

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
(subject to approval at 2015 AGM)
Alpine Club of Canada , Vancouver Island Section
Saturday, January 18th, 2014, 7.30 pm
Vancouver Island Mountain Centre, Mt Washington

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7.30pm

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Proposed: Roger Taylor

Seconded: Harry Steiner

Carried

2. Adoption of the 2013 AGM Minutes

Proposed: Sandi Berry

Seconded: Peggy Taylor

Carried

REPORTS:

3. Chair:

Rick Hudson reviewed the events of the year, and a copy of his report is attached.

4. Treasurer: Phee Hudson reviewed her financial statements copies of which are attached. After discussion she introduced her Budget for 2014 a copy of which is also attached.

Motion: That the Budget be adopted.

Proposed: Phee Hudson

Seconded: Liz Williams

Against 1. Abstentions 6. For 20.

Carried.

5. Education: Harry Steiner reported that there had been 19 courses delivered during the year, that a new wilderness 1st Aid course was in the works and that he would appreciate administrative help with regard to it. He said that there was a great demand for beginner back country ski trips.

6. Bushwhacker: Rick Hudson for Sandy Stewart reported that there had been a larger than normal issue for 2013 and Cedric Zala was taking over the portfolio for 2014. Sandy's report is appended here.

7. Equipment: Mike Hubbard reported that 2 extra sets of crampons had recently been purchased, in addition to the 3 ropes acquired earlier in the year. He is preparing an up to date list for the website and Krista Zala is going to take photos for the website.

8. Membership: Christine Fordham reported that we presently have 407 members. There is a 20% annual attrition rate balanced equally by 20% new members.

9. Summer Camps: Liz Williams reported that 43 people had attended the Summer Camps. She had managed to obtain a contribution from a construction contractor for an anticipated overrun over and above the \$600 charged per person, to cover additional helicopter cost, which had in fact come in under budget, resulting in a surplus as shown in the financial statements. Discussion followed but no motions were made.

Cedric Zala reported that 22 people had attended a successful camp at Rogers Pass.

10. Schedule: Rick Hudson for Russ Moir reported that there were more trips on the schedule than usual and that the Schedule was in good shape.

11. Website: Martin Hofmann reported that his committee was working on updating the website.

12. Old Business: there was no old business.

13. New Business:

Rick Hudson presented the Nominations Report on behalf of Tom Hall, and the following Executive was elected by acclamation:

Chair:	Mike Hubbard
Secretary:	Russ Moir
Treasurer:	Colleen Kasting
Members at Large:	Geoff Bennett; Chris Jensen; Martin Smith
Access and Environment:	Barb Baker
BMFF coordinator:	Krista Zala
Bushwhacker Annual:	Cedric Zala
Education:	Harry Steiner
Equipment:	Mike Hubbard
Evening Events:	Brenda O'Sullivan
FMCBC Rep:	Robie MacDonald
Library/Archives:	Tom Hall
Membership:	Janelle Curtis
National Rep:	Christine Fordham
Safety and Leadership:	Dave McDowell
Webmaster:	Martin Hofmann
Webmaster Committee:	Dave McDowell

The following positions were also filled on a non Executive basis at the request of the nominees:

Bushwhacker Newsletter:	Mary Sanserverino
Historian:	Lindsay Elms

Any other business:

There was no other business and the meeting then adjourned.

Following the adjournment the new Chair thanked Catrin Brown for her exceptional services to the Club, and Cedric Zala thanked Rick and Phee Hudson for their services and presented them with 2 signed photographs and gift certificates for MEC.

ADDENDUM:

On January 22, 2014 the following resolution was moved by Mike Hubbard, seconded by Colleen Kasting: That the signing authorities on the ACCVI account at Coast Capital Savings be any 2 of John Michael Hubbard, Colleen Kasting, Russ Moir and Cedric Zala.

The resolution to be voted on by the new executive by email ballot by 12 noon Friday January 24th 2014.

Carried.

The above minutes are certified correct.

Mike Hubbard (Acting Secretary and new Chair)

Cedric Zala (Continuing Executive Member)

Rick Hudson's Chair's Report – AGM 2014

Last year we celebrated our centenary with a variety of special activities, so you might expect that the momentum would slow down in 2013. Instead, much has been achieved.

There were two important anniversaries. Albert Hestler and Don Morton turned 80. Both are still very active in the section. Don joined in 1961, Albert in 1980. Don also received the ACC's Silver Rope Award for climbing skills demonstrated over many decades at the highest level. And Catrin Brown & Tak Ogasawara received Don Forest Awards for longstanding service to the section.

On a sadder note, we lost two mountaineering icons in 2013. Sid Watts (1927 - 2013) was an Island legend whose younger days were dedicated to climbing. In later years he became a vocal advocate for wilderness protection. It's a fitting legacy that he had a peak named after him while still alive, as well as a hut. He was an ACC member for 61 years. On August 16 we also lost long time member Charles Turner (1950 - 2013), while he was returning from an ACC trip on the west coast. He was a tireless leader still in his prime, who will be greatly missed. In that same aircraft incident, member John Young was injured, but has since recovered.

If a section's measure is taken by the amount of training it provides its members, then 2013 was a bumper year, thanks to the energy of Nadja & Harry Steiner, who together and separately arranged or personally led a staggering 19 courses! There was also outside training by Brad Harrison, who ran a Leadership Workshop in the spring, and a pre-winter safety workshop in the fall, both provided free to members.

Thanks also to Rick Johnson, Sandy Briggs, Krista Zala, Alois Schonenberger, Dave McDowell and others who delivered courses/workshops as part of the ongoing goal to get members confident in their skills, so they will lead others in the future. Up-island members also coordinated a presentation by the Avalanche Association of Canada in Comox on safe winter backcountry travel. At the top end of the education scale, Stefan Gessinger attended The North Face-ACC winter training week in January.

On the subject of money and finance, the section is in good heart. Phee Hudson will have more to say on that. We made small donations to

- The Vancouver Island Avalanche Centre,
- the Climbers Access Society,
- the VI Spine Trail Assoc.,
- the Canadian Alpine Journal,
- the Spearhead Hut Project in Whistler,
- the Strathcona Wilderness Institute
- the VI Mountain Centre at Mt Washington – the clothes pegs – Andrew Scherck.

The section's income is supplemented in large part by the Banff Mtn Film Festival, and thanks to Krista Zala's organization it was a sell out of over 1000 tickets! And thanks to social media, this year for the first time there was no paid publicity. Outside in the lobby there were paid-for commercial booths, and who can forget the bags of free Kicking Horse coffee donated?

What we often forget is that as well as being our biggest source of revenue, the BMFF is our biggest exposure to the general public, and Krista leveraged that with a follow-up pub night and two one-day hikes. As a result, our monthly numbers of joining or re-joining more than doubled in December.

Thanks must go to Martin Hofmann, Dave McDowell and Greg Lawrence who make the website hum. IBW annuals back to 1960s are now online for your reading & research pleasure.

Activities:

- There were 2 spring ski weeks: the Esplanade Range near Golden, and Selkirks near Kaslo.
- There were 3 summer hiking camps at Griswold Pass, and a climbing week in Roger's Pass from the A.O.Wheeler Hut.
- There was a week-long youth climbing camp held at Mt Sutton on VI (sponsored in part by the section's Memorial Fund), and a bushy ascent of a peak on BC's Central Coast by another youth team, again sponsored by the Memorial Fund.

- There has been a significant increase in hard new routes over the year, especially in the past month when the cold produced excellent ice conditions, and many lines fell to axe and crampon, notably on Colonel Foster and Rugged Mtn.

On the social scene, there were 10 well-attended monthly evenings held in Victoria (thank you Brenda O'Sullivan and Peggy Taylor), the annual photo competition (thanks Roger Taylor), a well-attended summer BBQ (thanks Catrin Brown), and a Christmas party (thanks Tom & Pam Hall).

At last year's AGM you voted to support two new ideas.

- We proposed to manage the Ranger Cabin at Hairtrigger Lake not far from here. Our proposal continues to move slowly through BC Parks' land management process.
- We also wanted to add roughly 1,400 hectares of alpine land (where we held Summer Camp 2012 north of Mt McKelvie near Tahsis) to the existing 6,600 hectare Woss Lake PP. We got the support of mayor & council in Tahsis, North Island Parks, the MLA for the region, and lukewarm interest from the BC Minister of the Environment. But the local First Nations do not see the proposal as being in their interest, so it's currently on hold.

On a positive note, we are in the process of following many other ACC sections by forming a Leadership Committee to try and standardize our skills and certifications with other sections and clubs. There are undertones of liability here, but the big picture is that we live in a shrinking world where we need to be aware of what others are doing, and match those leadership and safety standards where appropriate. Dave McDowell has put a lot of energy into this initiative, and I hope that in the coming year his efforts will start to bear fruit.

As we roll into 2014 and I step down from the Chair, I see a section that is in good heart. There were varied trips both local and far a field, easy and difficult, winter & summer. There were events for teenagers to octogenarians. There are now many different trip leaders compared to a few years ago (thanks Russ Moir).

My thanks to all who participated in the many activities of the past year, whether it was drinking beer at the BBQ or pushing new routes on winter faces. You are the grist to the mill of the ACC-VI. Finally, my particular thanks to all who served on committees or volunteered for special projects. Things don't just happen – someone is always behind the scenes (you know who you are) making the effort. Thank you.

ACCVI Profit and Loss Actual compared to Budget for 2013			
Income	Budget 2013	Actual 2013	Budget 2014
Banff Film Festival	\$14,500.00	\$16,150.99	\$15,000.00
Contributions and Advertising		\$150.00	
Donations to the Memorial Fund		\$400.00	
Equipment Rentals	\$750.00	\$525.00	\$500.00
HST/GST recoverable	\$1,800.00	\$1,576.51	\$2,600.00
Investment Income	\$310.00	\$310.00	\$438.00
Other Slide show income		\$631.80	
Transfer in from the memorial fund	\$1,600.00	\$1,750.00	\$300.00
VI Section membership dues	\$3,500.00	\$5,995.00	\$5,500.00
TOTAL	\$22,460.00	\$27,489.30	\$24,338.00
Expenses			
Banff Film Festival	\$4,000.00	\$2,754.43	\$3,200.00
Bushwacker Publication	\$3,700.00	\$4,484.99	\$4,800.00
Special Projects	\$1,000.00	\$214.99	\$800.00
Education and Course Subsidies	\$6,000.00	\$6,107.18	\$6,000.00
Donations to other organizations	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Donations to the memorial fund	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$800.00
Equipment Purchases	\$1,000.00	\$441.59	\$1,200.00
Miscellaneous	\$800.00	\$133.06	
Postage and Delivery	\$160.00	\$208.18	\$238.00
AGM, Banquet and BBQ & Xmas party	\$800.00	\$599.59	\$1,000.00
Slide shows and meetings	\$1,000.00	\$929.92	\$1,000.00
Youth Grant Payouts	\$1,600.00	\$1,900.00	\$300.00
FMCBC		\$4,195.00	\$3,000.00
TOTAL	\$22,460.00	\$24,368.93	\$24,338.00
SURPLUS/LOSS	\$0.00	\$3,120.37	\$0.00

Overall Cash Positions for the ACC Vancouver Island at Dec 31st 2013.			
	2011	2012	2013
Coast Capital Chequing Account	\$23,333.16	\$24,771.78	\$29,412.62
Receivables	\$0.00	\$3,435.86	\$2,655.33
Liabilities	\$4,500.00	-\$271.24	\$448.28
Contingency Fund (Odlum Brown)	\$10,600.00	\$11,022.24	\$10,548.00
Memorial Fund (Section Contributions only)	\$9,215.00	\$9,882.60	\$9,281.50
	\$47,648.16	\$48,841.24	\$52,345.73

**ACC Vancouver Island
Profit & Loss Standard
January through December 2013**

	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Banff Mountain Film Festival	16,150.99
Contributions and Advertising	150.00
Donations to Memorial Fund	400.00
Equipment Rentals	525.00
HST/GST recoverable	1,576.51
Investment Income	310.00
Other slide shows	631.80
Transfer in from Memorial Fund	1,750.00
VI Section Membership Dues	5,995.00
Total Income	27,489.30
Expense	
AGM	71.08
Banff Film Festival	2,754.43
Bushwacker publication	4,484.99
Course Subsidies	2,875.15
Donations	2,000.00
Education, Training	3,232.03
Equipment Purchases	441.59
FMCBC Dues	4,195.00
Postage and Delivery	208.18
Section Banquet & BBQ	528.51
Slide Shows, Meetings	929.92
Special Projects	214.99
Transfers to Memorial Fund	400.00
Website Hosting	133.06
Youth Grant Payouts	1,900.00
Total Expense	24,368.93
Net Ordinary Income	3,120.37
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Interest Earned	19.21
Total Other Income	19.21
Net Other Income	19.21
Net Income	3,139.58

ACC Vancouver Island
Balance Sheet Summary
As of 31 December 2013

	<u>31 Dec 13</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	29,412.62
Accounts Receivable	2,655.33
Total Current Assets	<u>32,067.95</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>32,067.95</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	448.28
Total Current Liabilities	<u>448.28</u>
Total Liabilities	448.28
Equity	<u>31,619.67</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>32,067.95</u>

Report on the 2012 Island Bushwhacker Annual

Traffic Manager Martin Smith ensured our January 31 deadline for submissions was well advertised and also issued two reminders. He organized all the submissions by category (i.e. Vancouver Island, Coast Mountains) and chronologically by date. Editors Lindsay Elms and Sandy Briggs then went through the stories for consistency, spelling and accuracy. When they were finished it was my turn to work on the layout and design.

Submissions were slightly more than double 2011's total. In our centennial year, it was great to see that 70% of the articles featured Vancouver Island trips. As such, the printed book was also double the size of last year which meant greater paper costs and the necessity of perfect-binding rather than saddle-stitching. Actual printing cost was about 80% more than 2011.

The Annual went to the printer (Fotoprint) in the first week of June and after pre-press and proofing, was completed and ready for pick-up on June 13. I am pleased with the print quality and the service they provided.

The Annuals were available at the slideshow on June 13th. Cedric, Rick and I then stuffed and labelled envelopes for distribution and they hit the postal system on Monday, June 17.

2012 Annual

57 articles (40 VI), 74,195 words, 112 pages

Printing: 325 Annuals - \$3,460.79 (tax inc.)

Postage: \$1,020.85 (tax inc.), domestic post unit cost \$3.94 ea. (tax inc.)

TOTAL: \$4,481.64

2011 Annual

28 articles, 38,758 words, 60 pages

Printing: 325 Annuals - \$1,904.50 (tax inc.)

Postage: \$853.63

TOTAL: \$2,758.13 (tax inc.)

2010 Annual

44 articles, 64,853 words, 98 pages

Printing: 325 Annuals - \$2,335.20 (tax inc.)

Postage: 221 units - \$840.44 (tax inc.)

TOTAL: \$3,175.64

Upcoming 2013 Bushwhacker Annual

Cedric Zala will be the new Island Bushwhacker Annual editor.

Submission info:

- deadline Jan. 31

- submission guidelines are on the ACC-VI home page under the "Communications" drop down menu

Sandy Stewart

ACC Access Report Jan 2014

Private land owners continue to control free access to the alpine, particularly Timberwest which has not changed previous policy. A group in Lake Cowichan which included motorized recreationists, has gone silent on their efforts to gain access to TW lands in that area.

Island Timberlands has initiated steps to resume public dialogue which is welcome. Their blog: <http://blog.islandtimberlands.com/> has listed gate openings each weekend this fall.

Western Forest Products have formal public advisory relationships in their areas of operation which are largely Crown Lands in the mid & north Island. They are cooperative regarding access information. The relationship they have established with the Powell River recreation community is enviable.

The best news comes from Alberni Valley Community Forests who are actively implementing community involvement for recreation. Mt. Adder is high on the list. Development for alpine access started this fall from the newly extended road at Sutton Pass with plans & budget in place to begin in the spring when their operations start up.

Locals in Alberni Valley also meet with BC Timber Sales on occasion to ascertain plans, particularly for the Nahmint Valley.

Inlet Trail (part of VISTA) Section 1 is COMPLETE! Three stunning bridges to cross China Creek are in place, the last funded by the ACRD who partner with Island Timberlands on this trail along the east side of Alberni Inlet. This section is about 15 km from Ship's Creek Rd parking lot to China Creek Marina...a worthy low level hike which hopefully will connect to Lake Cowichan when complete. Brochure at <http://www.acrd.bc.ca/cms/wpattachments/wpID206atID984.pdf>

This report is admittedly Alberni-centric. Please contact me with access concerns in any area.

Barb Baker