

Minutes – Special Meeting of the Kootenay Mountaineering Club



6:30 PM, Saturday, May 9, 2015 at Resker Hall
2963 Waldie Ave, Robson, BC

Present: Dan Derby, Ross Bates, Ken Holmes, Bob McQueen, Dave Watson, Doug Clark, Leon Arishenkoff, Jill Watson, Terry Simpson, Laurie Helyer, Eric Ackerman, Caroline Shimek, Kathleen Nichol, Sandra Fuller, Laurie Charlton, Bert Port, Peter Martyn, Sue Port, Delia Roberts, Tim Clinton, Fred Thiessen, Henry Hutter, Jeff Ross, Pat Sheppard, Alan Sheppard, Janet Cameron, Ron Cameron, Chris Cowan, Leo Jansma, Vicki Hart, Mary Prothro, Phil Best, Linda Clark, Daniela Gadotti, Renate Belczyk, Elena Cigala, Brian Webster, Peter Jordan, Jon Dumouchel, Amy Sutton and Yvonne Cartwright.

Meeting commenced at 18:35

Approval of Agenda –moved by Leon Arishenkoff and seconded by Eric Ackerman, motion carried.

Presentation – Rossland Range Cabin by Dave Watson and Bob McQueen in regards to the Lepsoe Cabin Project.

1. The Friends of the Rossland Range Society (“FORR”) have an agreement with the Province to develop the new Rossland Range Recreation Site which extends from Red Mountain Resort to the summit of Mt. Crowe. FORR is now asking members of the community and sponsors to build 9 new cabins to replace the old cabins currently in use. Most old cabins have structural, safety and hygiene issues. FORR will “own” the new cabins and hence will assume the cost of ongoing maintenance.
2. KMC members Dave Watson and Bob McQueen have volunteered to build a new cabin on the north face of Mt. Lepsoe to replace the Sunspot and Berry Ridge cabins.
3. The estimated cost of the Lepsoe Cabin is \$10,746 including a \$1,500 contingency. In addition, \$6,565 has been received in donations and/or discounts for materials and equipment. The grand total of the cabin cost is \$17,311
4. Why is FORR approaching the KMC as a potential sponsor? Because the KMC is the premier outdoor recreation club in the West Kootenays. The KMC constitution supports “an interest in, and development of, mountaineering and conservation of the natural values in the mountains”. We believe the development of this new recreation area and the associated upgrading of trails and cabins fits nicely with the KMC values. The Rossland Range Rec. Site, and the associated cabins, are used extensively by the KMC members for organized trips, casual trips and mountaineering school activities. The KMC has been active in the construction, operation and/or maintenance of back country cabins since early in its inception, starting with Slocan Chief, then Mulvey Basin, Silver Spray, Copper, Grassy, Steed and Huckleberry. So, why not one in the Rossland Range?
5. KMC members and the general public will benefit by having a new hike, ski or snowshoe in cabin destination and the club will enhance their exposure and prominence in the outdoors community. We see this as not just a sponsorship but also an opportunity for the KMC.

Doug Clark – the KMC executive supports the Lepsoe Cabin project and recognizes the benefit and increased use of the FORR recreation site by KMC members and West Kootenay families and youth wanting to enjoy back country pursuits in a fairly safe and accessible setting. The province has prepared a draft agreement permitting KMC to add projects in the Rossland Range Recreation Site to the Bonnington Hut agreement for a one year period to allow money generated by Bonnington Hut rentals to be used on huts in the Rossland Range Recreation Site.

The KMC executive recommended that 30% of the current Bonnington Hut fund (\$6,000) be directed towards the Lepsoe Hut and the remainder of the estimated cost (\$4,700) comes from the KMC's regular current account surplus.

Moved by Janet Cameron and seconded by Al Shepard that, the Kootenay Mountaineering Club provide funds to Friends of the Rossland Range to construct a new day use cabin in the Rossland Range Recreation Site, to be owned by Friends of the Rossland Range. Motion carried by over ¾ of the voters.

Meeting Adjourned at 19:18 pm

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