

COMOX DISTRICT MOUNTAINEERING CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
February 15, 2014

The 2014 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Comox District Mountaineering Club (CDMC) was held at Creekside Commons, 2202 Lambert Drive, Courtenay, BC. The doors were open at 7:00 p.m.

Bob St. John called the meeting to order at 7:30 and circulated a sign-in sheet for all attendees.

Bob St. John presented the agenda for the 2014 AGM; no amendments or additions.

Bob St. John presented the minutes of the 2013 AGM. Tim Penney moved to adopt the minutes, seconded by Allen Wells; carried.

Old business: Otto Winnig requested that CDMC pay for the cost of wood required to make replacement signs in Strathcona Park; he would contribute his labour. This matter can be discussed at the first Director's meeting for 2014. Members suggested that Johnson Lake and McKenzie Meadows signs need to be replaced.

New business: The President's Report was read aloud by Bob St. John. He acknowledged the individual contribution of each person who served on the CDMC Board of Directors this year. Trail volunteers were noted, particularly Otto Winnig and Ken Rodonets. Mention was also made for those who have made trip presentations to the club, as well as those who participated in First Aid Courses. Finally, thanks to all the trip leaders, and to the participants who make the club the vibrant entity that it is.

Glenn Ord presented the Financial Report, which was circulated to the membership before the AGM. Club fees will remain the same, the bank balance is healthy. Don Kulak moved that the report be received as presented, seconded by Philippe (Pipo) Damiano; carried.

Bob St. John announced that he was stepping down from the role of President of CDMC. He also identified other Directors who would not be serving on the Board another year: Andy Redekkop (Vice President), Marie Maccagno (Secretary), and Geoff Brameld (Director-at-Large). Bob then officiated over the CDMC elections. The following Board of Directors was elected by acclamation:

Pam Munroe (President)	Tim Penney (Vice President)
Glenn Ord (Treasurer)	Bev Kulak (Secretary)
Carol Hunter	Juanita Wells
Julianna Wells	Otto Winnig
Don Kulak	

Announcements:

Carol Hunter stated that the Wilderness First Aid Course has room for 5 more participants; dates are April 12 & 13th. Fees are subsidized; it's a very good deal for club members.

Otto Winnig mentioned that the Fish and Game club is negotiating for a keyless entry into Comox Lake with Timber West. There will be a fee and activity will be monitored. Otto can report back to CDMC regarding final details of the agreement.

Tim Penney presented an outline of the trips proposed for the TimberWest Application for 2014. Contact Tim if you are interested in leading a trip that requires access from TimberWest lands; you don't have to be limited to what is currently on the schedule. The application will be submitted to TimberWest very soon. Tim explained the TimberWest permitting process to the membership.

Krista Kaptein handed out cards for identifying and reporting sightings of white-tailed ptarmigan. She also had a display for the Strathcona Wilderness Institute.

Bob St. John gave a brief report on his attendance at the FMCBC AGM in Kamloops. There is some money available for trails work if CDMC members wanted to take on a specific task & apply for funds.

Tim Penney moved that the official AGM be adjourned; seconded by Pipo Damiano; carried at 8:10 p.m.

Bob St. John then introduced the guest speaker, David Stapley, Project Manager, Comox Valley Conservation Strategy Community Partnership, regarding maintaining the health of the Comox Lake Watershed. The presentation outlined the stakeholders involved, threats and risks to the health of the watershed, along with possible solutions to protecting watershed health. David Stapley was presented with a free one-year CDMC membership as a thank-you for his presentation.

Bob St. John then outlined the new waiver form that will be used by CDMC; it is now online for members to fill out electronically. There are also paper copies available for members who are not able to access electronic versions.

The evening concluded with a slide show by Tim Penney, highlighting snowshoeing trips from this year and previous high-snowfall years.