linda Clark, motion carried.

KMC Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2014

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Bank of Montreal Chequing	\$ 43,387.74	Accounts Payable	\$ 106.90
Bank of Montreal Term Deposit	\$ 5,298.78		
PayPal Account	\$ 456.47	General Equity	\$ 4,734.24
Total Current Assets	\$ 49,142.99		
		Reserve - Climbing Camp	\$ 171.70
Accounts Receivable	\$ -	Reserve - Conservation	\$ 85.00
		Reserve - Environmental	\$ 240.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 49,142.99		
		Reserve - Huts (beginning of year)	\$ 16,498.95
		Current Year Transfer to Hut Reserve	\$ 2,423.25
		Reserve - Huts (end of year)	\$ 18,922.20
		Retained Earnings (beginning of year)	\$ 21,983.05
		Current Year Net Income/Loss	\$ 2,899.90
		Retained Earnings (end of year)	\$ 24,882.95
		TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 49,142.99

KMC Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparison

	Current FY 2014	Previous FY 2013	Notes
Ordinary Income/Expense			
INCOME			
Membership Dues	\$ 11,736.00	\$ 11,493.00	
Donations Income	\$ -	\$ 61.43	
Interest Income	\$ 65.37	\$ 50.64	
Mountaineering School Revenue	\$ 2,624.00	\$ -	-tuition collected
Other Revenue	\$ -	\$ 1,760.00	FMCBC refund
Transfer from Reserve	\$ 1,084.65	\$ -	-mountaineering school subsidy from cabins fund
	\$ 15,510.02	\$ 13,365.07	
EXPENSE			
Administration Expenses	\$ 461.26	\$ 488.40	
Advertising	\$ 233.32	\$ -	-rack cards
Bank Charges	\$ -	\$ 5.18	
CAC membership/donation	\$ 200.00	\$ -	
Conservation Committee	\$ -	\$ -	
Equipment & Trails Expenses	\$ -	\$ 146.75	trails will be paid out of cabins fund from now on
Federation of Mt. Club Fees	\$ 2,690.00	\$ 2,665.50	\$10 per membership
Federation of Mt. Club Insurance	\$ 2,520.00	\$ 2,672.00	\$8 per member
Library Expenses	\$ 60.41	\$ 1,230.55	
Membership	\$ 12.95	\$ -	
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 0.75	\$ -	-ski camp deficit
Mountaineering School Expenses	\$ 3,708.65	\$ -	-tuition collected \$2624.00, cabin fund subsidy \$1084.65
Newsletter Expenses	\$ 384.69	\$ 519.25	20 members receive a paper copy (\$20 ea.)
PayPal Fees	\$ 354.07	\$ 363.72	hut PayPal fees not included
Registrar of Companies	\$ 40.00	\$ -	
Social Expenses	\$ 1,393.97	\$ 550.00	50th anniversary year
Supplies & Equipment	\$ -	\$ 1,322.88	Projector/Screen/Cables
Website Expenses - maintenance	\$ 550.05	\$ 746.88	
New website design	\$ -	\$ -	
	\$ 12,610.12	\$ 10,711.11	
Net Ordinary Income (Loss)	\$ 2,899.90	\$ 2,653.96	

Other Income/Expenses			
Hut Booking Revenue	\$ 12,590.00	\$ 9,450.00	
Hut Expenses	-\$ 8,071.49	-\$ 4,297.87	satellite phone \$2385.47, Steed Hut firewood helicopter \$4161.78
Trail Expenses	-\$ 592.40	\$ -	trails will be paid out of cabins fund from now on
Hut PayPal Fees	-\$ 418.21	-\$ 313.85	
Mountaineering School Subsidy	-\$ 1,084.65	\$ -	\$25 per course KMC subsidy, facility rental
New Website design	\$ -	\$ -	
Net Hut Income/Expense	\$ 2,423.25	\$ 4,838.28	\$2423.25 to be transferred into huts reserve
Ski Camp Revenues	\$ 11,775.00	\$ 10,500.00	
Ski Camp Expenses	-\$ 11,775.75	-\$ 10,500.00	
Net Ski Camp Income/Expense	-\$ 0.75	\$ -	recorded as miscellaneous expense above

KMC Proposed Budget - Year Ending September 30, 2015

	2014 Actual	%	Approved 2014 Budget		Proposed 2015 Budget
TIME (months)	12	100%	12		12
REVENUE					
Membership Dues	\$ 11,736.00	102%	\$ 11,500.00		\$ 11,700.00
Donations Income	\$ -	n/a	\$ -		\$ -
Interest Income	\$ 65.37	131%	\$ 50.00		\$ 60.00
Mountaineering School Revenue	\$ 2,624.00	n/a	\$ -		\$ 2,000.00
Other Revenue	\$ -	n/a	\$ -		\$ -
Transfer from Reserve	\$ 1,084.65	30%	\$ 3,650.00		\$ 1,000.00
	\$ 15,510.02	102%	\$ 15,200.00		\$ 14,760.00
EXPENSES					
Administration Expenses	\$ 461.26	115%	\$ 400.00		\$ 500.00
Advertising	\$ 233.32	79%	\$ 295.00		\$ 200.00
Bank Charges	\$ -	n/a	\$ -		\$ 135.00
CAC membership/donation	\$ 200.00	100%	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
Conservation Committee	\$ -	n/a	\$ -		\$ -
Federation of Mt. Club Fees	\$ 2,690.00	105%	\$ 2,550.00		\$ 2,750.00
Federation of Mt. Club Insurance	\$ 2,520.00	94%	\$ 2,680.00		\$ 2,885.00
Library Expenses	\$ 60.41	40%	\$ 150.00		\$ 150.00
Membership	\$ 12.95	4%	\$ 300.00		\$ 250.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 0.75	1%	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
Mountaineering School Expenses	\$ 3,708.65	n/a	\$ -		\$ 3,000.00
Newsletter Expenses	\$ 384.69	64%	\$ 600.00		\$ 400.00
PayPal Fees	\$ 354.07	94%	\$ 375.00		\$ 400.00
Registrar of Companies	\$ 40.00	80%	\$ 50.00		\$ 40.00
Social Expenses	\$ 1,393.97	46%	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 1,200.00
Supplies & Equipment	\$ -	n/a	\$ -		\$ 2,000.00
Website Expenses - maintenance	\$ 550.05	110%	\$ 500.00		\$ 600.00
New website design	\$ -	0%	\$ 4,000.00		\$ 950.00
	\$ 12,610.12	83%	\$ 15,200.00		\$ 15,760.00
Net Ordinary Income (Loss)	\$ 2,899.90	n/a	\$ -		-\$ 1,000.00

Other Income/Expenses				
Hut Booking Revenue	\$ 12,590.00			\$ 12,600.00
Hut Expenses	-\$ 8,071.49			-\$ 6,000.00
Trail Expenses	-\$ 592.40			-\$ 1,250.00
Hut PayPal Fees	-\$ 418.21			-\$ 450.00
Mountaineering School Subsidy	-\$ 1,084.65			-\$ 1,000.00
New Website design	\$ -			\$ -
Net Hut Income	\$ 2,423.25			\$ 3,900.00
Ski Camp Revenues	\$ 11,775.00			\$ 12,000.00
Ski Camp Expenses	-\$ 11,775.75			-\$ 12,000.00
Net Ski Camp Income	-\$ 0.75			\$ -

Conservation: Peter Jordan read out his report; the dominating story for the last year has been the proposed Jumbo Pass development. There's not much I can add that members haven't heard in the news. The short story is, the proposed ski resort is limping ahead very slowly, and opposition from a number of groups in the East and West Kootenays continues.

Under the environmental assessment certificate that was approved in 2004, and given a 5-year extension in 2009, Glacier Resorts Ltd. was required to "substantially start construction" by October 12, 2014. At the very last moment, they replaced several washed-out bridges on the access road, and poured a concrete slab which is supposedly the foundation of a building. Volunteers maintained a monitoring camp in the Jumbo Creek valley, keeping a close eye on the progress, or lack of it. A related issue is the creation by the provincial government of the "Jumbo Resort Municipality" (population zero) with an appointed mayor and council, which has been subsidized with \$200,000 of taxpayer money. A new story is that RK Heliski (whose guides have worked in the area for over 40 years) has raised the concern that the proposed day lodge location is exposed to an unacceptably high avalanche hazard.

Here are some links to information on the Jumbo controversy:

This article appeared in Explore in 2008, and remains one of the best reviews of the background to the resort development proposal: <http://www.explore-mag.com/the-jumbo-glacier-resort-mystery>

The West Kootenay Eco Society's web page: <http://www.ecosociety.ca/jumbo-valley>

The Jumbo Wild website: <http://www.keepitwild.ca/>

KMC member Daniela Gadotti wrote a very interesting article on her experiences in the area this summer, in the Town Square forum of our web site: <http://kootenaymountaineering.bc.ca/town-square/forums/topic/monica-meadows-to-be-slack-country-for-jumbo-ski-resort/>

In other news, there are some recent moves by the BC government which may threaten the integrity of our provincial parks. Bill 4, the Park Amendment Act, allows for "research" in parks, which contrary to most understanding of what research means, includes feasibility studies for developments including pipelines,

transmission lines, etc. Recently, Kinder Morgan applied to the government to have the boundaries of four provincial parks revised (i.e. land removed from them) to facilitate its proposed pipeline expansion. Although none of these parks are in the KMC's area of interest, it's an example of the potential future threat that may exist to parks in the Kootenays. Peter Jordan, conservation chair, 12 November 2014

50th Anniversary Celebration - Doug Clark recognized the members who were in attendance from 1964, the 1960's and 1970's. These members received a round of applause and were asked to gather for a photo with the cake. After a short desert break we resumed the meeting.

Elections were conducted by President Doug Clark. The following positions were filled by acclamation;

Vice-President - vacant

Membership – Jocelyn LaFace (one year term)

Conservation – Peter Jordan (two year term)

Climbing- vacant

Summer trips – Peter Oostlander (two year term)

Winter trips – Chris Cowan (two year term)

Website – Tim Clinton (two year term)

Newsletter - Tim Clinton (one year term)

Cabins – Graham Jamin (two year term)

Socials – P'nina Shames (one year term)

Executive reports

There were no questions from the floor of the executive reports that are attached.

Vice President – no report

Secretary: Over the last year as secretary I now have a better understanding of our clubs issues and opportunities. Working with our webmaster all club AGM and Executive committee minutes are posted on the members section of the website. I continue to work on organizing our old paper files to maintain our records and history. Projects I've been working on include;

- Updated Emergency Event Guidelines
- Updated and filed our Society Annual Report with the province of BC
- Working on a proposed Shelter at the Kaslo Lake wilderness camping area in Kokanee Glacier Park with BC Parks.

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

Cabins: (the correct Cabin's report was included in the agenda) Over the summer all the cabins have been cleaned, and well stocked with firewood for the winter season. The only construction upgrades this year were new bases for the outhouses that were put in up at Huckleberry and Steed.

- Steed Hut – This year we used a Lama helicopter with a long line grapple system to sling wood into the hut. Quite a slick way to bring it in but it seems the net slings are still the most efficient. Hopefully we have stock piled enough wood to last at least three years.
- Copper Hut – It's been a few years but a rat found its way back into the cabin. Thanks to Peter O and his hole patching skills, I'm hoping the problem has been dealt with.
- Huckleberry – Rat problem up at Huckleberry seems to have been resolved by moving the firewood to a new wood shed next to the cabin. As well, our brushing around the cabin seems to be effective.
- Grassy – Just firewood and a good cleaning.

Revenue from cabin bookings for Oct. 1, 2013 to Sept. 30, 2014: - \$12,590.00 *an all time high	
Expenses for the same period:	
Hut	\$8,071.49
Trail	592.40
PayPal	418.21
Mountaineering School subsidy	<u>1,084.65</u>
Net Income:	<u>\$2, 423.25</u>
The main Hut expenses this year were	
- Kootenay Valley Helicopters...	\$4,161
- Calgary Satellite	\$2,385

The Calgary Satellite purchase was for an Iridium 9575 Satellite phone. The primary reason is for safety while falling and bucking firewood in the backcountry it will also be available to the various camps put on by the KMC as well a booking system will be set up for club members who may want to rent it for club trips. Final details still need to be worked out.

Many thanks to the members who came up and helped out on the work crews over the summer. As well thanks to my wife Jude – she always gives the cabins a great scrub down and keeps track of supplies.

Submitted by, Graham Jamin, KMC Hut Guy

Trails and Trails/Road access: Al Sinkie became the director of the trails/road access portfolio at the 2013 AGM. He unfortunately passed away in January. Leon Arishenkoff had agreed to assist Al and attend executive meetings on Al's behalf, but agreed to fill Al's vacancy, pending formal approval at this year's AGM.

The only posted trail clearing endeavor occurred in September on the Glacier Creek road extending from the Jumbo Pass parking lot. It was well attended by both KMC members as well as non KMC people who came along to commemorate Al's vision for opening the decommissioned road for easier access to the moraine trail to Blockhead Mountain.

Numerous trail clearing/road brushing endeavors occurred throughout our region by both members as well as nonmembers. Unfortunately, this information does not get posted on the KMC web despite having a specific place

created for it. This is a request for members to utilize the web and post trail info as it is very beneficial to all KMC members.

Going forward into 2015, brainstorming sessions will be arranged for this spring, during which we want to identify the trails the club wants to maintain or construct and the roadways that need to be brushed for access. Many members have 'wish lists' and once formalized into a plan, dates for work parties will be posted on the Summer trips schedule. Tools and equipment will continue to be borrowed from forestry and, if a motion is passed at this AGM, an industrial/commercial type brush cutter and chainsaw, along with safety equipment and some good loppers, will be purchased to give us the 'firepower' to do the work.

Leon Arishenkoff

Hiking Camp: The KMC held its annual Hiking camp this year in the Southern Rockies at Marvel Pass. All three camps were full and there were 17 people on the waitlist. There was a lot of interest from club members in returning to marvel pass which is probably why there were so many applicants.

After the lottery the committee had a lengthy discussion on how to proceed with the wait list and it was decided that the only fair way to proceed was to follow the manual and not allow any voluntary switching until the waitlist had been exhausted. Terry Turner our camp registrar did an excellent job and I want to personally thank him for the great job he did under sometimes difficult circumstances.

We have made some changes to the waitlist policy for the 2015 camp which should alleviate some of the problems we experienced this year. The main one being that if you refuse a camp being offered you are not automatically removed from the waitlist and have to ask to be put at the bottom of the waitlist. You will own the number that is drawn and you will remain at that position throughout the waitlist period.

I would also like to thank all the committee members (Leon Arishenkoff, Joan Harvey, Mike Brewster, Simon Mitchell, Rob Richardson and Terry Turner for all their hard work. Organizing Hiking Camp is no easy chore and takes a lot of work and dedication to get 60 people into the mountains and back home safely.

Next Year's camp will be located at the Valley of the Moon Located in the Monashee Range and we are hoping that by announcing the location at the AGM we will have as much interest next year as we did this year.

Thank you for all your support, Mark Hatlen, Chair Hiking camp

A detailed Hiking Camp financial statement was distributed by Hiking Camp Committee Treasurer – Leon Arishenkoff.

Mountaineering school: During the past year the mountaineering school organized two Avalanche Skills Courses (AST 1) with Summit Mountain Guides: One for skiers and one for snow shoers. Several members took the AST 2 course as well.

Graham Jamin and I organized three back country ski trips for beginners that were well attended (20 members).

In the spring, again with Summit Mountain Guides, we offered three mountaineering skills courses: Day Skills 1: Ice Axe & Crampon use, Movement skills & Rope handling; Day Skills 2: Crevasse Rescue and Snow & Ice Anchors and a Navigation Skills Weekend. Total participation for Summit Mountain Guides courses: approx. 40 members. There was not sufficient interest in the Wilderness and First Aid Course, scheduled for early June to make it go.

For the upcoming winter season we are repeating the backcountry ski trips for beginners and are pleased to offer the following courses:

- **Canadian Red Cross Wilderness and Remote First Aid - November 14, 15 & 16th, 2014**
- **AST 1 – December 13-14, 2014**
- **Companion Rescue & Refresher Course – December 14, 2014**
- **AST 2 – January 22*, 23-25, 2015** *January 22 is half day (late afternoon/evening)
- **AST 1 for snowshoers – January 31 and February 1, 2015 (tentative)**

Our club is subsidizing these courses to the amount of \$25 per member. We have a \$75 course subsidy limit for any one member per calendar year. Volunteer trip organizers will receive an additional subsidy of \$25 over and above the regular member \$25 discount, already included in the posted rates. To qualify, you must have organized at least 4 trips in the past year. This program recognizes the importance of all trip organizers within our club.

Peter Oostlander

Summer trips and the 50th anniversary summit challenge The “summer” schedule is a bit of a loose term; it actually embraces the period from early June to the end of October. In the shoulder seasons, we can have ski or snowshoe trips as well as lower elevation hiking trips going on at the same time!

This past summer was one of our best ever in comparison with previous years. The numbers speak for themselves:

Year	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Scheduled	96	94	82	64		
Cancelled	16	17	20	8		
Trips that went	80	77	62	58	68	46
Total Participants	642	566	472	519		
Members	604	530	435			
Guests	38	36	37			

Thank you to the volunteers that helped us put it together: Vicky Hart, Bill McNally, Chris Cowan, Liz Huxter, Dan Derby and Doug Clark. Thank you all trip organizers to make this year such a success!

For our 50th anniversary, local artist Jennie Bailey designed a beautiful crest which we are handing out to all members.



We also came up with the idea to challenge members to ascend 10, 25 or 50 peaks in the West Kootenays during our anniversary year and give out special gold embroidered badges for that. 30 members earned these badges so far and we will be extending this program in to next year until we run out of badges. Many positive comments were received on this 50 summit challenge, and in part this contributed to the record number of trips in the summer of 2014.

So far this year, 12 new registers were placed on the top of mountains (8 last year). In addition 4 were replaced because of leakage, missing etc.

Peter Oostlander

Membership: The year-on-year increase in membership numbers continued for the 2014 membership year. As of October 21st there were 352 members.

The aim for upcoming membership year will be to continue this upward trend with both couple and individual memberships. Membership rates will remain the same for the upcoming 2015-membership year (January 1-December31). Remember to take advantage of discounts at local shops and for courses for even more value.

The following table highlights the statistics since 2011.

Year	Individual	Couple		Total		Change From Prior Year	
	Members = Membership	Member- ships	Members	Member- ship	Members	Member- ships	Members
2011	140	78	156	220	309	+ 8	+ 10
2012	158	77	154	235	312	+ 15	+ 3
2013	173	81	162	254	336	+ 19	+ 24
*2014	184	84	168	268	352	+ 14	+ 16

Numbers as
of October
21th, 2014

Key Membership dates:

October 1: Any first time members who apply after this date have their membership carried over for the following year.

January 1: New membership year starts.

January 31: First priority for the hiking camp lottery go to resident members of the Kootenay Mountaineering Club who renew or submit their membership by January 31, and whose hiking camp registration forms and fees are received on or before March 15. See the website for more details regarding the lottery.

Membership Direction Position Change: Jocelyn LaFace has been acting as the Director – Membership since September, taking over from Ross Bates, who was doing double duty as he is also the Treasurer. A sub-committee has been formed to look at potential improvements to the membership database to make the processing of memberships and the automation of tasks more efficient. Tim Clinton has done an excellent job to automate a number of the existing tasks and the sub-committee will explore the potential areas for additional improvements to the membership area and approach. Jocelyn LaFace

Newsletter and Website Director's Report: The work of the above two directorships is highly visible. There is very little to report otherwise.

The role of these two positions is to present the club to its membership and to the wider world, publicizing the club's policies and activities. It depends upon input from the club executive and the club membership. So, please, keep it coming, because the director is not an author. Corrections are always appreciated.

Website Statistics:

Web site visits during October 2013: **2697**

Web site visits during October 2014: **6278**

Of the October 2014 visits, most were of the Town Square Calendar. The PDFs of the Newsletter and Karabiner follow. Tim Clinton

KMC SOCIALS REPORT- 2014 It has been another great year for social events. The 2013 AGM was held in Nelson with a Mexican themed buffet. We had a great turn out of around 45 folks, and Peter Jordan presented Elena CF's entertaining slide show, 'Snow 12 months a year'.

This being the 50th anniversary of KMC, we used the opportunity, plus the fact that the Federated Mountain Clubs of BC elected to hold their AGM in Castlegar in June, 2014, as a time to fully celebrate all things mountain. The AGM weekend was full of business and social gatherings. The weekend was highlighted by a slide presentation, co-hosted with FMCBC, by Dave Quinn, CBC's outdoor guy, and an avid supporter of keeping the mountains pristine. The event was held at the Old Castlegar Theatre, with an almost full house, including more than 30 attendees from the public. The event replaced our usual smaller Spring Social. Sadly, the passing of long time KMC member, Mary Woodward occurred just before this event. Jennie Baillie gave a moving tribute to Mary at the slide show. Dave's slides and talk focused on the wild areas in our part of the province, and was both entertaining and informative. We also handed out at least 30 rack cards to folks that want to learn more about KMC. We even made a few dollars on this one.

The Fall Social on October 17 saw 37 folks come out to enjoy an amazing array of slide presentations. Everything from the Grand Canyon to Rogers Pass, to 2014 hiking camp, to skiing in Switzerland, to historical photos and drawings from the Karabiner were shown. The Fall Social has become a KMC tradition, with folks bringing their gear to sell, terrific goodies to eat, and tales of adventures to share with great slide presentations. It's a cheerful way to end the summer season and begin to get ready for the winter season.

Next year will be my last one as Your Friendly Social Convener. I mention this now to plant a seed, and hopefully a tree will grow in the form of someone stepping forward to undertake this most rewarding function in your KMC.

Respectfully submitted, P'nina Shames

Winter Trips: Winter Trip Report – from the original schedule, 46 trips were planned; 34 trips went ahead and 10 were cancelled. Mainly due to poor snow conditions were common early in the season. No report received for 2.

There were 269 members and 11 guests on the trips with an average of 8.2 on each trip. Leon Arishenkoff's snowshoe trip in the Slocan had the most participants at 28. Like last year, most trips were back country skiing, but snowshoeing continues to be popular and are well attended. A few trips were mixed ski/snowshoe. More cancellations than last year, but the weather was a bit weirder especially early in the winter.

Some highlights in no particular order.... Ross Bates early season trip to Champion lakes in November... good attendance (17). Simply decadent series (Peter).... very well attended and fun again. Mid-winter 25k XC ski tour at Paulson (Chris).... extremely cold, but a good time was had nonetheless by 6 hardy souls. We'll do it again! Leon's magical mystery snowshoe tour in the Slocan valley had 28 in attendance. Kokanee ski week.... by all accounts a great time was had, with great weather and wonderful skiing. Almost all of them want to go back again. AST courses; everyone agreed these were useful, challenging, fun, and well organized and presented.... Attendees felt much more confident about skiing afterward. 'Backcountry for beginners' organized by Peter Oostlander was a great confidence builder again.

Ski tours in the Rossland range, Kootenay Pass and the Whitewater area were once again terrific, thanks to the skill and enthusiasm of the ski tour coordinators including Peter J, Ken, Ross and others.

Getting good weather for the overnights in the Bonnington traverse, was a bit of a challenge; either it was too cold, or avalanche hazard was too high. The white lottery that is winter!

Many thanks to everyone who coordinated trips and helped organize the events. You make our club the success that it is.

On a sad note, I mention the untimely passing of Al Sinke, enthusiastic leader of several winter trips. We miss you!

Respectfully submitted...

Chris Cowan

Winter Trips director, Kootenay Mountaineering Club.

Motion to adjourn by Bert Port, seconded by Graham Jamin, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:36 pm.

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