

Alpine Club of Canada – Vancouver Island Section
Annual General Meeting

Saturday, January 30th 2016 – Vancouver Island Mountain Centre - Mt. Washington

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Hubbard at 7:34 PM.

Adoption of the Agenda moved by Scott Collins. Seconded by Chris Jensen. Carried.

Adoption of the 2015 AGM minutes moved by Catrin Brown. Seconded by Diane Bernard. Carried.

Chair Report given by Mike Hubbard (written report attached, and circulated previously).

Financial Statement and 2016 Budget presented by Treasurer, Colleen Kasting (statement and report attached). The balance includes the hut deposit for the 2017 Ski Camp because the deposit is owed prior to 2017. More money was added to donations because there are so many groups providing services that the club benefits from. Motion to approve the Proposed 2016 Budget made by Colleen Kasting. Seconded by Mary Sanseverino. Passed.

Memorial Fund representative Geoff Bennett was absent, but recipient of the fund, Kristen Walsh, was present. Kristen expressed her gratitude to the club for the award, and thanked everyone who attended the slideshow. Kristen is working on her Master's in Environmental Studies and the memorial fund helped to fund her 2015 fieldwork in the Rockies (Grande Cache to Waterton Lakes).

Access report given by Barb Baker (written report attached, and circulated previously). Barb notes that Island Timberlands will not respond to access questions from other club members. Questions must be routed through Barb.

Membership report presented by Janelle Curtis. The UVic Outdoors Club joined the club this past year. Memberships are up 17% from last year, with UVic students being 13% of this. The number of members have increased 26% (10% from UVic). 40% ACCVI members are female vs. 57% female in the UVOC. The farthest member is in Switzerland. The ACCVI membership inbox received 1000 emails last year, not including spam. Special thanks to Christine Fordham and Martin Hofmann for monitoring the membership inbox when Janelle is not available. That email is: membership@accvi.ca

Krista Zala (BMFF Coordinator) sends her regrets.

Robie Macdonald (FMCBC, Environment and Access representative) sends his regrets.

National Report given by Christine Fordham. We have finally received a copy of the insurance policy for trip leaders. Kayaking and canoeing have been added to insurance policy this year (e.g. Marble Meadows). The hut upgrade has been dropped and is now part of the membership. You can purchase travel insurance from the Club; the insurance company is called TuGo Travel. It is underwriters insurance, and provides individual insurance for out of province trips. Covers climbing, skiing and other backcountry activities. If you work for a larger corporation that keeps track of employee volunteer hours, inform them of your hours spent with the ACC and they may donate to our causes, like our hut project. Reminder to sign up for NewsNet Weekly, the National Club's weekly e-newsletter.

ACTION: Christine Fordham - purchase 40 UIAA Petzl *Alpine Skills: Summer* books from the National Club at \$10.00 each.

Karun Thanjavur (Scheduler) was not present at the meeting. Russ Moir (backup scheduler) explained that Karun is very busy right now, so bear with him if you are waiting more than normal for your trip to be posted to the schedule.

ACTION: Russ Moir - look into a backup system for posting trips to the schedule.

Webmaster Martin Hofmann presented the web report. Martin would still like to explore the idea of a committee dedicated to the website. One person has offered to help with content. A software upgrade is really needed. The website and webmaster would always appreciate any help people want to give.

ACTION: Martin Hofmann - follow up on creating a web committee.

Summer Camp report given by Liz Williams (written report attached and previously circulated). This year there are two locations: Alava/Bate on Vancouver Island and Lake O'Hara in the Rockies. Peggy Taylor does so much work on the Summer Camp Committee, so a special thanks for Peggy. Reminder to send in your medical information, which is part of the application, to Peggy if you are attending any summer camp, very important that the camp managers have this information - it will be kept confidential. Don't forget your ACC membership number as well. The summer camps are looking for camp managers for each week.

Walter Moar (Safety Committee) sends his regrets.

Hut Committee presentation given by Chris Jensen. Committee members include Martin Hofmann, Chris Ruttan, Lindsay Elms and Rick Hudson. Since Chris Jensen's presentation last year at the 2015 AGM, the committee formed and began looking seriously at the feasibility of a hut on the Island, and narrowed down the requirements to area above 1200m, winter accessibility, ski slopes, low avalanche risk, good connectivity, non-provincial park, minimal impact on vegetation. Two areas identified: small area on west ridge of 5040 and a larger north ridge of Adder. Both areas have good access to water: 5040 has ground fed stream and tarn above which did not dry out this summer, Adder has numerous tarns as well. This project is a great opportunity to build relationships with other groups, particularly the many First Nations in the area (5040 is the nexus for six First Nations), and other outdoor groups like Alberni Valley Outdoor Club. The committee has spoken with most Nations with ties to the area, and have received great encouragement for the project. AVOC is on board as well, and April 4th, 2016 the committee will present the project to Island Mountain Ramblers. Next phase is the discussion phase, the committee is soliciting all the "buts" regarding the project, e.g. "but the area doesn't have climbing". The committee will continue to consult all interest groups and work on gaining the necessary permits, then look at avalanche assessment, hut design, logistics of long term maintenance. We could model the hut after Varsity Outdoor Club: open to everyone, cost accessible, maybe a volunteer custodian. Preliminary hut design has room for up to 12 people in loft, wood pellet stove to minimize impact on vegetation, but have not discussed toilet or lighting. If you are interested in helping here is a list of just some of the to do items of the project: incorporate as a society in BC, find a structural engineer instead of looking to Ministry of Environment to provide one, make material connections, find a site for pre-fab work, fundraising (individual huts on the Sunshine Coast Trail cost ~ \$70,000 each, with \$50,000 in materials, \$20,000 for the helicopter).

ACTION: All members - share your ideas and concerns regarding the project with the hut committee members, or volunteer to assist with any of the items on the list above. huts@accvi.ca

ACTION: The Hut Committee - continue discussions with stakeholders and other interest groups.

Motion moved by Colleen Kasting to take \$15,000 from the Surplus fund to create a Hut Fund. Roger Taylor seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Questions asked: will the committee be able to use the funds immediately, and what kinds of checks and balances are in place regarding the spending of the new hut fund? Colleen Kasting explained that yes, the executive has given the committee preliminary funds, and for ongoing expenses the committee will consult the executive to access the hut fund.

Education report is attached (not previously circulated) and Harry Steiner (Education Coordinator) sends his regrets. Please welcome Colin Mann. He will be assisting Harry with education, and is a new member to ACCVI, from the Prince George Section.

Gerry Graham spoke about the TrailRider Program. The program allows folks with physical disabilities to experience the backcountry through the use of a specialized chair. Current coordinator is Caroline Tansley (ACCVI Secretary). The program started 10 years ago with a grant from the ACC and Saanich Legacy Foundation. Caroline is now in her third year of coordinating the program and consistently organizes 1 trip per month. 2016 is the 10 year anniversary, so stay tuned for a special event to celebrate this. Program is always looking for volunteers, especially in the winter months. Gerry had a signup sheet for people to leave their contact info for more information. You can also email trailrider@accvi.ca

Lindsay Elms is working with a Campbell River resident on a project to map and identify all the peaks on the island over a certain elevation. Lindsay presented a document with 450 peaks so far; he is providing the first ascent and first winter ascent for each of the peaks. The list will also eventually include links to Google Earth, and they will be creating 7' tall maps and selling them. There are some mountains that are incorrectly marked on maps, as well as guidebooks, and these mountains are included in the list as incorrect. The project is looking for a place to be hosted, perhaps the ACCVI is interested?

Leadership Awards were presented by Christine Fordham and Martin Hofmann. All members who led trips this year received badges. Christine will contact everyone who did not pick up their badge at the AGM. Youth leaders received letters acknowledging their volunteer hours. This past year a mentorship program was introduced for leaders, new and existing, wanting support in organizing and leading trips. Christine presented awards for those leaders who led the most trips this year. George Butcher won the coveted Arc'teryx jacket with ACCVI leader embroidery for leading the most trips this year. The other top leaders, like Ken Wong, Peggy Taylor, Martin Hofmann, Sandy Stewart, Geoff Beddoes, and Mike Hubbard, were presented with \$100.00, \$50.00, and \$25.00 MEC gift certificates. Christine did a random draw for trip leaders who may not have led the most trips, but did submit their waivers to Tom Hall; Sonia Langer, Derek Sou, and Jessica Landsfield all won \$50 MEC gift certificates. The trip recognition program will continue with the badges, but it will not be competitive. The leadership team reminded everyone how important it is to send in your waivers from your trips. The waivers are sent to Librarian, Tom Hall, and there was a draw at the AGM for those who could answer with the skill testing question of "Who do you send completed trip waivers too?". Tara Sharpe won the prize (an ACC toque). Special thanks to Christine for all the work she put into organizing the leadership awards.

Please note, the executive pass the following motion regarding summit registers on Sept 14th 2015: Log books should remain on the mountain unless damaged or in imminent threat of damage or if the tube is full. If you cannot dry it out and take it back up with another tube then in those cases

the log can be brought down and provided to Tom Hall for archiving.

The Nominations Report, as attached, was read by Christine Fordham, for Mike Hubbard. Mike conducted the election of positions, as per protocol. All positions in the report were elected for the 2016 year.

ACTION: Martin - change the website to reflect the new executive.

Mike Hubbard moved to adjourn at 9:45pm. Adjourned.

(Minutes by Brianna Coates)

Following Reports attached:

- Chair Report
- Financial Statement
- Access Report
- Summer Camp Report
- Education Report
- Nominations Report

Report from the Chair

By Mike Hubbard

Another year has passed and it has been a good one despite a poor skiing season on the Island last winter.

Catrin Brown organized yet another ski camp at Golden Alpine's Meadow lodge. Unfortunately she had to go to the UK for family reasons and Russ Moir and I were left to manage it. This was the first year in which we had made it mandatory to have completed an AST 1 course. It was to no avail as four of us were caught in a wind slab avalanche and were lucky to escape without injury. We did however have some fantastic skiing and thanks are due to Catrin for getting us out there.

Our Spring Banquet was well attended and held at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club. Liz Williams regaled us with an excellent presentation on her trip to Kilimanjaro and the Serengeti. We are looking forward to hearing about her latest trip to Nepal from which she has recently returned.

In May Russ Moir organized a work party on the Judge's route on Mt Arrowsmith. The late Mr. Justice Ralph Hutchinson, after whom it was named, would be horrified to see the erosion that has taken place from overuse. We managed to achieve a remarkable amount of repair in one weekend and a bonus was the wonderful camp three of us had on the summit. Much remains to be done and I hope as many members as possible will come out for the next work party in the spring.

A new event, which I hope will become a tradition, was a week of Rock Climbing at Skaha. Based in a luxurious condo at Okanagan Falls we had some great climbing and, for those of us who are vertically challenged, some much needed post climbing wine in the surrounding vineyards. Thanks to Colleen Kasting for organizing us.

The Summer Camp Committee is to be once again congratulated on organizing three weeks of camp in the Cyclone Peak area just west of Lillooet Lake. A great spot and well chosen. Unfortunately the weather did not smile on us apart that is for week two which I was lucky enough to attend which was idyllic. Week three was marred by a serious accident to Diane Lyon, a Prince George Section member, which required a helicopter evacuation from difficult terrain and thanks are due to the Camp Manager for that week, Rick Hudson, for so ably handling the situation. We subsequently made a donation to the Pemberton District Search and Rescue acknowledging their tremendous help with the rescue.

The summer BBQ was held at Catrin's mountain retreat at the end of August and was blessed with calm and warm weather. The BBQ was tended with aplomb by Erich Schellhammer and we had a most congenial and pleasant evening.

In September Tak Ogasawara invited us all to a week end at his vineyard, the South End Winery, on Quadra Island; some 30 of us attended and not only did we have a wonderful feast but we were introduced to the challenges of the Chinese mountains and other crags pioneered by Phil Stone. Thank you Tak for hosting this event. It was very special.

Throughout the year the Education Chair, Harry Steiner, has run a large number of courses many in conjunction with Island Alpine Guides. Thank you Harry for all your work. The social evenings on the second Thursday of the month have been full of interest and Peggy and Roger Taylor have done a great job in tracking down interesting speakers and meeting the challenges of opening the Swan Lake Nature Centre on time which has on occasion been no mean task. Peggy and Roger also organized the Photo contest which attracted the usual level of high quality pictures.

Mary Sanseverino has put out our monthly newsletter and always managed to find items of interest: a special thanks both to her and to Sean McIntyre who stood in for Mary during the summer months.

This year we have tried to encourage events for our up island members. Lindsay Elms, our Historian, put on a very interesting evening in Courtenay in November with Lydia Bradey from New Zealand presenting on her experiences as a guide and as the first woman to summit Everest without oxygen. Janelle Curtis, the following weekend, organized an evening of climbing in Nanaimo's Romper Room which was great fun and attended by 29 of us. Thanks to you both.

The Banff Film Festival, our major fund raiser, was once again a sellout. Congratulations to Krista Zala on the energy which she put into organizing it and making it such a success. The Island Bushwhacker Annual now equals the Alpine Club Journal in professional appearance and thanks are due to Cedric Zala and his committee for their painstaking work on its production.

The section Christmas Party was once again a delight and ably organized by Colleen Kasting. Thanks to Tom and Pam Hall for loaning us their warm and elegant house for the occasion. The Choir of St Andrew's School sang carols for us and Reinhard Illner gave us the opportunity to sing along in both English and German to his skillfully played piano accordion. Thank you also Tom for continuing to house our Library and Archives.

Many members have led trips throughout the year: thanks to all of you. Christine Fordham has added a new incentive to Leadership with her points and awards program. Thank you for setting this up Christine and also for your work as our National representative. The TrailRider program has also had many outings throughout the year. Thank you Caroline for running this and also acting as our secretary.

In terms of ongoing projects Chris Jensen and his hut committee are working hard on the planning for a proposed hut most probably in the 5040 area and we are looking forward to its shelter in the not too distant future.

During the year Walter Moar joined the executive as the safety committee; he and I have inspected the club gear and discarded one or two items which had passed their best before date or been damaged in use. It is a pleasure to have you on board Walter.

Our Finances are in good shape thanks to Colleen's tight rein and considerable work. We have made donations to the Canadian Alpine Journal, the Vancouver Island Mountain Centre, Pemberton and District Search and Rescue, the Vancouver Island Spine Association, Phil Stone for Quadra Island Climbing and to the Vancouver Island Avalanche Centre. From the Memorial Fund we made a donation to Kristen Walsh for her work on the Mountain Fire Lookouts in Alberta and she and Mary Sanseverino rewarded us with an excellent presentation on their work at our January Social.

This is my last report as your Chair. I have enjoyed the experience but the time has come for new and younger blood to take over. Thank you to all the executive for your hard work. Thank you particularly to Colleen Kasting for keeping our finances in such immaculate order, to Janelle Curtis for handling the membership communications so efficiently, to Martin Hofmann for his work on the website and to Robie Macdonald as our FMCBC representative.

We are fortunate to have here on the Island such a thriving club and wonderful group of friends. I look forward to continuing to see you all both in the mountains and at section activities.

Alpine Club of Canada – Vancouver Island Section

January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015

Financial Statements (unaudited)

Provided by Colleen Kasting (Treasurer)

Descriptions of Organization

The Alpine Club of Canada is a registered Amateur Athletic Association and a registered Canadian charity (Registration No.: 10670 4182 RR0001). Its vision is to bring together, and give voice to, Canada's mountaineering community. The Mission is to promote alpine experiences, knowledge and culture; responsible access; and excellence in mountain skills and leadership.

The Vancouver Island Section is one of 22 local sections of the National Club. It receives some funding from the Alpine Club of Canada based on membership. The rest of the money is locally fund raised. All donations to the Vancouver Island Section are sent to us through the National Office and donors are eligible for income tax receipts. The Vancouver Island Section of the Alpine Club of Canada holds a number of funds which are included in the totals below:

- Memorial Fund: for youth grants. Contributions are matched by the Vancouver Island Section.
- Contingency Fund: for Contingencies if needed.
- Summer Camp Fund: This fund is a result of extra income in previous years and is used to fund anything related to extraordinary expenses for summer camp.

ACC-Vancouver Island Expenses to Budget 2015 and Proposed Budget for 2016

Income	Budget 2015	Actuals	Budget 2016
Banff Film Festival	20,000	16,183	17,000
Contributions and Advertising	\$150	75	150
Equipment Rentals	\$500	768	500
HST/GST recoverable	1,300	919	1,000
Investment Income	\$450	454	450
Transfer in from the memorial fund	\$300	925	1,000
VI Section membership dues	5,500	6,315	5,800
Course fees	1,000	3,018	3,000
Interest	\$100	23	25
Donations Memorial Fund		200	200
Summer camp		110	
Total	29,200	28,990	29,125
Expenses			
Banff Film Festival	6,000	2,743	3,000
Bushwhacker Publication	4,000	3,321	4,000
Special Projects (Leadership)	1,000	217	1,000
Education	6,000	5,504	4,000
Course subsidies		4,271	5,000
Donations to other organizations	2,000	1,950	2,300
Donations to the memorial fund	600	400	400
Equipment Purchases	1,000	271	600
Misc projects and events	1,200	335	1,500
Postage and Delivery	200	293	225
AGM, Banquet and BBQ & Xmas party	1,500	916	1,000
Slide shows and meetings	1,000	602	750
Youth Grant Payouts	500	925	1,000
FMCBC	2,700	3,150	3,000
Camps contingencies	600	0	300
Website and maintenance	300	200	250
Up-island events	600	445	800
TOTAL	29,200	25,315	29,125
Difference		3,447	

ACC Vancouver Island
Balance Sheet Summary (all accounts)
As of 31 December 2015

Assets		
Current Assets		
Chequing Savings	38,691.59	
Accounts Receivable	<u>771.71</u>	
Total Current Assets	39,463.30	
Other Assets*	<u>4,877.00</u>	
Total Pacific Coast Assets		44,340.30
Memorial Fund		21,373.96
Contingency Fund		<u>10,816.58</u>
Total Assets		76,530.84
Liabilities and Equity		
Current Liabilities	1,088.00	
Total liabilities		1,088.00
Equity**		<u>75,442.84</u>
Total Liability and Equity		76,530.84

Notes to Balance Sheet:***Other assets:**

Other assets	Details	Total
2016 Hut Camp	Deposit	\$1127
2017 Ski Camp	Deposit	\$3750
Total		\$4877

****Equity:**

Equity	Details	Total
Memorial Fund	Interest from this fund is used for annual grants to youth under 30 years old and based on application. Total available for 2016 is \$1544.	\$21,374
Contingency Fund	Annual interest on this account is transferred to Operating Account	\$10,817
Summer Camp Fund>	Based on camp income from 2013 and 2014 and includes donations back to the camp for summer camp bursaries (new)	\$5,096
Operating Surplus/Deficiency	This includes the total difference between income and expenses over the years	\$ 34,657
Operating Surplus 2015		\$3,447
Income minus expenses for 2016 AGM		\$ 52
Total		\$75,443

>Summer Camp fund

The change from 2014 total includes the 2012 surplus (\$1,162) and expenses of bear boxes (\$1,839)

ACCVI Mid-Island Access Report

By Barb Baker

Working on keeping up good communications with companies.

Most important is

Island Timberlands...always open to viewing maps, planning etc. Access high on the west side of Beauforts & McQuillan now possible becuz of road building up toward sub alpine. We will argue for access up CX 91 which has been promised for now. ?

Company is trying to construct methods of engaging the public.

Please read the Blog regarding weekday travel & gated access N.B

Contact me with access questions.

WFP... work this spring on Runners' Trail at Headquarters Bay & Camp B (part of VISTA concept heading east to Lake Cowichan) will obstruct that trail during harvest.

South Island Natural Resources District (BCTS/MOF)..trying to impress regarding the increasing back country use, esp Marion Valley impacting roads & environment. Locals have offered to put up signs to combat damage to the subalpine, on 5040 & Triple, these to be funded in part by MOF.

Future harvest plans will affect access to Klitsa from Nahmint (2016) & old north Klitsa route (minimal, when?), Mt Anderson.

Alberni Community Forest...good dialogue including advice.

North block has several well used local trails e.g. Teodora & Weiner Creek being built by & maintained by local builders.

South block...possible plan for a small operation high above the north Klitsa trail. Road access to Adder will be maintained to 4WD standard but is very steep & subject to weather damage. Maps on their webpage.

Alberni Inlet Trail...partnership between IT, Crown, WFP & ACRD Stages I & II now complete to Franklin Rd, alongside of Franklin River. Bridge needs to be funded...long span. Just hearing 5K available for engineering feasibility! 3rd Stage is passable...8 trestles have been bypassed. Connects at south end to Runners' Trail. Interpretive signage is in the designing & locating stage...historic & natural history will be explained with FN input. 15K accumulated frm several sources..

Strathcona Park snowmobile incursions: Letter from Andy Smith: "... impossible with current levels of staffing, budget, logistics, schedules and equipment, to patrol the park boundaries all the time.... am the only employee in the winter. Reportsbacked up with "solid" evidence and eyewitness reporting, including photos, gps coordinates, and licence numbers.

..., the general public speaking out to the media, letters, signage"

Summer Camp Committee Report

By Liz Williams

1. Who is the SCC and what does it do?

a) 2015: Peggy Taylor, Jeff Beddoes, Brian Parsons, Liz Williams. 2016: Brian is replaced by Martin Davis (many thanks to Brian for his work last year!).

b) See ToR on website, Executive minutes, June 2014

- Maintain and update an inventory of equipment, including current state of repair and location;
- Estimate costs per person for summer camp participation, based largely on anticipated helicopter costs plus materials;
- Planning and logistics, including picking a location;
- Policy recommendations to Executive as needed.

c) In 2015, we met six times as a committee; did much of our work via email; shopped, ordered and arranged as needed; and met up a number of times at Cedric's house for gear sorting and clean up, with valuable help from other members.

2. The Cyclone Peak summer camp:

- Three consecutive weeks from July 19th and August 9th 2015;
- 41 members, including a handful who joined from other sections;
- Not the greatest weather for weeks 1 and 3; a serious accident and heli-evacuation in Week 3;
- All rallied, good teamwork, lots of fun; see upcoming **FEBRUARY 11th SLIDESHOW!**
- Thanks to all those who provided extra help – Jim Raper, Graham Maddocks, Cedric Zala, and many others who helped with gear assembly and driving the trailer; and especially our able camp managers, Sandy Stewart, Mike Hubbard, and Rick Hudson for making the camps run so smoothly.

3. Cyclone Peak Camp Expenses:

Total 2015 camp revenue: \$25,210.30

Total 2015 camp expenses: \$14,770.29

Camp cost per person (with refund): \$355.00

4. Other inventory / equipment issues:

- Purchase of four bear canisters (\$1840.00) to replace the hangers (we're looking into modifications to make them waterproof and easier to latch and unlatch);
- Second tent rented out to UVic geography group in September at \$20 pp/per week;
- Second tent purchase options have been looked at – on hold for now.

5. 2016 Summer Camps:

- Survey January 2015 – equal choice for VI and Coast Mountains; difficulties with VI (provincial park regs);
- 2016 - Two options! VI and Lake O'Hara!
- Check the website;

- Costs estimated at \$500 pp for Alava Bate (refund policy applies); \$350 for Lake O'Hara. Bursary available for Alava Bate – almost \$350 for a parent/youth duo!
- We encourage 2016 registration as early as possible!

Education Report

By Harry Steiner

I hope you all had a terrific 2015 filled with lots of trips in the mountains. 2015 was also a great year with respect to courses and workshops.

Although the snow wasn't great last year, we had quite a few members taking the Avalanche Skills Course 1 that we organized via Island Alpine Guides. Additional courses in conjunction with IAG were the Back country ski performance course, ice axe workshop and crevasse rescue. We decided to go with IAG due to the large amount of beginners and based on IAG's great services to the club. Based on your feedback, IAG seemed to have done a good job.

ACC Workshops and courses offered by members included the Introduction to Rock climbing by Alois Schonenberger, Intro to Mountaineering (big thanks to Eric Swanson and Brianna for their help!) as well as Intro to Winter Camping (by Krista Zala). Nadja Steiner did a great job with the ACC youth group and put up a youth oriented leadership program (mountaineering and back country skiing at Mt Cain). Looking at our younger members, we saw a lot of participation in co-leading. Big thanks to youth leader Iain Sou for taking over the "Learning the ropes course in 2015".

With respect to helping those ACC members organizing ACC trips, we put up a Trip Organizer workshop with ACMG guide Mike Blake. The course was subsidized by the club and I got an excellent feedback. Last but not least, Krista Zala took the 2015 North Face Leadership course in Lake Louise.

For this year, the plan is to offer Avalanche skills training, the Intro to mountaineering course (2016 will take place at Mt Baker) as well as the popular Intro to Rock climbing with Alois/IAG and the Intro to Back country skiing. A big thanks to Stefan Gessinger (TNF leader), Shanda Lembke and EJ Hurst for helping out with the Intro to Back country skiing last week. We had a really good time and very spirited participants who really earned their M&M's (sorry, Mt Washington ran out of Gummibears).

Anyway, back to education: Again, we need to emphasize on WFA courses and leadership training. 2016 will see another Trip organizer workshop with Mike Blake. I also ask trip leaders to accept and offer co-leaders for trips.

On this occasion I'd like to introduce Colin Mann (former PG section) who has offered his help w.r.t. assisting me in the educational program. We will get together soon and I hope to work out a program that addresses the needs of the club. For this, we need YOUR feedback. I put up new courses but please email me if there is a need for additional courses/workshop. We will try and make it happen.

Again, I'd like to say "a great big thank you" to those who help and assist with education, workshops and courses. Your experience, help and enthusiasm is what makes our activities safe!

All the best for 2016 endeavours and stay SAFE!

Executive Summary of Nominations Report

Executive Members Standing Down:

Chair: Mike Hubbard (staying as Gear Manager)

Proposed New Executive:

Chair: Catrin Brown

Treasurer: Colleen Kasting

Secretary: Caroline Tansley

Proposed Members at Large:

Library and Archives: Tom Hall

FMCBC Representative, Access and Environment: Robie Macdonald

Schedule: Karun Thanjavur

Schedule Second: Russ Moir

Webmaster: Martin Hofmann

Educational Coordinator: Harry Steiner

Educational Assistant: Colin Mann

Huts: Chris Jensen

Gear Manager: Mike Hubbard

Membership: Janelle Curtis

Safety Representative: Walter Moar

National Representative: Christine Fordham

Bushwhacker Annual Editor: Cedric Zala

BMFF Coordinator: Krista Zala

Summer Camp Coordinator: Liz Williams

Non Executive Co-ordinators:

Access and Environment Central Island: Barb Baker

Club Historian: Lindsay Elms

Youth Memorial Fund: Geoff Bennett

Bushwhacker Newsletter Editor: Mary Sanseverino

Up Island Avalanche Equipment Manager: Tim Turay

Monthly Slideshow Coordinator: Peggy Taylor