

## 2017 Annual General Meeting of the Kootenay Orienteering Club

Place: Blarchmont Learning Center, Kimberley

Dater: November 29, 2017

Time: 7:00pm

- Call to Order
- Acceptance of the minutes of the Previous AGM - 2016
- President's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Membership Report
  - Pursuit of Excellence Report
- Trail Running Report
- Junior Development Report
- Round the Mountain
- Mapping Report
- Election of Officers: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Communications & Membership, Trail Running, Junior Development, Directors at Large
- New Business
  - BCOC 2018/19 and possible COC 2020
  - Get outside BC /Turkey Run-off 2017
  - Spring Training Camp – In conjunction with Sage Stomp or locally?
  - NAOC/COC participation
  - Upcoming Events Review
  - 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
- Thursday Night Orienteering
- Cadet regional training camp (Castlegar)/Regional championship/Fall training camp
- Sylvan Scatter
- JulyFest 5K / 10K
- Hoodoo Fiver
- Junior Adventure Runners
- Members participated in Sage Stomp, 2017 ECOC, COCs and the Sass Peepre training camp, World Rogaining Championships and Alberta O Championships
- Urban Orienteering in the Platzl
- Mapping of Ramparts area (
- Pursuit of Excellence grants (\$4,000)

## **2017 President's Report – Chris Bullock**

2017 was another good year for KOC with another increase in our membership and event participation. While maintaining our trail running group and some of the key events that have built our broad membership base, it's been a rewarding year to see our investment in our youth paying dividends with our juniors getting involved in organizing some of our local events and travelling to other events outside our area.

A review of the events that KOC has been a part of and the community building aspects of these events continues to be impressive. These events have contributed to our finances 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 from throughout the region, local races including the Turkey Run-off, CCF Scatter, Cadet Challenge, and Thursday Night Training events. Our partnership with the Cadets was particularly fruitful in 2017 with events in Castlegar and Cranbrook allowing many youth from across the Kootenays to experience and compete in orienteering events. It was great to see our members get out to events put on by other clubs including the Sage Stomp, Revelstoke events, Alberta Championships in Canmore, the Eastern Canadian Championships, Canadian Orienteering Championships, and even the World Rogaining Championships.

Once again KOC was one of the key organizers for Round the Mountain, which sold out again with 525 registered participants and a healthy profit that was shared between the partner organizations to be invested in local outdoor clubs and trail development projects in Kimberley. Round the Mountain draws participants from over 45 locations with 100 dedicated volunteers and over 60 supporting businesses, making it a special day for all those participating.

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 this year concentrated on having Bryan Chubb work on a new map of the Ramparts area that was funded by OABC. This championship quality map is expected to be completed in early 2018. Some minor updates were made to some of our other maps as well.

Our TNTs were well attended and it was great to have many different organizers involved in organizing them: Wakana, John, Maureen, Jim, Toni, Nigel, etc. Our junior development program continues to be 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. It's super exciting to see the older juniors getting more involved in organizing events including the Turkey Run-off, Hoodoo Fiver and most recently the Urban Orienteering on the Platzl by a couple of our younger orienteers, Darah and Tye.

Looking ahead, our club is expected to host the BC Orienteering Championships in 2018, although Sage Club has offered to fill in next year if we need to defer to 2019. We will need to make a decision on this at the AGM. The larger orienteering community has also approached our club to consider hosting the 2020 Canadian Championships. These are exciting opportunities to showcase our area and contribute to the sport, and both these events will require us to continue developing our 'officials' capacity to run

these larger events (with technical support from some of our adjacent clubs with more depth to offer). Similarly on, there is a provincial desire to increase the number of coaches which is something our club would like to see in order to sustain and expand our current junior program. OBC is working on a 'training camp' in spring 2018 either in conjunction with Sage Stomp or possibly in our local area that will provide a good opportunity to certify coaches and gain skills.

In closing, I would like to thank John for getting us a flashy new club kit that looks very sharp. I would also like to thank Ron, who continues to keep our finances in order, even under rather complex circumstances. Wakana has done a fantastic job taking over tracking our membership and event participation and getting out our club mail outs. I also want to thank the Junior members and their parents for stepping up to host a number of our traditional events this year and getting out and representing our club further afield.

## Treasurer's Report

- See attached report and spreadsheets

## 2017 Report on Membership & Event Stats

**Current 2017 membership = 693**

(2013- 552, 2014- 588, 2015-636; 2016 - 665)

### Event stats:

| Date                 | Event Name                 | Organizer(s)    | Type          | Participants |
|----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Dec 31, 2016         | Turkey Run-Off             |                 | Snowshoe      | 42           |
| Apr 30, 2017         | CCF Scatter                | Chris Bullock   | Foot - O      | 39           |
| May 4, 2017          | TNT - Wallinger            | Maureen de Camp | Foot - O      | 20           |
| May 7, 2017          | Hoodoo Fiver               | Meghan Howe     | Foot - Trail  | 22           |
| May 11, 2017         | TNT-College of the Rockies | Chris Bullock   | Foot - O      | 17           |
| May 25, 2017         | TNT - Lois Creek           | John Chatwin    | Foot - O      | 22           |
| Jun 1, 2017          | TNT - Myrtle Benchland S   | Jim Webster     | Foot - O      | 18           |
| Jun 8, 2017          | TNT - Kettle Lake          | Wakana Heilman  | Foot - O      | 11           |
| Jun 25, 2017         | Round The Mountain         | RTM crew        | Run/bike/hike | 525          |
| Jul 22, 2017         | JulyFest 5 / 10k           | Paddy & Naomi   | Run           | 24           |
| Jul 25, 2017         | TNT - Myrtle Benchland N   | John Chatwin    | Foot - O      | 10           |
| Sept 23-Oct 28, 2017 | JARC                       | Toni Kitto      | Foot - O      | 18           |
| Sept 30, 2017        | COTR Cadet Challenge       | Toni Kitto      | Foot - O      | 63           |
| Nov 24, 2017         | Urban O in Platzl          | Darah/Tye       | Foot - O      | 29           |
| <b>Total</b>         |                            |                 |               | <b>1360</b>  |

Previous annual participants: 2015- 1300; 2016 – 1327; 2017- 1360

## Trail Running Activities & Events

We are still getting averaging 10 runners per Monday, I would estimate. We had two runs this summer with 22 runners out. Any more than this, and I think we would look at splitting into two groups. We have two Cranbrook residents that are regularly attending, which is great. A few new people to town are also now regulars. Also, GO Kimberley did an article on "us" in the last magazine.

Cheers,  
Naomi

## 2017 Mapping Report

2017 was a bit quieter on the mapping front compared to 2016. With assistance from OABC, we were able to retain Bryan Chubb to commence mapping the Ramparts area. Unfortunately the weather did not cooperate with both the high fire situation and early commencement of winter shortening Bryan's field season. This map is expected to be completed in early 2018.

A number of our map areas are seeing considerable new trail development activity that is necessitating some updating. If members are interested in learning mapping, adding these linear features to the map would be a good introduction to mapping. The club has field tablets and software licences if members are interested in developing their mapping skills.

Double Duck, 1,10000

Need to add the following trail additions: Ewok and Roll, Chewbacca Connector and 2017 re-route, Loop Skywalker plus the revegetation of old skid roads

Kimberley Nordic Center, 1, 10000

Need to add recently completed trail improvements completed in Fall 2017, plus Magic Line. and possibly improved contours.

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.

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

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

We will need to evaluate our mapping needs in the event of hosting larger Championship events, plus factoring further recruitment activities.