

Minutes

Attendees:

Executive: Liz Williams, Colleen Kasting, Barb Baker, Chris Jensen, Tom Hall, Catrin Brown, Caroline Tansley, Martin Hofmann, Cedric Zala, Robie Macdonald, Janelle Curtis, Christine Fordham (skype), Colin Mann

Non-executive: Peggy Taylor, Alois Schonenberger

Guest: Allen Agopsowicz, author of the Victoria Climbing guide and president of the Climber Access Society of BC (CASBC)

1. Adoption of the agenda

Additional item added to start of meeting: presentation by CASBC.

Motion: Moved by Barb. Cedric Seconded.

2. Guest Speaker: Climber's Access Society:

The CASBC Constitution promotes access to crags and cliffs across the province.

Allen Agopsowicz presented on two main discussion topics:

- the rules surrounding bolting within Strathcona Park and the role of BC Parks in this matter;
- the management of Crest Creek Crags, where bolting is allowed

CASBC would like to know how the ACC-VI would like to be involved.

Action Item: The information presented by Allen will be discussed further.

3. Adoption of the minutes of the executive meeting 23rd November 2015

Moved by Colleen. Seconded by Tom.

Discussion:

- Minutes can be posted as DRAFT - subject to approval at the subsequent executive meeting.
- Minutes are decisions and actions, not a record of all discussions.

4. Matters arising

a) Leadership survey

Christine / Martin

Leadership committee:

- There was a round table discussion at the last ACC National meeting on why people will or will not lead trips.
- A national survey was sent out to trip leaders in all sections.

Action Items:

Reminder in Bushwhacker for leaders to complete the survey.

Survey results to be discussed with Executive once results are in.

b) Hut committee update

Chris

- The Hut Committee continues to meet with local First Nations and other organizations to discuss the hut proposal.
- Feedback has generally been positive.
- February 27: Chris Ruttan and Chris Jensen were joined by two Tseshaht First Nations on a trip up 5040 Peak.

- Link on ACC-VI Website now.
<http://www.accvi.ca/index.php/component/content/article/14-club-info/84-alpine-hut-for-vancouver-island>

Next and continuing steps: fundraising logistics; work on design; continue soliciting support from stakeholders;

Action Item: Include report in the Newsletter, formalize the location for 5040, and comment on positive steps already taken.

c) Safety committee – roles and responsibilities

Walter

Absent: No update.

4. Treasurer's report – attached

Colleen

- At the AGM it was agreed to transfer \$15000 to a new hut fund. Following this, \$14000 has been transferred from the operating budget to a new hut fund with Ogden Brown, and \$1000 is held back for ongoing expenses as needed for the hut initiative.

4. Bushwhacker progress

Cedric

- The deadline for IBA (Island Bushwhacker Annual) submissions was extended by 1 month
- The extension has been worthwhile as 6 more articles were received.
- Robie and Lindsay Elms have been assisting with editing.
- It has been more cost effective to rent the Adobe software rather than purchase it.
- ETA for printing is by the May Slide Show.

5. Memorial fund update

Catrin for Geoff

- An award of \$1500 has been made to Carlos Mack for First Nations Youth Camp for the purchase of climbing equipment. \$1400 has been given, and in accordance with our policy, \$100 has been withheld until the project is finished and the report written.
- Geoff has been very thorough in the application process.
- Email from Carlos conveying gratitude.
- Carlos is interested in the possibility of building their own climbing wall and is currently researching.
- Current balance of Memorial Fund is \$19,929.

6. Summer camp update

Liz / Cedric

Peggy/Liz for Alava/Bate:

- Camp registration is currently half-full.
- Need to decide if and when to open up registration to national.
- Bear Boxes: 2 concerns with bear boxes: lid design and not water proof.
- The design is not ideal for the long term.
- Currently waiting for quote on retrofitting boxes and building a new one, estimate for this is \$800-1000
- It has been 2 months since announcing summer camp.
- There have been 8 registrations for each week so far.
- No significant expenses coming up
- Travel: time booked with E&B Helicopters.
- Currently deciding on best staging area.
- Jim Raper volunteered to haul trailer to staging area
- The camp location has good opportunities for climbing as well as some hiking and scrambling.

Next steps: The committee is considering latrine logistics.

Cedric for Elizabeth Parker Hut Camp:

- Response was fantastic.
- The week filled in 4-5 days.
- Currently there are 6 members on waitlist.

7. Discussion item: bolting in Strathcona Park

Martin / Barb

- On March 4, 2016 there was a Strathcona Park Public Advisory Committee (SPPAC) meeting that was attended by BC Parks Regional Director Don Cadden,
- SPPAC is a committee appointed by BC Parks, meeting 3 or 4 x yearly to advise Administration on management of the Park. Their guideline is the Strathcona Park Master Plan.
- BC Parks would like input on bolting issues in the park.
- Different Park "Zones" have different permitted activities.

- BC Parks officials refer to the Park Master Plan in order to “police” activities in the park.
- Zoning: the majority of Strathcona Park is wilderness conservation areas, where bolting is not allowed.

Discussion:

SPPAC Chair, Phil Stone, invited someone from the ACC-VI to discuss bolting issues in Strathcona Park.

Regarding Crest Creek Crags: on-going maintenance is required, if maintenance is neglected the area could become dangerous. BC Parks may restrict access if there are accidents.

Opportunity to meet with BC Parks and CASBC, find out more about the issues.

Next Steps:

Catrin: Nominates Alois Schonenberger to proceed on these items:

- Alois will be the club’s representative to meet with SPPAC and BC Parks to discuss bolting issues in Strathcona Park.
- Information gathering: what is the position of other ACC sections in other BC Parks?

8. Administration issues:

Catrin

i) Access to main club database

Due to privacy concerns ACC National Club provides limited access to membership database. Currently Colleen, Catrin, Janelle and Christine have a requirement for access.

Karun and Russ may need access to the data for their scheduling responsibilities.

Action Item: Christine to bring up quality of data format at the next national meeting.

ii) Standing in / deputizing positions

When Executive Members are away for longer periods of time, it is preferred to have someone stand in to cover the role.

iii) Content of website executive page

Executive Website Page needs some cleanup. Some executive members have photos, some do not.

Action Item: If they feel comfortable, executive members should send photo to Martin for posting on ACC-VI Executive Page.

iv) Reports in monthly newsletter

Agenda: Regular reports on executive roles will be added to the Executive Agenda on an as-needed basis.

Written reports to be included in the newsletter; this will aid communication flow from Executive to the membership.

9. TNF summer leadership applications

Catrin

ACC-VI should encourage members to apply with the proviso that it's very competitive.

10. Any other business

- April 28th 7pm: Tentative date for next meeting
- Janelle: Climbing socials up island. Idea of 3 day climbing trip Quadra Island at the beginning of summer. 1st weekend of June to tie in to a pre-existing event with Phil Stone. Optional donation to bolt fund. Make a pitch for a donation at the end of the year.

Motion to adjourn:

Moved By Cedric.

ACC VI Actuals to Budget 2016: Jan 1, 2016 to Feb 29, 2016

Income	Budget 2016	Actuals
Banff Film Festival	17,000	
Contributions and Advertising	150	
Equipment Rentals	500	
HST/GST recoverable	1,000	
Investment Income	450	450
Transfer in from the memorial fund	1,000	
VI Section membership dues	5,800	1415
Course fees	3,000	110
Interest	25	5
Donations Memorial Fund	200	
Summer camp		
Total	29,125	1980
Expenses		
Banff Film Festival	3,000	
Bushwacker Publication	4,000	
Leadership	1,000	712
Special Projects		78
Education	4,000	631
Course subsidies	5,000	904
Donations to other organizations	2,300	50
Donations to the memorial fund	400	
Equipment Purchases	600	
Misc projects and events	1,500	493
Postage and Delivery	225	
AGM, Banquet and BBQ & Xmas party	1,000	932
Slide shows and meetings	750	350
Youth Grant Payouts	1,000	
FMCBC	3,000	
Camps contingencies	300	
Website and maintenance	250	
Up-island events	800	
TOTAL	29,125	4150
Difference		-2170
Downpayment for 2017 AGM		\$753