

## 2016 Annual General Meeting of the Kootenay Orienteering Club

Place: Blarchmont Learning Center, Kimberley

Time: 7:00pm

- Call to Order
- Acceptance of the minutes of the Previous AGM - 2015
- President's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Membership Report
  - Pursuit of Excellence Report
- Mapping Report
- Junior Development Report
- Round the Mountain
- Trail Running Report
- Election of Officers: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Communications & Membership, Trail Running, Junior Development, Directors at Large
- New Business
  - Signing Officers
  - Upcoming Events Review
  - Turkey Run-off 2016
  - Round the Mountain
  - Request to host a 'major event' (COC 2018?)
  - Other?
- Adjourn
- Kick Back

Refreshments and snacks will be served.

We encourage everyone to attend that has an interest in the club's events and activities. The Kick Back will be a chance to offer your input and ideas, get to meet others, get involved.

During 2016, Kootenay Orienteering club organized or was involved in the following:

- Round the Mountain
- Turkey Run-off Snowshoe Race
- Monday Night Trail Runs
- Ft. Steele Cadet training camp
- Sylvan Scatter
- JulyFest 5K / 10K
- Hoodoo Fiver
- Junior Adventure Runners
- Participation in 2016 COCs and the Sass Peepre training camp
- O-mazing race
- Thursday Night Orienteering
- Mapping of Kimberley Kettles, Myrtle Bench, and Community Forest (purchase of mapping tablets and mapping training course)
- Pursuit of Excellence grants (\$3,617.00 to 11 adults and 7 juniors)

## 2016 President's Report – Chris Bullock

In my first year taking on the role of president, I'm pleased to see the club continues to build on the strong foundation that our previous president built. The support from the energetic Board has been fantastic and I believe we have a lot to be proud of this past year. While maintaining our trail running group and some of the key events that has built our broad membership base, I'm pleased to see the orienteering part of the club gain in depth in both local assets (maps and equipment) and talent within our membership. A review of the events that KOC has been a part of and the community building aspects of these events is impressive. These events have contributed strongly to our financial health and put us in a good position to leverage financial contributions from OABC to allow us to continue to invest in our membership and local resources to support our sport.

With respect to local orienteering, we had a strong year with solid participation in our Thursday Night Training events, engagement with the local cadet groups, local races including the Turkey Run-off, Sylvan Scatter, O-mazing Race and Spook O. The junior running program has been an on-going success and the highlight of the year was attending the COC's where our juniors were able to bring back 8 medals, along with other strong placings from our adult members. Our club has also purchased two field tablets to assist with mapping, hosted a mapping clinic and gained four new maps (Ft. Steele, Kimberley Kettles, Myrtle Bench, and Community Forest) along with a large library of base map data.

Once again KOC was one of the key organizers for Round the Mountain, with 2016 seeing the largest number of participants yet with over 575 registered and the healthiest profit yet that was shared between the partner organizations to be invested in local outdoor clubs and trail development projects in Kimberley! Round the Mountain now draws participants from over 45 locations with 100 dedicated volunteers and over 60 supporting businesses, making it a special day for all those participating. In addition, KOC was a key part of the successful Kimberley Bed Race and Marinoni film showing that raised additional funds for local charitable groups.

Naomi and Paddy have continued with the Monday Night Runs with a dedicated group of local runners with between 10 and 20 plus an equal number of dogs out each week. We hosted several local trail runs including the Hoodoo Fiver and Julyfest (and Turkey Runoff!).

Our mapping initiatives have gained enormously from the contributions of John taking the initiatives to organize our mapping priorities, figure out our field tablets and try them out on our new Ft. Steele map and updates to some of our other maps. In addition to some mapping by Bryan Chubb, we were fortunate to be able to hire Remo Madella from Italy for 2 months of mapping in Kimberley and Cranbrook with generous support from OABC/ViaSport. We would also like to acknowledge generous contributions of base mapping information from Canfor, Teck, City of Cranbrook and Orthoshop Geomatics to assist with making highly detailed maps efficiently.

Our TNTs were well attended and it was great to have many different organizers involved in organizing them: Wakana, John, Maureen, Jo Ellen, Toni, Nigel, etc. Our junior development program continues to grow into one of the most active in BC and the credit goes to Toni and Nigel, who have dedicated hours into developing a strong program and a top group of junior orienteers. Toni's enthusiasm and dedication to orienteering and junior development has been a real inspiration and I wish to thank her for her hours of work in this area. I've enjoyed getting to know the Juniors and helping with coaching them and can't wait to see how they do next year at the Canadian Championships in Ottawa.

As a first term president, I really appreciate the Jim's ongoing support for the club and its continued development both on the orienteering side and new community initiatives. This also goes for Ron, who continues to keep our finances in order, even under rather complex circumstances. I really appreciate

his ability to keep track of everything and the relationships with our partner organizations in our many joint events.

A special thanks to Susan, who has done an excellent job tracking membership, event stats and keeping our members informed for the past five years. Susan announced last year that she was going to step down from this position to make room for other interests. She has left us in good shape and has good systems in place for Wakana to step into that role.

## **Treasurer's Report**

### **AGM – November 2016**

The financial statements presented cover two periods, in comparative columns. A statement of revenue and expenses for our fiscal year just ended from November 1, 2015 to October 31, 2016 (left column) and for the seven months ended October 31, 2015 (right column). The 2015 period covered only 7 months because we changed our fiscal year in 2015. Also a balance sheet showing assets and liabilities held at the end of each period. There are also explanatory notes attached giving more detail on some amounts.

#### Balance Sheet

This year expenditures were greater than revenues so we have used \$5,605.00 of our SURPLUS (\$4,418.13 from the General Surplus and \$1,186.87 from the RTM Legacy Fund). We still have a very healthy balance sheet, with a remaining SURPLUS of \$19,390.84.

#### Revenue

Our major source of revenue continues to be the Round the Mountain event. Other events (see Note 5) also contributed significantly as did Membership and Junior Development Revenue.

#### Expenses

Major expenditure increases this year included:

- Local trail construction, paid from the RTM Legacy Fund
- Pursuit of Excellence funding to KOC members for entry fees and travel to competitions
- Mapping Projects, jointly funded by KOC & OABC (\$9,950 paid by OABC is not included in KOC financial statements
- Insurance & Dues to our “parent” organizations – as a result of increased participation & membership and a catch up expense due to prior year’s underestimate
- Donations to several local non-profit organizations (see Note 9)

If you have any questions re the financial statements, please ask.

Financial Statements – separate document

KOC Treasurer,  
Ron Monk

## 2016 Report on Membership & Event Stats

**Current 2016 membership = 665**

(2013: 552, 2014: 588, 2015: 636)

### Event stats:

EVENT	2016	2015
Turkey Run-Off	28	51
Hoodoo Fiver	21	28
O Mazing Race	31	
College of the Rockies	17	2015: Total TNTs = 89
Sylvan Lake Scatter	36	2016: Total TNTs = 123
Fraggle Rock Training	15	
Kimberley Alpine Resort TNT	16	
Swan Avenue TNT	22	
Kettle Lake TNT	17	
Round The Mountain	575	486
Orienteering skills w John C	11	
JulyFest 5 / 10k	33	22
	105	
JARC x 7 events	(18 JARC kids)	(16 JARC kids in 2015)
Monday Night Trail Running	~400	~400
		~1300
12 events + 7 JARC events + 50 Monday night runs = 69 events total	<b>~1327</b>	14 events + 6 JARC events + 50 Monday night runs = 70 events total

A small increase in participation this year.

(No Dusty Downhill, Swansea Scramble or Training Camps in 2016 – 1 less event overall.

Good response to TNTs. Large increase in RTM participation.)

Plus 36 members already recorded for 2017!

Susan Freudenberg

## **2016 Mapping Report**

2016 was a very exciting and productive year for KOC with new, updated and expanded maps added. With the acquisition of Lidar files, the employment of Remo Madella and the assistance of Bryan Chubb, the following maps were developed. These should enhance the ability of the club to hold both championship and training events. Additionally, comments for discussion are added below re: future usage / planning / needs. Divergent opinions are welcomed.

### **New:**

Myrtle Benchlands, 1:10,000.

This medium sized map, covering the recreational lands of Forest Crowne, is very complex in areas, has several trails, is largely runnable and has very easy access. It would seem to be ideal for middle distance courses. The question remains as to more immediate (2017) usage versus saving the map for a championship event.

Fort Steele, 1:5000

This is largely an urban type sprint map covering a small area of the historic site. At this point it is usable, but still requires some fieldwork and revisions. Areas immediately adjacent could be added. It may be best used for promotional purposes.

### **Updated:**

Community Forest: 1:10,000

An updated, georeferenced and expanded map of the Sylvan Lake map area. It would appear to offer much more accurate and complex features and could ideally be used for long or middle distance championship courses or several training events.

### **Updated and expanded:**

College of the Rockies: 1:10000

This was a useful expansion to connect the old map with the Community Forest map. It is a small area probably best used for training purposes / sprint events.

Kimberley Kettles: 1:10,000

From the Swan section of the existing Wallinger map, Kimberley Kettles is a great update and useful expansion. The terrain of this small map is very complex. It offers opportunities for varied access at close proximity to Kimberley, for training / sprint courses and potentially could be used in conjunction with the Myrtle Benchlands map.

### **Future needs:**

2018: If KOC is to host (a) major event(s), possibly one or two intermediate to large maps would be best developed. One possible area near Ft. Steele was identified; however more survey work could be done by club members to determine future mapping areas. It has been suggested that the services of Bryan Chubb be secured for mapping during the spring to fall of 2017.

Lois Creek/Kimberley Nordic. A request has been made to Bryan to improve/ update these two maps during the coming winter months. Some additional fieldwork will probably have to be done.

Lois Creek could be brought up to orienteering standards (1: 10000, 5 m contours) therefore enabling training or sprint type events to be held.

Kimberley Nordic requires the addition of numerous bike trails and possibly improved contours.

The map would probably remain as a training or ski orienteering area.

Central Cranbrook: Mapping of this area was requested but unfortunately not developed in the past year. The question remains as to whether it should remain a priority.

Double Duck / Eager Hill: This map needs considerable updating due to old skid roads/ trails / ATV tracks now being overgrown and the proliferation of new biking trails. Some initial fieldwork and GPS computer work was done this year, but more remains.

Alkali Lake: From reports it appears that this map is quite out of date. Is it worthwhile to revise this map?

Lillian Lake: Appears from last year's training event to be still useful, but could perhaps be updated re: new bike trails. Input needed.

### **Mapping Revisions / Event Planning**

With the acquisition of two tablets, we now have the possibility of revising maps / developing courses in the field. More work needs to be done for members to become more comfortable with the technology involved, including the use of OCAD, O- Mapper, Purple Pen/ Condes.

Possibly, we could schedule a sharing workshop evening towards that end, if members are interested.

### **Mapping Coordinator Position:**

On a personal note, after my first year volunteering on the board, I am willing to continue on as an active member, however, don't consider myself to be the best choice / qualified person for the mapping role. I therefore, feel that I should offer my resignation from this position in the hope that a more qualified or experienced person might assume it for the betterment of the club.

Special thanks to all who supported this year's mapping endeavours, especially with technical matters (Chris and Jim) and to Wakana, James, Daz and Susan for accommodating our foreign mapper, Remo, in Sept. and Oct.

With regrets that I am unable to be in Kimberley to attend the AGM, John Chatwin

## **2016 Junior Adventure Running Clinic Summary – separate document**

### **Trail Running Activities & Events**

KOC events this year specific to trail running were as follows:

Hoodoo Fiver with 21 participants (down from 28 in 2015);

JulyFest with 33 participants (up from 21);

Monday run is showing no signs of waning. We average 9 runners per week. Since January 2015 we have had, by my count, 362 runners. We are still getting some new runners as well, with four new (fairly regular) runners since September. We missed two holiday Mondays, in favour of family time. I have missed a few because of work and illness, but have had no issues finding someone to take the lead. Our group is incredible supportive and fun to be with. Is this year three already or year four?

Regardless, loving the Monday nights.

Naomi