**ACC-VI Executive meeting**

**3751 Nancy Hanks Road, Victoria, BC 250-477-0070**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 6 September 7.30 p.m.**

Present: *Rick Hudson, Phee Hudson, Sandy Stewart, Martin Hofmann, Dave Campbell, Geoff Bennett, Brenda O’Sullivan, Russ Moir, Mike Hubbard, Cedric Zala, Tom Hall, Catrin Brown*

**Call to order**:

The meeting was called to order at 7.30 pm

1. **Adoption of the agenda**

Moved Phee, seconded Mike. Carried.

1. **Adoption of the minutes 21 June 2012**

Moved Mike, seconded Russ. Carried.

**Reports**

1. **Treasurer**: *Phee*

A balance sheet summary as of 6 September, and a Profit and Loss Standard statement were distributed. The balance sheet shows our total liabilities and equity equal $30647.78. An amount of $1335.00 is show on the balance sheet, set up for the FMCBC payment, discussed below.

1. **Education**: *Dave*

Things are going well, with a good selection of courses offered. Dave raised the idea of a GPS training course, which was favourably considered. It was suggested to put this idea forward to Martin Smith, Tony Vaughn and Harry Steiner to determine their interest.

1. **Schedule**: *Russ*

There has been a dearth of offerings of scheduled trips in the late summer, though some are coming in now. Russ is willing to ‘phone potential leaders with specific suggestions, and give reassurance that all information for leaders is available on the website. It is also hoped that the link between the course subsidy and demonstrated trip leadership will pay dividends in this regard.

1. **Summer camp**: *Martin, Rick*

The three weeks of summer camp went off well with no major problems. The week 2 group was one day late flying out and the week 3 group one day late flying in, due to poor visibility. Phee and Brenda have checked and reviewed all equipment before putting it in storage for the year.

A balance sheet for the camp is attached. There were 42 paying participants @ $425. Heli charges were higher for week 1 but lower for weeks 2 and 3. There was a net profit of $1873.93.

Motion:

*That the surplus from the summer camp 2012 be held on balance in case of future deficit.*

Proposed Rick, seconded Geoff. Carried.

The executive thanked Martin, Rick and Peggy Taylor for all their work in ensuring the success of the camp.

Cedric raised the question of organizing a hut-based camp in addition to the tent-based camps for 2013, and suggested the Wheeler hut as a possible venue. Rick suggested that Cedric consider a suitable volunteer who might be interested in organizing this.

1. **Bushwhacker**: *Sandy S*

The 2011 Bushwhacker Annual went to the printer (Fotoprint) in late May and was completed and ready for pick-up on 1 June. The print quality and the service provided were pleasing. Since the book had less content this year, there were cost savings due to a lower page count (60) than the past several years and using saddle-stitching (staples in the spine) rather than perfect binding (glued spine). The comparison is give below.

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| **2011 annual** | **2010 annual** |
| 28 articles, 38758 words, 60 pages | 44 articles, 64,853 words, 98 pages |
| Printing: $1904.50 | Printing: $2,335.20 |
| Postage: $853.63 | Postage: $840.44 |
| Total: $2758.13 | Total: $3,175.64 |

There were no complaints or any other comments this year.

Sandy suggested that we may want to consider a special edition for next year, to mark the centennial year. He would like to encourage that and can provide a full budget. Ideas include a centerfold (*laughter*), more articles and more colour pages.

Sandy informed the executive that the 2012 Annual will be his sixth and final as editor, as he is over-stretched especially with a young family. We should start to consider finding a replacement.

Rick: “On behalf of the club I would like to offer a huge thank you for a job again very well done.” *Applause*.

1. **Equipment**: *Mike*

Since the last executive meeting, we have acquired 3 new ropes. We purchased 2 x 8.5 mm ropes and MEC gave us one 11 mm rope as part of a community project.

We also purchased a solar charger. (Note there is a correction to information in the newsletter that this has been purchased not rented.)

We have an EPERB that is rarely used, and Rick suggested that we try to sell this, possibly to a marine outfitter, with a possible revenue of $300. We could buy a Spot instead, which would be more useful for our purposes. *Rick* will investigate.

Phee enquired whether we need to consider insurance for our two dome tents, as they have an estimated value of about $5000. One option may be whether there is, or could be, coverage with Cedric’s house insurance, as the tents are stored in his garage. *Phee* and *Cedric* to investigate.

Mike requested a list of UVic affiliated members to help him handle equipment requests. *Russ* will follow up with Sandy Briggs, who can hopefully provide the list to Mike.

**Old Business**

1. **Centennial Climb the Island project**: *Catrin*

The project continues to attract wide interest and involvement. We are currently at about 100 summits claimed, so have already reached our target – and a few months still to go.

1. **Access & Environment post**: *Rick*

This position was empty, but has now been filled by Barb Baker.

1. **Ranger’s cabin update**: *Rick*

There is no news on this - but watch this space.

1. **Summer BBQ**: *Catrin*

The end of summer barbecue on 30 August was a successful and happy occasion, with a possible record attendance. 31 of the 61 people present had attended the summer camp.

1. **Generalising the Memorial Fund**: *Geoff*

As a result of some mixed responses to the last application for the memorial fund, Geoff prepared a series of questions to help define the objectives. These are attached. Discussion covered:

* whether the fund should extend to expeditions outside Vancouver Island
* how can we define the expectation of an ‘ambitious’ undertaking
* whether we will consider applications for solo ventures or team only.

After discussion, some modifications were agreed to the objectives as currently stated on the website. *Geoff* agreed to take these suggestions to Judith Holm for her approval and further input, and then report back to the executive.

As a result of this process, the approved amendments were agreed and are given at the end of these minutes.

Phee relayed a conversation with Nadja Steiner that indicated she may be interested in using the dome tents etc for a kids’ climbing camp, and might consider applying for a youth grant for this. It was felt that we should encourage this, and that it might well meet the objectives of the memorial fund.

1. **Canmore office’s change of governance model**: *Rick*

The current board is apparently considered too unwieldy, with approximately 30 members, including one from each of the 22 sections. There is a plan to reduce it to 8, which will mean not all sections will be represented. Rick has written to express his concerns about this proposed change. He feels that the danger is that the central board could off-load expenses to sections because they will be under-represented; no financial loading should be applied without sections voting on this.

It is expected that the sectional board representatives would have a separate board meeting to discuss section issues twice a year, and Rick considers this worthwhile.

1. **FMCBC annual fee**: *Andrew, Phee*

A letter from Scott Webster, President of FMCBC, was circulated, outlining a problem in our interpretation of fees due and paid to FMCBC in the past year.It seems that that in the fiscal year 2011/ 2012 we paid only $5 per head, as we received a $5 rebate on the $10 fee paid. This means we owe $5 per head, and have been asked for this in donation, even if we decide to withdraw from full membership of the FMCBC. There seems to be some confusion over to which year the fees relate. Discussion concerned whether we should pay the requested $15 per head to come into compliance with the 2012/2013 $10 fee + the $5 brought forward.

Phee explained that she had talked to Jodi Appleton at the FMCBC, confirming that we wanted to stay with our executive decision to make a $10 pp donation.  This apparently means that we would no longer have voting rights or insurance.  Jodi had said that other ACC sections were doing a similar thing as the insurance was not a requirement. At their next board meeting, the FMCBC will apparently discuss the creation of a separate type of membership (i.e. associate members) for those who do

not get the benefit of insurance, and this would be at a cheaper rate.

**New business**

1. **BMFF planning**: *Krista*

Arrangements for the BMFF festival on 18 November are apparently well underway, but details were not discussed as Krista was not present.

1. **New executive members**: *Rick*

Barb Baker and Brenda O’Sullivan have joined the executive with responsibilities for Access and Environment, and Evening Events respectively. We welcome them both to the executive.

1. **Garmin GPS workshop**: *Rick*

This was covered under the report on Education.

1. **Four new IQ holders**: *Rick*

The plaques will be awarded to the 4 new recipients at the Swan Lake slide show evening on 8 October. The query was raised about the feelings of the executive on climbers joining the club at the end of their quest, in other words in order to receive the award. It was felt there can be no strict guidelines on this, but rather we should encourage these new qualifiers to become active members and help by leading trips. *Rick* will write to them to express this, and offer them our congratulations.

1. **Climbing the IQs using helicopters:** *Rick*

Lindsay Elms has queried whether recent changes in access might lead to people making attempts at Rugged Mountain using helicopter access. It was felt that this is not yet a problem, and in any case difficult to legislate as helicopters have always been used in some places (historically into Burman Lake, for example).

1. **The accident in Stratchcona park** : *Dave*

On a club trip to Wolf Service (Rambler)in early August, John Young fell and sustained serious injuries including a punctured lung and broken ribs. Dave Campbell, the trip leader, shared his lessons learned from the experience. He noted that the use of the Spot 911 function may have saved John’s life, as helicopter rescue to the remote location came very quickly. Dave also commented on the importance of wearing a helmet, even when not climbing rock. John is apparently recovering well, and Dave was commended and thanked for his competent handling of the situation, including the administration of First Aid.

1. **MEC discount**: *Rick*

MEC have agreed to determine two occasions in the year when members can receive a 10% discount on their purchases. *Rick* will confirm the dates for these occasions.

1. **Free copies of Bushwhacker to non-member contributors**: *Rick*

Sandy Briggs has requested that copies of the Bushwhacker be made available to non-members who have contributed articles, and it was agreed this should be no problem. *Cedric* will send these out when Sandy provides the address(es).

1. **Photo competition**: *Phee*

This is fixed for 25 October and Brenda will book Swan Lake. Phee has organized the event the last few years, but will be away this year, so we are looking for a new organizer. *Rick* will contact Martin Smith to see if he is interested.

1. **Memorial fund use for kids’ camp**: *Phee*

This was covered under ‘Generalising the memorial fund’ above.

1. **The AGM at Mt Washington in January**: *Catrin*

The new Vancouver Island Mountain Centre (VIMC) has been booked for 11 – 13 January 2013. This includes sleeping space for 40, meeting room and kitchen facilities. We need a minimum of 25 people at a cost of $75 pp for the two night stay. It is hoped and expected that this will be an ideal venue for the AGM on Saturday 12 January, as well as several courses and social events over the weekend.

1. **Celebrating the end of our centennial year**: *Phee, Catrin*

Phee and Brenda have worked on designs for suitable clothing with the ACC logo and our section’s centennial dates. These will be advertised in the newsletter and at Swan Lake evenings.

Discussion of how to celebrate the end of the Climb the Island project, led to a decision to include this with the pot-luck dinner / AGM evening at VIMC on 12 January. This will include a rolling photo show and prizes for the contributors.

1. **Any Other Business**

Hijacking of website: *Martin*

This was reported on 15 August. As a result the password has been changed, tighter security has been installed and distribution of super admin level has been restricted. The host ISP assisted in removing the corrupt files.

**Date of Next Meeting**: To be determined

This was later confirmed as 7.30 pm 22 November at Brenda and Ronan O’Sullivan’s house.

**Announcements**

There were no announcements.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9.40 pm.

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| **2012 Mt McKelvie ACC Summer Camp** | | | |  |  |  | v1.7 |  |
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| **3-Week Option** |  |  |  |  |  |  | **Totals** |  |
| **Revenues:** |  | **Number** | **Rate** | **Sub-total** |  |  |  |  |
|  | Week 1 | **14** | 425.00 | 5,950.00 |  |  |  |  |
|  | Week 2 | **14** | 425.00 | 5,950.00 |  |  |  |  |
|  | Week 3 | **14** | 425.00 | 5,950.00 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | **42** |  |  |  |  | **17,850.00** |  |
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| **Expenses:** |  | **Hours** | **Rate** | **Sub-total** | **HST** | **Total** |  | **Pilot** |
| Transport | Week 1 in | **2.50** | 1,770.00 | 4,425.00 | 492.50 | 4,917.50 |  | Morris |
| Transport | Week 2 in | **1.50** | 1,770.00 | 2,655.00 | 295.50 | 2,950.50 |  | Kenny |
| Transport | Week 3 in | **1.70** | 1,770.00 | 3,009.00 | 334.90 | 3,343.90 |  | Kenny |
| Transport | Week 3 out | **1.70** | 1,770.00 | 3,009.00 | 334.90 | 3,343.90 |  | Kenny |
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| Shower head | Hudson |  |  |  | 2.99 | 27.94 |  |  |
| Sat phone rent | Hudson |  |  |  | 32.72 | 305.42 |  |  |
| Toilet paper | Hudson |  |  | 15.69 | 1.88 | 17.57 |  |  |
| Misc. supplies\* | Hoffman |  |  |  |  | 476.55 |  |  |
| Propane refills\*\* | Various |  |  |  |  | 47.16 |  |  |
| Chairs, glasses | O'Sullivan |  |  |  | 4.51 | 42.10 |  |  |
| Biffies | Moir |  |  |  | 3.17 | 29.62 |  |  |
| T-shirts | Hudson |  |  |  | 59.10 | 551.60 | **16,053.76** |  |
|  |  | **7.40** |  |  | 1,562.17 |  |  |  |
| **Profit/(Loss)** |  |  |  |  |  |  | **1,796.24** |  |
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| **\*M.Hoffman** |  | **HST** | **Total** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Solar charger | Atmosphere | 22.8 | 212.75 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wrench, stools | Canadian Tire | 8.63 | 80.55 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Stools | Canadian Tire | 4.79 | 44.74 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kitchen supplies | SuperStore | 5.00 | 46.70 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hardware | Castle | 7.44 | 69.41 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Propane | Mohawk | 2.40 | 22.40 | 476.55 |  |  |  |  |
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| **\*\* Propane refills** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hudson |  | 1.20 | 11.19 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Moir |  | 2.25 | 20.97 |  |  |  |  |  |
| O'Sullivan |  | est | 15.00 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Maddocks |  |  | 0.00 | 47.16 |  |  |  |  |
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**Amendments approved by the VI Section Executive on 6 Sep 2012 (in red):**

The objective of the fund is to encourage young people to pursue activities related to the mountains. There is a wide range of possibilities. However, preference will generally be given to initiatives with the following [deleted ‘three’] characteristics:

* self-propelled [deleted ‘Vancouver Island’] alpine expeditions, climbs and treks;
* ambitious alpine projects requiring leadership and initiative (as opposed to organized camps and courses), commensurate with the ability and experience of the applicants;
* alpine activities with an original or unique component, such as first ascents, winter climbs, new trekking routes, research projects, environmental conservation, art, literature and assistance to youth, the community, the disabled or the disadvantaged;
* Vancouver Island activities (although worldwide activities will be considered);
* team applications (although individual applicants will be considered).

**Tips 6 and 7:**

* Provide your budget. The grant is to go toward only part of your expenses. [Delete ‘to enable a proposal that would not have been possible without the assistance of the grant’]
* State the connection(s) to Vancouver Island, if any.