**Minutes**

**ACCVI EXECUTIVE MEETING Monday November 23rd 2015 at 7.00 PM at Mike’s Place**

**Attendees:**

Caroline, Mike, Tom, Colleen, Martin, Walter, Chris, Robie, Christine via Skype, Harry, Russ

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

**Motion to adopt Nov 23rd 2015 Agenda. Moved by Chris, Seconded by Colleen. All in favour. Motion carried.**

**2. Adoption of the September 14th 2015 Executive Minutes**

**Motion to adopt Sept 14, 2014 Executive minutes. Moved by Colleen, Seconded by Chris. All in favour. Motion Carried.**

**REPORTS**

**3. Chair (Mike)**

- Thank you to Janelle for organizing the Romper Room up-island climbing social event on the weekend. There was a good turnout of approximately 30 people.

- The Christmas party planning under way for Friday, December 11th at Tom and Pam’s house.

- The AGM planning is under way.

**4. Treasurer (Colleen)**

The expense report up until Nov 1st, 2015 was emailed to the executive. The finances are on target although the largest amounts of the year are still outstanding. I.e. there are outstanding amounts for the BMFF and Special Projects, also the amount for camp contingencies has not been spent.

-Going forward we need to think about building capital in the hut fund.

-$245 has been refunded to each summer camp attendee.

-There is $539 remaining in the education budget. There was income from course fees, and funds left over from last year.

**5. National and Leadership update (Christine)**

**ACC National Meeting October 2015**

-A Section Report was presented to the Fall ACC Section Council meeting and distributed to our Executive.

-Meeting minutes from National Meeting were distributed to the Executive.

- Received official copy of insurance policy from National.

**Leadership Contest**

-We are missing waivers for some trips. Badges have been ordered.

-Discussion: In what form will the leadership program continue after 2015. The Calgary section has ongoing leadership activities. The Leadership committee will meet before the end of the year and discuss ideas for ongoing leadership activities. There was general agreement the program should be continued in some form. It may be that we should create a specific executive job that needs filling in our call for nominations.

**6. Hut committee (Chris)**

The Hut Committee met last month. They are still focused on Sutton pass area.

-Next steps: The committee is currently waiting to hear back from Alberni Outdoors club. No date set for a meeting yet.

-Date needs to be set for discussion with area First Nations.

**Discussion:** There are 3 different First Nations in the vicinity of the proposed area. Currently unsure which nation it would finally fall in.

-50/40 and Adder are becoming very popular. Because of this there are concerns of overuse. For example camping at Cobalt Lake has increased in popularity. The hut committee will talk to Alberni Outdoors club regarding usage and impact.

**7. Trail Rider (Caroline)**

There will be Trailrider display at BMFF in order to recruit volunteers. Pippa, Gerry, and Peter will be assisting.

Catrin Brown and the Pearson College students have a trip planned on November 29th to Thetis Lake.

Next outing will be in January.

**8. Banff Mountain Film Festival (Krista)**

Krista absent.

Discussion: regarding $5 rebate to members.

**Motion: That $5 be refunded to membership at the BMFF. Moved by Harry. Seconded by Chris. 9 in favour 1 against (Christine). Motion carried.**

**9. Interim report of Nomination Committee (Christine)**

-With the exception of the chair all executive members are willing to stand.

-Add job or position for Leadership Recognition.

-An open and inclusive nomination process will be followed.

-Nominations process will be advertised in the Bushwhacker.

**Discussion:** how to bring new people in. Possibly have a vice chair position, or social media position. Leave it to next Executive to elect a vice chair if they would like one. Christine to write up call for positions and run it by executive prior to posting in the Bushwhacker.

**10. Schedule (Karun/Russ)**

Karun absent.

The schedule for December and beyond is a bit sparse.

**Discussion:** Regarding concerns expressed over adequate expertise level of leaders. Russ and Karun maintain an informal vetting system for leaders, coordinators and courses.

**11. Education Committee (Harry)**

-It was a very good year for courses.

-There was very little interest in the AST2 course but a lot of interest in the AST1 course.

-Wilderness First Aid course: Because the wilderness first aid course is a large task, Janelle has offered to take this on.

-The Trip Leader Workshop (taught by Mike Blake) was very successful: Should consider doing this again on a recurring yearly basis:

-There is a need for someone to lead a GPS navigation workshop.

**Discussion**: Because the majority of course money went to the Wilderness First Aid course but so few people took it perhaps it should be re-assessed. MEC has a large number of courses that members can take.

**12. Any other reports.**

**FMBC - Robie - See attached**

Barb Baker has been an invaluable mid island contact. The Access Mid Island Report from Barb Baker was circulated via email to Executive.

Next FMCBC meeting is in April.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**13. Full 2015 Donation List (Colleen)**

The full Donation List was circulated.

Phil Stone was grateful for the donation.

Donation funds are almost exhausted for the year.

Avalanche Centre: $400-500

**14. Summer Camp Refunds (Colleen)**

Everyone has their refund. One person donated theirs back to the club.

**15. Up Island activities (Janelle/Christine)**

Thanks to Janelle and Christine for their efforts.

The Lydia Bradley event was successful.

**16. Elizabeth Parker Summer Camp (Cedric)**

Cedric Absent.

The week booked in August is August 14-20. Bring forward to next meeting.

**17. Christmas Party (Colleen)**

The Christmas Party will be a red and green themed potluck. Bring socks for homeless people. It will be publicized in bushwhacker. Reinhart will bring his accordion for Christmas music. An invitation email 10-14 days before will be sent.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**18. Clarification of Safety Committee’s duties (Walter)**

Walter has been in touch with Chair of National Safety committee. He is currently formulating a roles and responsibility list for the committee.

**Discussion:** AST1 is required by the Section for avalanche terrain. Mike and Walter to examine ropes and beacons. Mike to speak to Ken Wong re: gear storage.

**19. Photo Competition – should we replace trophies with prizes? (Raised by Peggy**)

Discussion regarding trophies or no trophies. Consensus that the trophies are a tradition and we should keep them. A prize might drum up participation levels, ex. A MEC gift card.

**Motion: That the trophies be retained for the photo competition for the time being and that in addition there be a suitable prize for winners of each category. Moved by Tom, Seconded by Colleen. All in favour. Unanimously carried.**

**20. Attendance at and publicity of Thursday social evenings (Raised by Rick Hudson)**

**Discussion:** As to whether or not the Thursday social evenings and Photo competition are advertised sufficiently. There was a consensus that Peggy and Roger are doing an excellent job but that we should ensure that the events are posted on social media.

**21. Any other business**.

No more business

**22. Next meeting.**

**To be set at the AGM**

**23. Adjournment.**

Moved by **Russ, seconded by Martin. All in favour. Motion Carried.**

**FMCBC Report – Robie MacDonald**

**Priority Trails:** For Arrowsmith, we will need to fill out a Priority /trails form which can be found at http://handbook.mountainclubs.org/priority-trails-form/

The form asks for photos of the damaged trail plus other background

There’s no rush to submit a trail because we’re not prioritizing them based on when we receive them.  The form will remain open for submissions to come in at any time.  The trails will be prioritized based on discussions with the clubs and land owners/managers.  Then FMCBC will look at raising the funds to get these repairs happening.  FMCBC’s role will be mainly to help coordinate and assist with fundraising efforts.  Clubs will need to find the volunteers to help with the work if they want a trail to be repaired.  To apply for grants we’ll need budgets from the clubs and good descriptions of the trail location, reasons for upgrading it, why it should be upgraded etc.

**Offroad Vehicle Act:** Registration for Off Road Vehicles becomes compulsory on November 1. Please follow the link below for more information as well as details of ORV safety measures which are also coming into effect.

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2015FLNR0313-001725>

Since voluntary registration of ORVs was introduced, 35,505 ORVs have voluntarily registered under the ORV Act between November 17, 2014 and Sept 30, 2015. ICBC has also confirmed the following participation rates by class of ORV ( 78% all-terrain vehicles;    12% snowmobiles;    7% off-road motorcycles; and 3% side-by-sides).

**BC Parks**: From the [report](https://www.leg.bc.ca/content/CommitteeDocuments/40th-parliament/4th-session/fgs/reports/PDF/Rpt-FGS-40-4-Report-on-Budget-2016-Consultations-2015-NOV-13.pdf) of the Legislature’s Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, they are planning to follow *Recommendation 30*:  Increase funding for BC Parks and protected areas management, maintenance and provide more park rangers.

**FMCBC Handbook**:  <http://handbook.mountainclubs.org/> It’s a good resource for clubs and directors who want to learn more about the FMCBC and their responsibilities as a director.

**Next Island FMCBC meeting** (Jodi): I heard from many people that they did not think a November in-person meeting was necessary so we’re going to plan to meet again on April 17th up in Nanaimo/Qualicum.

**Notes from April 19, 2015 Island FMCBC Meeting**

Tourism Vancouver Island Trails Report/Strategy

Report does not include trails around Saanich, Victoria or Sidney.

Final report can be found at:

<http://bit.ly/TVI-TrailsStrategy-Report>

<http://bit.ly/TVI-SumSheet-Van-Island>

**Newly formed Provincial Trails Advisory Body** (see page 7 Sept Cloudburst)

Three year appointments of committee members:

--Andrew Drouin, nominated by Federation of Mountain Clubs. Member of S. Okanagan Trail Alliance and Penticton & Area Cycling Association. Resident of Penticton.

--Tyler Kraushar, nominated by BC Snowmobile Federation. Member of Powder Mountain and Pemberton Snowmobile Clubs. Resident of Pemberton.

--Orville Smith, nominated by Horse Council of BC. Member of Horse Council. Resident of Prince George.

Two year appointments:

--Nick Heath, nominated by Sea Kayak Association of BC and BC Marine Trail Network Association. He is a member of both and a resident of Coquitlam.

--Robert Holland, nominated by ATVBC. Member of Revelstoke ATV Club. Resident of Revelstoke.

The above appointees will represent the public outdoor recrea-tion sector in conjunction with the following:

--Evan Loveless, Wilderness Tourism Association

--David Oliver, BC Wildlife Federation

The following provincial and local government agency represen-tatives will also serve on the PTAB:

--Tennessee Trent, RSTBC, Ministry of Forests, Lands & Natu-ral Resource Operations

--Kirby Villeneuve, BC Parks, Ministry of Environment

--Alan Callander, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

--A representative to be appointed, Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training

--Brian Farquhar, BC Parks & Recreation Association.

The PTAB will be co-chaired by John Hawkings, newly appointed Director of RSTBC and Jeremy McCall of ORC. Trails users, stake-holders and communities are eager to see the benefits of the Trails Strategy and the leadership this group will bring to trail planning, development and management in BC.

**Island access issues** –update on conversations with Timberwest

Recent news article: <http://www.timescolonist.com/news/local/island-timberlands-threatens-to-close-alberni-valley-trails-1.1797526#sthash.znJujNBy.gbpl>. Delegates discussed how some groups, like hunters, seem to have easier access to the forest companies’ private lands. It was suggested that the clubs and the FMCBC should document everything so that we can eventually go to the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations because the timber companies are setting unreasonable restrictions and have reduced access for recreation.