

**Annual General Meeting
Alpine Club of Canada, Vancouver Island Section
Thursday, Feb 10, 2011
Swan Lake Nature Centre**

Call to order: 7:40 pm

Adoption of Amended Agenda:

Moved: Sandy Briggs; Seconded: Martin Smith. Carried

Announcements

- Presentation of gift certificate to Lissa Zala in thanks for her work organizing the Banff Mountain Film Festival from 2006 to 2009
- Cedric announced that George Milosevich had attained his Island Qualifiers and would be receiving an IQ plaque.
- Winter social on Feb 24, 2011 – Tom and Pam Hall's home.
- Banquet on March 25, 2011 at Embassy Inn, with speaker Rob Macdonald. Organizer/contact Catrin Brown

Adoption of 2010 AGM Minutes:

- Moved: Dave Campbell; Seconded: Russ Moir. Carried

Reports

Chair Report (Cedric Zala):

- See report below.

Treasurer Report (Cedric Zala for Geoff Bennett):

- REVENUES are up compared to the 2010 budget, owing to:
 - increased BMFF ticket price and no more HST on tickets;
 - new HST rebate rules are more favourable ;
 - summer camp helicopter expenses were less than expected.
- EXPENSES are down compared to the 2010 budget, owing to:
 - reduced cost for Bushwhacker;
 - course subsidies and gear purchases less than expected (but note that the new subsidy program is very popular and is now the biggest expense).
- ASSETS have increased again. Instead of a budgeted \$4579 loss, we had a \$4276 gain.
- MEMORIAL FUND HISTORY:
 - current balance is almost \$18,000;
 - last year \$1200 was disbursed (Brooks Peninsula Expedition);
 - one, perhaps two, applications are currently being considered.
- 2011 BUDGET REVENUES are similar to last year except for camps, which are expected to show only a small profit.
- 2011 BUDGET EXPENSES are also similar to last year but we have allowed more for course subsidies, donations, (centennial) projects, and the banquet, and less for equipment purchases.
- DETAILED 2011 BUDGET: the intention is to break even, not to make a profit.
- See Financial Statement 2010 and proposed 2011 Budget below for more details.

Motion

Moved: by Cedric for Geoff: That the budget be adopted Seconded by Don Morton.
Unanimously accepted.

Summer Camp 2010 Report: (Cedric Zala):

- Held at Alava-Bate Sanctuary -- 3 separate week-long camps, 14 people each week, helicopter access.
- The club bought a 18-foot diameter Space Station tent to use as cooking, eating and social centre.
- Very popular and successful, all nearby peaks summited, lots of hiking too, and some participants brought skis.

Summer Camps 2010 and 2011 Report: (Cedric Zala):

- Organizing two separate venues:
 - Lake O'Hara hut-based camp July 23-31, Cedric Zala organizer, cost \$350.
 - Three helicopter-access tent-based camps at Athelney Pass in the Coast Mountains, in conjunction with the Vancouver section. July 23 - 30, July 30 - Aug 6, Aug 6 - 13, Rick Hudson organizer, cost \$500.

Bushwhacker Annual Report (Sandy Stewart):

- Good response, maybe not quite as thick as last year's edition. Guidelines on how to submit are on the website, but not everybody reads them!
- Printing costs continue to be reasonable.
- We particularly appreciate articles with lots of beta in them: detailed description of places, routes, conditions (including pictures) that would be helpful to those planning trips in the future.

Education Report (Dave Campbell):

- Close to \$5000 spent last year on subsidies for courses.
- Avalanche Safety Training course very popular.
- Could use some more instructors, especially for courses that haven't been given for a couple of years (e.g., introduction to backcountry skiing).
- Thank you to everyone who has helped out.

FMCBC Report (Martin Smith):

- Expenses are down and equity is up, with FMC now running a surplus of about \$20K pa, and overall assets of \$80K.
- FMC assisted ACCVI and Protect Our Parks in our fight to uphold the ban on MORVs in Sooke's Sea-to-Sea Regional Park.
- FMC is supporting FOSP in their fight to prevent for-profit horse-trekking operations and trail-building in the Bedwell Valley of Strathcona Park.
- MEC wishes to form a "Community Partnership" with the Federation by directly supporting its mandate to protect non-motorized access to the backcountry and by supporting lobbying efforts with government in order to positively influence such matters as trails strategy, regulation of MORV's etc. The level of funding proposed by MEC is \$30,000 divided into \$15,000 to set up the program and \$15,000 directed towards the first round of advocacy efforts.

Old Business

There were no Old Business items on the agenda.

New Business

Juan de Fuca Park threat from development (Cedric Zala):

- Cedric outlined a proposed development that would encroach on Juan de Fuca Provincial Park, and negatively affect both wildlife and recreationists. He proposed that the Club should join in the efforts of POP to oppose this development, to which there was general agreement.

Lobbying for a Park for Victoria/Warden (Cedric Zala for Peter Rothermel):

- Peter Rothermel suggested that the club be asked to support an initiative to lobby governments to have a park created in the region surrounding Mt Victoria and Warden Peak, and also suggested that it be named for Brooke George, who has lost his life there.
- There was strong support for the idea of creating a park, but it was thought premature to make naming recommendations at present.

Nominations and Elections (Russ Moir):

- **Chair:** Russ called for nominations three times. Hearing none, Cedric Zala continues as Chair.
- **Treasurer:** Russ called for nominations three times. Hearing none, Geoff Bennett continues as Treasurer.
- **Secretary:** Russ called for nominations three times. Hearing none, Rick Hudson continues as Secretary.
- **Members-at-Large:** The continuing four members at large are Russ Moir, Dave Campbell, Phee Hudson, Martin Smith.
- **Banff Mountain Film Festival:** Kari Fraser.
- **Bushwhacker Annual:** Sandy Stewart with assistance from Martin Smith
- **Education:** Dave Campbell
- **Equipment:** Mike Hubbard
- **Librarian/Archivist:** Judith Holm, Tom Hall and Lindsay Elms
- **Membership:** Christine Fordham
- **Trip Schedule:** Russ Moir and Catrin Brown
- Thank you to all outgoing executive members.

Next Meeting

- January 28, 2012, at Mt Washington.

Adjournment

- Adjournment moved at 8:55. Carried.

Slideshow

- Dr. Ken Marr of the Royal BC Museum presented a talk entitled *Botany of Northern BC Mountains*, including species new to the province, surprising distribution patterns, and use of genetic methods to reveal patterns of plant migrations.

Chair Report 2010: Cedric Zala

The energy of our executive and members during 2010 has been quite wonderful. We have continued our past successes and broken some new ground as well. I'd like to mention some of the highlights of the past year.

Our redesigned education program has proven very popular. Many of our courses continue to be free, and instructed by club members, and we build a subsidy of about 50% into the cost of other courses like Avalanche Safety Training and Wilderness First Aid. In addition we provide a subsidy of 50% for courses taken with guiding companies. In all, the section spent about \$5000 on education this past year – our biggest expense. It is hoped this will encourage members to get out there, and also to gain the skills to lead more trips.

Our membership is healthy and continues to grow slowly, with about 340 members (including partners). There was a small burst in membership after the BMFF, where we encouraged people to join during the introduction and by handing out application forms at our booth.

We continue our monthly electronic newsletter, and have improved its appearance and tweaked its name a couple of times – it's now back to the historic "Island Bushwhacker". Each month I also print and send out paper copies to those few members who don't have email or computers. All but five of our members are on-line now. And our flagship Bushwhacker Annual continues to be a publication we can be fiercely proud of, and it just gets better, glossier, and cheaper to produce as print costs come down.

And speaking of publications, we were featured in the January issue of Senior Living, with profiles of three of our members and descriptions of some of the things we love to do. Great publicity!

We maintain our schedule as an electronic document on the website, which gives us some flexibility, and allows us to deal easily with the occasional addition or rescheduling of trips. It can be printed for those who want to do so. The website itself continues to slowly grow and is far easier to maintain since it was set it up so that individual executive members can look after their own areas. We have also entered the mainstream by starting an ACCVI group Facebook page. And we have acquired a new display board and pictures, and used it at the BMFF and at a special night at MEC.

Financially, we continue to be in the pink! There was a record income from BMFF despite a small increase in ticket price. The newly imposed HST in BC will further add to our revenues, as we get back 56% of the HST (12%), rather than 50% of the GST (5%) in the past. Further, Revenue Canada has ruled that HST is not due on BMFF tickets, which also improves our situation. Plus our summer camp's costs were less than expected and we made a profit this year.

A real high point in the year was the trip, funded by our youth grant program, by four UVic students to the remote Brooks Peninsula with the objective of climbing Mt. Doom. They will be giving a slide show in May and have written a very thorough and engaging article on their adventures, which will appear in the next Bushwhacker Annual.

Another high point was our summer camp in the Alava/Bate Sanctuary, between Gold River and Tahsis. Up to recently we have had hut-based summer camps on the mainland, but decided to break with tradition and organize a tent-based camp on the Island. It was amazingly popular, and the original two week-long camps had to be supplemented to include a third one in order to meet the demand to experience and climb in this fabulous, pristine area. Spirits were undampened by having to camp on two metres of snow, and except for the very last day the weather cooperated to make it a superb experience for all.

The section also increased its involvement in community issues in response to the threat that off-road vehicles might be permitted to regain access to the Sea-to-Sea Regional Park in Sooke. The

club took a lead role in developing an umbrella group called Protect Our Parks (POP) that brought together over 10,000 members of different clubs and organizations to successfully influence the Parks Board to maintain the ban on such incursions. POP continues into 2011 with new objectives.

A couple of thoughts about the future now. Next year (2012) is the section's centenary, and we have a number of initiatives planned for that year, including producing a thorough index to our Bushwhackers so that people can much more easily obtain information about areas and routes, and supporting the production of a history of mountaineering on Vancouver Island. Anyone is encouraged to suggest other activities to mark our centennial year.

And although the schedule is reasonably full, we always need more trips and leaders, particularly from the younger age groups. We are not alone here – finding enough experienced leaders is an ongoing challenge facing every section. We believe that part of the reluctance of members to lead stems from their lack of confidence in their own leadership skills. For this reason, we are aiming to increase our training initiatives.

Finally, I want to say how much I appreciate the efforts of our executive over this last year. They are a dedicated, effective, and fun group of people who work very harmoniously together. I look forward to continuing to work with them all to serve the club in the coming year.

The Alpine Club of Canada - Vancouver Island Section
Financial Statement 2010

Submitted by Geoff Bennett, Treasurer to the AGM on 10 February 2011

ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF FISCAL 2010	DEBIT	CREDIT	NET
Coast Capital Chequing Account 1215384		\$21,233.26	
Contingency Fund		\$10,769.00	
Memorial Fund (Section Contributions only)		\$5,115.00	
Payables and Receivables (courses, camps, meetings)	\$9,965.00	\$4,910.00	
Payables and Receivables (FMCBC, TRF, MF)	\$3,216.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL ASSETS ON 1 JAN 2010			\$31,844.26

NET REVENUE ITEMS	DEBIT	CREDIT	NET	BUDGET
Banff Mountain Film Festival	\$4,161.84	\$12,891.84	\$8,730.00	\$7,000.00
Section Dues			\$2,535.00	\$2,446.00
Monthly remittance from ACC Canmore (Jan-Dec)		\$6,150.00		
FMCBC dues (241 annual memberships in Fiscal 2009 @ \$15)	\$3,615.00			
GST/HST Rebate		\$2,492.76	\$2,492.76	\$1,300.00
Equipment Rentals	\$0.00	\$945.00	\$945.00	\$1,000.00
2010 Section Camps and Trips			\$2,892.77	\$1,000.00
Balance B/F from 2009 (see adjustments below)		\$0,140.00		
2010 Section Camps and Trips	\$22,292.23	\$16,036.00		
Investment Income		\$736.73	\$736.73	\$870.00
TOTAL NET REVENUE ITEMS	\$30,069.07	\$48,401.33	\$18,332.26	\$13,315.00

NET EXPENSE ITEMS	DEBIT	CREDIT	NET	BUDGET
Publications			-\$3,367.52	-\$4,200.00
Bushwhacker Annual expenses and sales	\$3,334.14	\$60.00		
Newspaper mailing expenses (new members and those not on email)	\$93.38			
Course Subsidies			-\$4,474.25	-\$6,600.00
Balance B/F from 2009 (see adjustments below)	\$4,250.00			
2010 Course Subsidies	\$3,315.33	\$3,100.08		
Equipment Purchases	\$2,841.66		-\$2,841.66	-\$3,600.00
Section Meetings			-\$872.67	-\$900.00
January AGM	\$2,205.00	\$1,700.00		
Balance B/F from 2009 (see adjustments below)		\$105.00		
February Winter Social	\$310.00			
Fall BBQ	\$192.67			
October Photo Contest	\$30.00			
Guest Speakers and Slide Shows	\$701.10	\$198.88	-\$502.22	-\$1,000.00
Section Banquet	\$1,986.13	\$1,890.00	-\$96.13	-\$300.00
Donations (10% of 2009 net revenues)			-\$1,300.00	-\$1,200.00
VI Avalanche Centre Society	\$600.00			
VI Spine Trail Association	\$100.00			
Marmot Recovery Foundation	\$100.00			
Friends of Strathcona Park	\$100.00			
Climbers Access Society	\$100.00			
BC Creek Protection Society	\$200.00			
Canadian Alpine Journal	\$100.00			
Centennial and other projects	\$500.00		-\$500.00	-\$1,000.00
Miscellaneous (gifts, travel, office, website, brochure)	\$60.00	\$0.00	-\$60.00	-\$600.00
Transfer matching donations from Section to Memorial Fund	\$300.00		-\$300.00	-\$400.00
TOTAL NET EXPENSE ITEMS	\$21,418.41	\$7,113.96	-\$14,304.45	-\$18,500.00

CURRENT ASSETS	DEBIT	CREDIT	NET	BUDGET
Coast Capital Chequing Account 1215384			\$20,206.07	
Balance at beginning of Fiscal 2010		\$21,233.26		
Total Net Revenue Items	\$30,069.07	\$48,401.33		
Total Net Expense Items	\$21,418.41	\$7,113.96		
Balance B/F from 2009 in the preceding statement	-\$4,250.00	-\$0,314.00		
Contingency Fund		\$10,398.00	\$10,398.00	
Memorial Fund (Section contributions only)		\$8,615.00	\$8,615.00	
Payables & Receivables			-\$3,098.00	
To FMCBC for 2010 dues	\$2,565.00			
To TrailRider Fund (balance in TRF account)	\$133.00			
To Memorial Fund (donations in 2010)	\$200.00			
To Memorial Fund (Section matching contributions for 2010)	\$200.00			
TOTAL ASSETS ON 1 JAN 2011			\$36,121.07	\$27,205.28
ANNUAL PROFIT			\$4,276.81	-\$4,579.00

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2011 BUDGET

Fiscal Year 1 Jan 11 to 31 Dec 11

Submitted by Geoff Bennett, Treasurer to the AGM on 10 February 2011

ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF FISCAL 2011	DEBIT	CREDIT	NET
Coast Capital Chequing Account		\$20,208.07	
Contingency Fund (Odium Brown Account)		\$10,398.00	
Memorial Fund (Section Contributions only)		\$8,615.00	
Payables and Receivables (FMCBC, TRF, MF)	\$3,098.00		
TOTAL ASSETS ON 1 JAN 2011			\$36,121.07
NET REVENUE ITEMS	DEBIT	CREDIT	NET
Banff Mountain Film Festival	\$4,500.00	\$13,000.00	\$8,500.00
Section Dues			\$2,690.00
Monthly remittance from ACC Canmore (Jan-Dec)		\$8,200.00	
FMCBC dues (234 annual memberships from Apr/10-Mar/11 @ \$15)	\$3,510.00		
HST Rebate (1 Nov 10 to 31 Oct 11)		\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Equipment Rentals		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Section Camps and Trips in 2010	\$24,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$1,000.00
Investment Income		\$300.00	\$300.00
TOTAL NET REVENUE ITEMS	\$32,010.00	\$48,000.00	\$15,990.00
NET EXPENSE ITEMS	DEBIT	CREDIT	NET
Bushwhacker Annual	\$3,500.00		-\$3,500.00
Course Subsidies	\$5,500.00		-\$5,500.00
Equipment Purchases	\$1,500.00		-\$1,500.00
Section Meetings			-\$800.00
January AGM	\$100.00		
Feb Winter Social	\$350.00		
Fall BBQ	\$200.00		
October Photo Contest	\$150.00		
Guest Speakers and Slide Shows	\$1,000.00		-\$1,000.00
Section Banquet	\$2,100.00	\$1,800.00	-\$300.00
Donations to other organizations (10% of 2010 net revenues)	\$1,500.00		-\$1,500.00
Centennial and other projects	\$1,000.00		-\$1,000.00
Miscellaneous (trophies, gifts, travel, office)	\$400.00		-\$400.00
Transfer matching donations to the VI Memorial Fund	\$300.00		-\$300.00
TOTAL NET EXPENSE ITEMS	\$17,600.00	\$1,800.00	-\$15,800.00
ESTIMATED ASSETS AT END OF FISCAL 2011	DEBIT	CREDIT	NET
Coast Capital Chequing Account	\$49,610.00	\$70,008.07	\$20,396.07
Contingency Fund (Odium Brown Account)		\$10,400.00	\$10,400.00
Memorial Fund (Section Contributions only)		\$8,915.00	\$8,915.00
Payables and Receivables (FMCBC, TRF, MF)	\$3,100.00		-\$3,100.00
ESTIMATED TOTAL ASSETS ON 1 JAN 2012			\$36,611.07