**ACC – VI executive meeting Draft minutes**

**7:00 pm Wednesday 6 September 2017**

2189 Windsor Road, Victoria *(chez Liz)*

Present: *Catrin Brown, Liz Williams, Martin Hofmann, Kathy Kutzer, Mike Hubbard, Rob Macdonald, Brianna Coates, Alois Schonenberger, Jes Scott, , Lise Gagnon*

Partial attendance*: Chris Jensen, Karun Thanjavur*

On Skype: *Clarke Gourlay, Christine Fordham, Colin Mann, Barb Baker*

1. **Adoption of the agenda**

Motion to accept: *Mike*

Second: *Karun*

1. **Adoption of the minutes** of the executive meeting 14 June 2017

Motion to accept: *Liz*

Second: *Jess*

3. **Matters arising:**

a) Hut committee update *Chris*

*construction stage report*

Materials flown up by helicopter. 40+ loads. Pilot and load master were great. Lost a piece of metal siding which was found with the help of a drone. Hope to recover it this weekend. Working on foundation, lots of digging. Crew of 15 last weekend. Nadja is work party coordinator for the six weeks. Excellent construction camp. Get floors up this weekend. Encourage people to go up and help out. The road has been cleared but a 4x4 is needed to get up there. Staying on budget for most things. Have incurred 63% of the budget. $10,000 left in the bank. Submitting receipts for reimbursement.

b)Arrowsmith trail maintenance : *Russ* (written report)

*report from work parties in July*

Word put out for work parties and volunteers came from many different groups. We hope this will be an ongoing maintenance project. The IT portions are in very poor shape and no prospect of their support. Congratulations to Russ for his efforts with coordination.

c) Bushwhacker Annual 2016 *Catrin for Sean*

* *feedback from 2016*

There were over 100 people at the summer BBQ and they picked up their copies. There are a couple hundred left to be distributed. They will be mailed out. Appreciative comments were made of the quality of the publication, with sincere thanks to Sean.

* *ongoing indexing of trip reports*

Walter Moar and Jess have volunteered to update the index of the trip reports in Bushwhacker annuals from 2012 to present.

d) Monthly newsletter *Mary*

 *follow-up discussion from June meeting*

Mary has suggested producing a seasonal publication, 4 issues per year. Concensus that this is a favourable idea, especially to retain Mary’s expertise and dedication. Further discussion needed of the potential nature of a monthly news bulletin to supplement this.

4. **Treasurer’s report** *Clarke*

Correction on balance sheet. No money left in the winter ski camp.

Money left over from Lone Goat Summer Camp.

We are still under budget in Education. Programs are budgeted to bring in $1,000. We collect minimal fees for education programs - cover facilitator’s gas and the rest goes back to the club. Charging a fee has alleviated no-shows. Fees are charged for IAG and other professional programs.

5**. FMCBC** *Rob for information*

Umbrella organization for alpine clubs. They act as a unified voice, when dealing with government or other organizations. They advocate for trail building, and other projects.

Catrin reported that we have been contacted for helping with billets for attendees of FMCBC meeting to be held in Victoria in spring 2018.

6. **National Club** *Christine*

New deal from Icebreaker for all ACC members: 50% off. Petzl is sponsoring ropes for section use only.

Members are no longer receiving reminders to renew their membership. Christine to pursue issue as people may be defaulting without realising it.

Next meeting is in October. Let Christine know if there are any issues to be brought forward.

7**. Summer camp feedback and balance sheet** *Liz*

*proposal for refund*

Three weeks of the Lone Goatcamp; the third week elected to leave early due to smoke.

There is a surplus of funds left over. Discussion about how to deal with refunds. The policy is to provide a refund to participants. Participants who cancel due to health reasons or family emergencies receive a refund.

Motion to refund Barb Baker and Annette Richards and that the surplus balance be distributed to attendees save and except those who wish to donate their refund to the Hut Fund:

Proposed: Mike

Second: Brianna

The Mt Assiniboine camp was very successful.

**8. Section website** *Jes / Martin*

 *development of new site and discussion*

Much appreciation expressed for Jes’ work in rebuilding our website.

Option to allow regular trip leaders access to the website to add trips directly to the calendar. Discussion to create a list of leaders. All others will be moderated. More can be added at any time.

When a trip gets posted, it automatically gets posted to Facebook. Discussion about having a process around verifying membership prior to scheduled trips. Can view past trips in the Calendar view.

Pages still to be added include: Youth Grant info, Bushwacker index, Trail Rider program. Executive page, including minutes of meetings.

9*.* **Club rental equipment** *Mike*

 *discussion of rope use and possible replacement*

Some ropes are in rough shape and 3 were effectively destroyed during this last year. Should we be providing ropes for club trips? YES. Christine shared her research into other sections’ policies on rope purchases and details of the deal available from Petzl. Discussion about how to keep track of club rope use and condition. The form should stay with the rope. Mike, Colin, Alois and Clarke will have a discussion about what ropes to purchase for the club.

10. “**Vancouver Island-150*”*** update *Catrin / Mary*

Going really well, with 150 summits already well exceeded. (Exact total of official peaks to be calculated later.) Appreciation expressed for Mary’s ongoing work with the map etc.

11. **Leadership committee** *Christine*

 *Update and modification to criteria for points*

The committee have taken the decision to make any trips longer than 5 days count for a maximum of 5 points. This is in keeping with the spirit of the program to encourage multiple trips.

12. **Memorial fund** *Geoff*

 *update from 1st nations climbing camp plan*

Geoff Bennett is following up on the donation to the Ucluelet First Nations for a climbing camp. Volunteers interested in helping the band to organise the camp are encouraged to contact Geoff or Catrin.

13. **Dates to fix** *Catrin*

*slide contest:* Thursday October 26 2017 at Swan Lake nature house

*Christmas parties:* Up-Island on Saturday November 25 and South-Island on Friday December 15

*next executive meeting(s):* Monday, October 30 2017

14. **Any other business**

Catrin described a pilot project taking new immigrants/refugees out into nature, organised with Caroline Tansley and another friend. Proposal to put these trips on the schedule met with general approval.

Meeting adjourned at 9.40 p.m.