

2015
Camp Koolaree AGM

Castlegar United Church
Castlegar, BC

Camp Koolaree Board of Directors 2014 Chair Report

2014 started with a very large surprise of a Gas and Safety inspection, for the first time in over 80 years of operation. Needless to say the Board of Directors rose to the challenge and made sure 2014 went relatively smoothly. We were grateful to start the year and have finished the year in the black, thanks to the generosity of this amazing community that we are surrounded by.

Our total number of camper nights is slightly lower than years past. Novice camp saw the greatest increase and Intergenerational camp was canceled due to low registration. We were pleased to have 2 rental groups this past summer with 1 being a long time rental. We have also had inquiries from a group wanting to film a movie and a potential wedding in the future. We hope to increase these numbers with improved marketing and word of mouth.

The Board of Directors consisted of Peter Herd, Deanne Stevens, Ray Lundquist, Aron Tinsley, Chuck Clarke, Robin Murray, Diana Plett and Julianna Marko. It's an exciting group of people who come with eagerness, passion and a desire to help and improve the camp.

Looking forward, we hope to continue to grow the numbers and abilities of the board members and continue to try and share the work to ensure burn out is not an issue. The sub-committee's that were implemented need a clear job description and list of expectations. As our paid staff tends to change from year to year, we are looking at creating job descriptions and daily check lists to ensure continuity for the camp users. We will continue to seek different funding options to help with maintenance costs and offset the increasing number of camperships.

Personally, this was truly an enlightening year that was filled with many firsts. Going into my 20th year at Koolaree I look forward to working with the Board of Directors again and growing the camp. Koolaree has a truly special place in my heart and would take some soul searching if I didn't have the option of going to this truly amazing place. It is one of the few area's left that one can truly get away from the busy world and enjoy a true camp settling. It is nice to have a place to be still and know the lord.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Herd
Koolaree Chairperson

Camp Koolaree AGM
January 29, 2014
Castlegar United Church

Present: Ray Lundquist, Theo Huitema, Peter Herd, Misty Soukochoff, Aron Tinsley, Deanne Steven, Norman Whitehouse, Lucie Ackles, Ralph Ackles, Don Ellis

Call to order 7:05pm

Opening Prayer – Peter Herd

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of Agenda (as from previous minutes), motioned by Ray, seconded by Deanne

Approval of Minutes – motioned by Deanne, seconded by Aron

Correspondence

- Nothing outstanding to note.

Overview of Reports

- Chairperson report, Registrar report, Financial report, individual committee reports, camp director reports.
- Motion to accept the Chairperson report in its entirety, made by Aron, seconded by Deanne. Carried.

Financial Report

- Motion to accept financial report as submitted made by Deanne, seconded by Ralph. Carried.
- Board members have established rates for this years camps, which is lower than last years rates, and competitive with Pines Camp in Grand Forks. Rates will be posted on the website, with early registration discounts and family discount rates.

Open question period

- Ralph is repairing a 15hp outboard motor, and wishes to donate the proceeds from selling the motor to the Camp.
- Aron says that he might be able to get ahold of some free car batteries, for camp use. Ray and Aron to further discuss.
- Lucie mentioned that the AGM announcement was under publicized, and should have a wider advertisement in future years due to the church interest and financial contributions provided to us.
- Suggestion was brought up about constructing a hydro generator for the creek beside the camp.
- Suggestion to repair the wharf and create more of a "swimming area" by removing and redesigning the water area. Instead of being subject to the rise and fall of the water levels, create our own area that can be depended upon by removing rocks and such. Need to establish a 5 year plan in order to identify projects, and potential to request funding. But,

with the higher ups threatening our closure from year to year, makes it difficult to plan appropriately and confidently.

Future Strategies

- Possibly take information distribution into our own hands – get church lists that we can send information out to on our own instead of going through the grapevine.
- Our chainsaw was stolen from a private property. Suggested that the individual file it on their house insurance. Might be cheaper to buy one.

Election of Board Members

- We now have insurance for directors and executive.
- Robin Murray, Juliana Marko, Diana Mack, Peter Herd, Aron Tinsley, Deanne Stevens, Ray Lundquist, Chuck Clarke. Motioned that this list be the new board of directors made by Misty, seconded by Ray. Carried.

Adjourned 8:20pm by Aron

Next Meeting TBD by new board members.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Misty Soukochoff
Interim Secretary

Financial

Balance Sheet

	<u>31 Oct 14</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Camperships	1,000.06
Kootenay Savings Chequing	6,979.78
Paypal	<u>546.92</u>
GST Receivable	414.48
Total Chequing/Savings	8,526.76
Accounts Receivable	<u>2,886.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>11,412.76</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	

	Accounts Payable	<u>7,418.54</u>	Property Taxes for dock property
	Total Accounts Payable	7,418.54	
	Other Current Liabilities		
	Payroll Liabilities	<u>1,377.44</u>	
	Total Current Liabilities	<u>8,795.98</u>	
Total Liabilities		8,795.98	
Equity			
Total Assets		11,412.76	
Total Liabilities		<u>-8,795.98</u>	
Total Equity		2,616.78	

Profit & Loss & Budget

	<u>Nov '13 - Oct 14</u>	Budget 2015
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Deposit for Rental	0.00	
Donations		
Campership Income	3,940.00	
Donations - Other	<u>11,809.33</u>	\$
Total Donations	15,749.33	15,000.00
Grants		\$
Canada Summer Jobs	<u>4,182.00</u>	4,182.00
Other Grants		\$
Total Grants	4,182.00	5,000.00
GST Rebate	359.26	\$
Hiring Grant- Revenue Canada	532.62	350.00
Interest- Income	0.06	
Investments		
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	<u>5.87</u>	
Total Investments	5.87	
Koolaree Camps		
Co-ed Teen	1,270.00	
Family Camp	290.00	
Jr. Boys	100.00	
Koolaree Camps - Other	<u>12,490.92</u>	

		\$
Total Koolaree Camps	14,150.92	17,500.00
Rentals		
Propane reimbursements	450.00	
Rentals - Other	<u>4,970.00</u>	
		\$
Total Rentals	5,420.00	6,000.00
		\$
T-Shirt Sales	<u>160.00</u>	150.00
		\$
Total Income	40,560.06	48,182.00
Expense		
		\$
Association Fees	260.00	260.00
		\$
Bank Fee	165.40	175.00
Building Supplies	17.45	
Business Expenses		
		\$
Business Registration Fees	<u>25.00</u>	25.00
Total Business Expenses	25.00	
		\$
Canteen	468.23	450.00
		\$
Craft Supplies	64.06	100.00
		\$
Electricity	252.73	300.00
Facilities and Equipment		
		\$
Repairs	3,415.62	3,500.00
Facilities and Equipment - Other	<u>403.98</u>	
Total Facilities and Equipment	3,819.60	
Fuels and Lubricans		
		\$
Gasoline	780.71	750.00
Lubricating Oil	29.80	
		\$
Propane	517.56	500.00
		\$
Fuels and Lubricans - Other	<u>1,384.75</u>	1,300.00
Total Fuels and Lubricans	2,712.82	
		\$
Mileage	1,767.42	1,000.00
Miscellaneous Supplies		
		\$
Cleaning Supplies	3.13	100.00

		\$
Hardware and building supplies	30.94	50.00
		\$
Miscellaneous Supplies - Other	<u>936.80</u>	1,000.00
Total Miscellaneous Supplies	970.87	
Operations		
		\$
Advertising	137.26	150.00
		\$
Criminal Record Check	75.00	75.00
		\$
Groceries	4,998.41	5,000.00
		\$
Landfill	121.00	150.00
		\$
Postage, Mailing Service	51.43	50.00
		\$
Supplies	27.94	50.00
		\$
T shirts	1,403.82	1,000.00
		\$
Telephone, Telecommunications	107.00	107.00
		\$
Water Act	<u>75.00</u>	75.00
Total Operations	6,996.86	
Other Types of Expenses		
		\$
Insurance - Liability, D and O	<u>3,047.00</u>	4,024.00
		\$
Kitchen Upgrades		5,000.00
Total Other Types of Expenses	3,047.00	
		\$
Payroll Expenses	20,912.24	20,000.00
Safety		
		\$
Fire Equipment	127.63	125.00
		\$
First Aid	<u>224.11</u>	225.00
Total Safety	351.74	
Supplies	127.15	
Taxes		
Property taxes	<u>1,176.40</u>	
Total Taxes	1,176.40	
		\$
Transport Charges 495	229.85	230.00
Watercraft		

		\$
Boat Maintenance Other	744.86	750.00
		\$
Boat Trailer Licence & Insuranc	72.83	75.00
		\$
Watercraft - Other	<u>1,150.91</u>	1,150.00
Total Watercraft	<u>1,968.60</u>	
		\$
Total Expense	<u>45,333.42</u>	47,746.00
		\$
Net Ordinary Income	-4,773.36	436.00

Presbytery

The Planning and Visioning Team of Kootenay Presbytery has once again granted the Camp Koolaree Society to operate camps at the Koolaree site and urges the society to resolve the property tax issue with BC Conference as soon as possible. The Outdoor Ministry and Youth Team (OMY) of Kootenay Presbytery has requested contact information of campers identifying themselves as being part of the United Church of Canada so that follow-up can be made within the camper's home congregation and maybe offer the campers an opportunity to share some of their experiences at Koolaree with others in their church. The OMY team has also expressed an interest in having more information about camps and volunteering shared with congregations within Kootenay Presbytery, particularly those who don't have Koolaree Board members in their congregation already making sure this happens. The next meeting of Kootenay Presbytery will be the weekend of March 27-29, 2015 at Castlegar United Church.

Registrar's Report

Teen CoEd	Paid	Sponsored	TOTALS
Male	13	4	17
Female	9	4	13
TOTAL	22	8	30

Jr Girls	Paid	Sponsored	TOTALS
TOTAL	10	1	11

Jr Boys	Paid	Sponsored	TOTALS
TOTAL	10	6	16

Novice CoEd	Paid	Sponsored	TOTALS
Male	4	2	6
Female	8	1	9
TOTAL	12	3	15

TOTAL CAMPERS: 72

Church Affiliation: 28

Campers By Location:

Trail: 15

Castlegar: 5

Nelson: 26

Bonnington: 4

Rossland: 9

Fruitvale/Montrose: 3

West Koots: 4

BC: 3

Alberta: 3

Rentals:

Dancers of Universal Peace

Term Days: 4

Camper Days: 266

Camper Fees: \$3990

Propane/Extra Trips:\$450

Deposit: \$180

Toilet Paper/Dish Soap: \$40

Invoice Amount: \$4220

Private Family Rental

Term Days: 3

Camper Days: 68

Camper Fees: \$1020

Propane/Extra Trips: -

Deposit: \$225

Invoice Amount: \$795

Communication & Fundraising

In the spring of 2014, we submitted a proposal to the Touchstones Museum of Art and History in Nelson for an exhibit during their 2016 season in celebration of our 85th Anniversary. Staff at the museum were enthusiastic and we are scheduled for the summer of 2016. We had requested a spring exhibit, so that some items we use during the summer, such as the Table Totem, might be included, however the museum staff felt the summer worked better for them.

For the 2014 camping season, we changed our brochure design from the old tri-fold paper to colour print rack cards, which Deanne designed on a commercial printing website. Unfortunately, their circulation in

the schools was limited due to the Teacher's Strike. Brochures for the upcoming 2015 season were designed similarly to last year's by Juliana, and distribution has already begun.

The website continues to be maintained by Jody Dudley who has been keeping it up to date whenever the Board requests new information be posted. Juliana set up a new official Facebook page in addition to the more informal group page we have had for years. The new page allows people to "like" Camp Koolaree and gives us a stronger Facebook presence.

Deanne applied for and received the CBT Summer Works Grant last spring and we were able to use that to pay our 2014 lifeguard. She was also contracted to do some administrative work so we could use our grant to its full potential. This grant has been applied for again for the 2015 season to help with our staffing budget. Deanne has also applied for another grant through CBT that will allow the board to hire a contract worker to take on major jobs this spring and summer such as marketing, business planning, handling rentals and creating more in-depth job descriptions for all paid staff. The hope being that we will eventually be able to move from a working board to a policy board.

In December 2014 Juliana planned and organized our first annual fundraiser at Trail United Church which was quite a success. For such a busy time of year and with only 29 people in attendance (not including volunteers), we had such a fun and relaxing evening. The Whisky Jacks of Rossland performed some acoustic music for us, accompanied by amazing footage of Camp Koolaree in the 1940's and 1950's. The menu was camp inspired with macaroni and cheese, hot dogs and potato salad just to name a few. The hot chocolate bar and Sweet Dreams Cakery cupcakes were a hit! We were lucky to have some amazing items donated for our silent auction including a Kindle, iPod Shuffle, Chocolate, Cupcakes, Artwork and much more. The event raised \$1287.75! We are looking forward to planning other events this year including our open house at Camp Koolaree on August 1st, 2015.

BUILDINGS & BOATS

January started off with news that someone had stolen the camp's Husqvarna chainsaw from Norm's place in Grand Forks. He'd taken it there to clean it up and sharpen the chain. We were off to a bad start and things would only get worse before they got better!

April saw me sending updated boat registration forms to the Pleasure Craft Licensing Centre in Fredericton, NB,

Theo Huitema and Norman Whitehouse spent many days in May fixing Koolaree fire hydrants and various leaking pipes around the camp. They also installed a new hydrant behind The Hospital and replaced some broken pipes in the water treatment plant's sand filter. I finally had confirmation that the insurance money for the new Yamaha 25 outboard motor had arrived at Jones Boys and we could pick it up any time. Another event in May caused some grief when someone "borrowed" The Scow and left it tied up down by Willow Point. Lorne Trickett, who lives down that way, was the Good Samaritan who retrieved it for us. I was finally able to get an account set up with VWR Scientific so we could buy water test chemicals.

On May 20 I drove to Jones Boys Boats at Woodbury Creek on Kootenay Lake and returned with the new outboard motor. With help from Don and Margaret Ellis it was installed on the Aroliner. After cleaning up the boat I found that the ancient spare tire on the trailer was flat and had to be repaired.

Liz Berglund called me inquiring about an opportunity for the Trail UCW to visit Koolaree and I received an e-mail on May 29 that said that Darrell Green, the Fire Service Advisor from the Office of the Fire Commissioner and Ric Grant, the Safety Officer (Gas), wanted a tour of the camp. What now?

On May 30 my wife Jean helped me launch the Aroliner at Nelson. We found two floats at the Koolaree dock hung up on pilings and half submerged. The next day, a work party of thirteen showed up at the camp, and with their combined weight we were able to free the floats and get a start at cleaning up the camp.

May had been hectic, but June was worse. I had arranged for a visit by the Safety Officers on June 18 and in doing some research, I became rather concerned when I discovered they had the power to shut down the camp if it didn't meet certain standards.

On June 11 we had work party number two, and besides myself only four people showed up; Theo, Norm, Gordon Swedburg, and Peter Herd. After starting up the water treatment plant I spent the rest of the day trimming grass and weeds from around the cabins. Norm replaced a broken toilet in the Girl's washroom, Peter cleared trails, Gordon cut grass, and Theo kept busy with some other chores.

Between June 14 and 17 I was busy revising safety manuals and creating inspection records for smoke detectors, hydrants, and fire extinguishers in preparation for the arrival of the inspectors.

Darrell Green and Ric Grant showed up on schedule at McDonalds Landing on the eighteenth with clipboards and camera. I took them to the camp where we visited all the buildings containing propane equipment. They didn't stay too long but Ric had noted there were a number of issues with the propane appliances.

Two days later I received an official report from Ric Grant indicting those deficiencies that would have to be corrected before we could open the camp. As we were expecting a rental group on the 28th there was little time and a great deal to do. The commercial ranges in the kitchen could not be operated without a powered range hood equipped with a fire suppression system. The hot water tank in the kitchen needed to be vented through the roof and the fridges had to be vented outside. In the washroom, the hot water tank installation needed some minor changes and in The Hospital, the propane appliances had to be disconnected as they were RV models and did not meet the standards required for installation in a building. In addition, we were no longer allowed to store spare propane cylinders in the Brick Shed.

Work party number three was scheduled for June 21, and along with Norm and I, only Ted and Susan Harrison from Christina Lake showed up. Susan did a super job of cleaning the washrooms while Ted went around changing batteries and checking on the smoke detectors around the camp.

On June 23 Ric Grant said if we moved the stoves and fridges out to the ell section of the dining room we would be okay for the year. Connections to the propane piping would have to be made by a licenced professional after obtaining permits for each appliance. We held an emergency board meeting at Castlegar United to decide if we could make do without stoves and fridges if the changes required could not be done in time. A decision was made to try using ice chests and barbeques and Jim Berrill of Jems Gas Service would be contacted to see what he could do.

June 24 was the day I stopped at the Castlegar RCMP office to fill out a *Consent for Disclosure of Criminal Record Information* form. I was told it would be, "Ready in one week." Don and I brought the Starcraft Starchief (The blue / white cabin cruiser) out of storage and took it to his place so we could get it ready.

On June 27 Norm and I launched the Starchief at Nelson and it ran up the lake just fine, but when the rental group arrived the next day It wouldn't start because a fuel line had split. What a day that was!

The wind had come up and the lake was quite rough. With the Starchief out of commission, it took over four hours to transport the renters and their supplies across the lake.

The last day of June started at 05:45 with a wakeup call from Don. We returned the Starchief's trailer to storage and brought out the red /white Starcraft Holiday 18. After performing maintenance on the boat we took some supplies and the Merc 20 out to Norm at Koolaree. I didn't get home until nearly 10:30 that night.

On Canada Day, Tuesday July 1, Don and I towed the second Starcraft to Nelson. After a good beginning, things began to go sour. Sadly the boat's old canvas top ripped apart at the seams on the way and after launching, we couldn't start the motor as a valve in the primer bulb of the fuel line had apparently stuck open. Time ran out, the rental group wanted to leave so we abandoned the Starcraft and ended up just using The Scow, Aroliner. And a couple of boats from the user group to clear the camp. Later we managed to get the Starcraft running and took it up to the camp - - but it was too late to be of any use that day. We heard an earful of complaints from the user group about the condition of the camp and everything else that had gone on. They managed somehow but I don't think they realized how hard we had tried to have the camp ready.

The next day I went down to the RCMP office to retrieve my CRC and was told I'd have to get fingerprinted so more checks could be done. Apparently my birth date matched that of some scumbag.

On July 4 I went to Koolaree with Jim Berrill to check out the jobs to be done. A few days later Jim presented an estimate of around \$3,000 to get permits and make the required changes to the propane system. Jim came back on July 10 in the middle of Teen Camp and got two fridges in the dining room all running, then installed a vent through the roof and fired up the kitchen hot water tank. He finally made some minor changes to the hot water tank in the washroom and got it going too.

The next day I delivered a Tidy Tank (227 litres) of gas for the camp and three days later four hundred-pound cylinders of propane.

The following week Norm phoned to say that the Merc 20 outboard seemed to be leaking oil from the lower gear housing. Oh, wonderful!

At the beginning of August I was told that Family Camp had been cancelled due to low enrollment. With a bit of a breathing space, our groundskeepers, Norm Whitehouse and Jacob Plett were joined by Chuck Clarke, his wife Mary, Barb Knelsen, and Patti Leggett. The ladies kept themselves busy cleaning stoves, fridges, and cabins. They also put away craft supplies and took surplus food items to the food bank in Trail. The crew was able to nail down a layer of plywood over the spongy washroom floor and paint it. More plywood was tacked down on the Hospital porch to cover a soft spot. A stock of cedar shakes were split and another three rows were added to the back wall of the Hospital. In the second week, we decide not to order a new fridge or stoves this year as we are getting by with the old appliances that are now in use in the dining room.

August wasn't half over when I received a notice from Cory Chisham, the Health Inspector, saying that our last water sample was bad. I left him a message saying we'd dump the contact tanks, super-chlorinate the system, and post "Boil Water Advisory" notices. I managed to deliver another four cylinders of propane out to the Nichawa Road boat launch for Norm.

On August 18 Don and I retrieved the Merc 20 from the camp and took it up to Jones Boys. Three days after that I got a message from Interior Health saying our next water sample was fine. Good! The notices could come down.

Jones Boys called on the twenty-seventh to say that the Merc 20 outboard was ready but after driving up to their shop, I found out that it had not been repaired and I returned home without it. They had not found an oil leak, but did find that the motor needed a new ignition coil which they didn't have in stock.

The Dances of Universal Peace group started to arrive early on August 28 and I was there to help drive a boat and transport their humungous amount of luggage and supplies. Don helped Norm and I when the Dancers left on September first. I heaved a sigh of relief as a hectic camping season had come to an end. Later that week Don and I hauled out both Starcraft boats.

On September 11 the RCMP phoned to say my CRC was in. It had only taken 79 days to process! The following Monday Don and I took the Red Starcraft to Speedy Glass to get the Plexiglas windshield pane replaced with glass. While that was being done, we towed the blue Starcraft to Jones boys to see if they could determine the problem with the motor. We later picked up the red Starcraft, now with a new windshield and towed it to Dr. Gorman's place at Pass Creek where it will stay for the winter.

September 26 found Don and I making another trip to Jones Boys to retrieve the Merc 20 and the Blue Starcraft Starchief. We were told they didn't want to work on the Merc 90 on the Starcraft, because it was too old. Nevertheless they charged us an hour's labour for having a look! That's business.

A couple of days before the end of September, I spoke to Scott McLean, a local fellow who has a mobile marine service. He said he's worked on hundreds of Merc 90's so I think we'll see what he can do next spring.

On October 11 we took the Starchief to Gorman's where it too will stay sheltered for the winter once again.

Four days before Hallowe'en Theo stopped by and left eight used Styrofoam billets that were given to him for the camp. These may be used in the future to support a new dock.

It was now November 1. Robin and Eirin Murray joined Don and I at Koolaree. We spent much of the day putting away canoes, draining lines and adding RV antifreeze to the sink traps and toilets. Robin worked at putting things in order in the kitchen before Don took her and her daughter back to McDonalds Landing. It was late afternoon when Don ran the Aroliner down to Nelson and we hauled it out. By the time I unhitched the boat trailer at Don's it was almost dark.

The next afternoon we cleaned out the boat and took it up to Gorman's after removing the Yamaha 25 and stowing it in Don's heated shop. We had left The Scow at McDonalds Landing for Norm and Theo to use.

On December 6 Theo and Norm made a trip to Koolaree and on their way home dropped off five more batteries for me to keep charged and babysit over the winter. That brings the total to eleven.

After a busy 2014 season, it was a treat to relax a bit and end the year enjoying Julliana's "camp supper" fundraiser at Trail United Church with a number of Koolaree supporters.

Ray Lundquist

Buildings and Boats Team Leader

Program / Operation / Staffing

Koolaree welcomed back Norman Whitehouse as the primary Groundsman and Carly Williams as our lifeguard. We had a long term camper become our second groundsman Jacob Plett. We were fortunate to have two locally trained cooks repeat for a second year, Margaret McBurney and Brettiney Voight.

There were some challenges at times with groundsman, but on the overall, they were good. The lifeguard stepped up and helped with games, outings and first aid. The cooks made all of the meals from scratch and stepped up to the kitchen challenges.

Our camp directors were John and Julianna Marko for teen camp, Robin Murrary for Jr girls camp, Peter Herd for Jr Boys camp, Cynthia St Thomas for Novice. All directors were free to create their own programs and given support when asked for.

All of the staff paid and volunteer would benefit from templates that explain job duties and the expectations of the incumbent positions.

Sincerely,

Peter Herd
Program & Operations Committee and Staffing Committee

Teen CoEd

This year 13 girls and 17 boys explored the theme of "Survivor" at the Koolaree Teen Co-Ed Camp. Each group prepared and presented a chapel service lead by our Chaplin Keith Simmonds. All campers discovered many different types of survival in stories from the New and Old Testament. Each night before campfire we held our own version of "Tribal Council" where we discussed survival in practical, spiritual and emotional ways.

This year our craft time primarily consisted of making a tribal flag for each group along with tie-died buffs to distinguish each group.

Campers completed a few small service projects around camp such as beach clean-up, hauling firewood and cleaning up several areas of the camp from our winter closure.

This year was particularly active, as each day consisted of either an Immunity Challenge where campers competed in their tribes to choose who did dishes the following day, or a reward challenge where the winning tribe was awarded a treat to share. Challenges included an obstacle race, shelter building, buried rocks under water which spelled out a phrase, a scavenger hunt, water balloon target practice and a 3 part race which included blindfolds, obstacle and a puzzle.

Special events included Water Olympics, Hike to the Falls, Canoe trip to 6 Mile Beach, two Cook Outs, and Kangaroo Court. Closing Ceremonies were beautiful thanks to our first aid attendant Don, who organized a candle-lit chapel beach as a surprise to staff and campers.

We were sad to say goodbye to our dear Ken Dimmock this year and held a small memorial service on Thursday morning to honor his time and contribution at Koolaree.

Excellent weather and fantastic staff really allowed campers to have a meaningful, fun filled week! Many thanks to my Assistant: Tim McTeer, the Counselors: Peter Herd and Toni McKellar, our First Aider: Don MacAuley, the Leaders: Josh Plett, Matt Campbell, and Natalie Plett, our Chaplin: Keith Simmonds and Lifeguard: Carley Williams.

After Co-Directing in 2013 I am so thankful to the Camp Koolaree Board for allowing my continued service as Director at Camp this year and look forward to next summer!

Sincerely,
Juliana Marko

Jr. Girls

This year's Junior Girls Camp was small but mighty! Enrollment was down drastically to only eleven campers, probably due to our brochures not getting out into the schools thanks to the Teacher's Strike. Prepared for three cabins, we had six leaders, all of whom were returning leaders from previous years, so when we had to reduce to two cabins, we ended up with three leaders in a cabin. In addition, we had Don McCauley returning as First Aid Attendant, and we welcomed Mary Baker as counsellor and Laura Jean Cuthbert as lay Chaplain.

Our Chapel theme was Circles, Cycles and Seasons and our Program theme branched off of that with "The Lion King". We played circle games and had fun with hula hoops. We celebrated the four directions and the four seasons in chapel, but we definitely had only one season the rest of the time - hot and dry summertime! So, we spent as much time in the water as we could, swimming, canoeing, water games and even a little synchronized swimming. One morning, every single camper and all but one leader (who shall remain nameless) did the Polar Bear swim! Three spectacular lions came down from the mountain for Kangaroo Court. Our final campfire was filled with many hugs, tears and good wishes.

Jr Boys

My staff included: Josh Mack, Justin Seifrit Darian Johnson, Andrew Falcone, Johnny Hartel, Cody St Thomas, Hayden Jordahl and Angus Patterson. I directed and guided chapel services that were created by Keith Simmonds and our lifeguard Carly Williams assisted with first aid services. We also for the first time in many years had 2 camp kids aged 2 and 5.

Registrations were lower than last year with a total of 17 boys this year. The weather was beautiful and made our many swim times in cold Kootenay Lake enjoyable. My leaders were great, with a mix of new and experienced leaders.

I created many minute to win it challenges and the boys enjoy them, we had 25 in total. We also played games like capture the flag, Predator vs Prey and various wide games to channel the energy of the campers. We didn't get to many crafts, but the kids didn't mind.

This was a nice size for a camp and makes it easier on me as a director to know where everyone is at all times. Saying that, I miss the organized chaos of years past when we had many more campers and almost didn't have enough staff.

Thank you for such a rewarding and enlightening experience, I learn something about myself every year. It is always nice at Koolaree to have a place to be still and know the lord. I hope everyone will stay safe so we can enjoy many years to come and grow with the camp.

Sincerely,

Peter Herd

Director

Novice

Novice Camp was another success this year. My preparation started with just 6 registrations on the Monday before camp was to begin. With some sharing on Facebook and some word of mouth from my sister/ co-director/ right hand girl, Erica, we managed to get those numbers up to 16 by the end of that week. On the day that the campers arrived, we did end up with one no show (I believe he was one of our sponsored campers) but still had 15 eager young campers ready to join us for a fun filled week of "Superhero" fun. Our mix of kids was fairly even with 9 girls and 6 boys.

We had 6 leaders join us (myself and my lone adult helper), 3 male leaders and 3 female leaders. Despite a few bumps along the road, we managed to keep everyone engaged and learning about all that Koolaree has to offer. From Polar Bear swim, to cabin inspection, songs around the campfire and everything in between our campers and leaders were able to see a variety of ways people around them could be superheroes. They also learned about the qualities in themselves that already made them heroes. We played games, did a variety of crafts (superhero masks & capes, the ever popular God's-eye that nearly ran us out of yarn in addition to endless secret-pal gifts) and enjoyed the incredible weather with swim times at both Koolaree beach and Clam Bay. Our week concluded with a reflection at Chapel, each person at camp describing something in them that made them a hero and along with an opportunity to share who in their life they looked to as a hero. Many campers and leaders alike seemed pleasantly surprised it find they had touched the hearts of those around them as they were named heroes in the eyes of someone else at camp.

I would like to thank the board for allowing us another year at Novice to make new friends, share our traditions, learn about ourselves and "Be Still and Know The Lord" at our majestic home away from home, Camp Koolaree.

Respectfully,
Cynthia St. Thomas
Novice Director

Intergenerational

Our work party was small this week. Barb Knelsen, Patti Leggett, Jacob Plett, Norm and Mary and I so we couldn't be too ambitious. Making the floors in the wash trailer safe was our main concern so we laid a layer of half-inch treated plywood over the existing floor; screw nailed it down and enameled it white with some paint Norm had acquired. Looks great and should be good for a year or two and can be retrieved and used elsewhere later. The deck in front of the hospital was dangerous too and we put a sheet and a half down to strengthen it

The ladies tidied and scrubbed the kitchen counters and fridges from top to bottom. Swept the cabins, sorted and stowed away all craft supplies into the back room of the guest cabin, sorted and repacked the 127 surplus T-shirts. Packed up the canteen supplies and delivered them and the T-shirts to Peter's home. We split a pile of shakes and nailed three rows onto the back wall of the hospital (another two and a half to go). The remaining food was packed up and delivered to the food bank in Trail. It was hot work and I felt pleased with our efforts. I would like to go out again and try to finish the shake job. Jacob volunteered his time and was a real asset.

Sorry I don't have pictures like Ray but this is my report.

Chuck