Draft Minutes: ACC – VI Executive Meeting

Monday 14 May 2018 7:00pm

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*Present: Catrin Brown, Chris Jensen, David Lemon, Liz Williams, Colin Mann, Anya Reid, Alois* *Schonenberger, Natasha Salway, Mary Sanseverino, Derek Sou, Barb Baker, Martin Hofmann, Brianna Coates, Russ Moir, Lise Gagnon*

*Skype: Clarke Gourlay*

Meeting called to order at 7:15pm.

1. **Adoption of the agenda**

Motion: Colin Mann; Second: Mary Sanseverino. Carried

1. **Adoption of the minutes** of the executive meeting of 14 March 2018

Amend the 7th sentence in Section 7 to read: ”The first aid kit needs to be replaced (so the existing one can remain at the hut).”

Motion: Derek Sou; Second: Brianna Coates. Carried as amended.

1. **Matters Arising:**
2. Hut Committee update *Chris*

The fundraising goal has been met, and material purchasing is under way. Geoff Bennett will send a thank-you card to the donors.

**Motion:** That the section transfer the $12,500 in matching funds form the ACCVI general account to the hut fund. Moved: Chris Jensen; Second: Catrin Brown. Carried.

The hut committee met May 1st; the restart of construction is snowpack dependent. Nadja is away until late June, so if construction can begin before early July, someone else will be needed to organize the volunteers in the interim. A task list will be posted. Chris Ruttan will be the construction manager again this year. The target for hut opening is October.

1. Triple Peak Signage *Barb*

Some proposed wordings circulated for review on the theme of “pack out or bury waste”; send input to Barb.

1. Summer Camp: *Liz*

All four weeks are now full. There are 65 attendees in total and waiting lists for all 3 regular weeks. The family week has 20 registered, with a good mix of ages and equal numbers of boys and girls. All 10 children eligible for bursaries applied and received $350. If there is a refund for camp fees, everyone will receive it, but the amount to bursary recipients will be capped at $250. Replacement chairs have been bought, and there are a few other things that may need replacing, which will be paid from general section funds. The test tent raising has been done.

1. FMCBC AGM *Anya*

The FMCBC has sent an email looking for billets; Anya will check to see if any are still needed. Otherwise, they do not need any other assistance from our section. Anya will attend the AGM.

1. **Treasurer’s Report** *Clarke*

The section financial condition is good, with about $20,000 in uncommitted funds (after hut contributions and other commitments). We are booked for the Banff Mountain Film Festival next year. We will continue with our usual $100 annual support to the Canadian Alpine Journal. See attachments for details.

1. **Access update** *Barb*

The community access officer at Island Timberlands has resigned, so our only contacts there now are the company engineers. The promised access policy has not been drafted, although they do respond with updates (see the blog for that and information about community forest areas). Even though other groups (snowmobilers, ATV, etc. clubs) seem to be able to get access agreements from IT, we have not been able to do so. If there is no progress in the short term, we will start a letter writing campaign.

1. **Bushwhacker Newsletter and High Points** *Mary*

The Tinyletter email system seems to be working; the regular edition of the newsletter now goes out 4 times per year, with High Points in between. Mary is looking for someone else to take over High Points. Our new communication system has more subscribers now (538, up from 525) but be careful not to use it to send too many messages and overload recipients. Our Facebook page has 2200+ members.

**7 National Club**   *Christine*

See the report from Christine sent to the national club. Successful candidates for the leadership school will be decided May 31st.

1. **Environment Issues** *Catrin*
2. Russ: The Judge’s route. Last summer’s repairs are still under snow, so their state can’t be assessed yet. Island Mountain Ramblers (Kerry) are working with RDN to extend the work done last year. The lower section of the route is on Island Timberlands land and it is not likely to be possible to work on it, even though it is not in good condition.
3. Mt Finlayson mountain bike erosion: Some of this may be spillover form the Bear Mountain trails; Liz says there are now signs at the start of the Mt. Finlayson trails saying mountain bikes are not allowed on the peak trails.
4. **Education, Leadership and Schedule** *Alois, Colin, Natasha, Brianna*

ACCVI practice for some time has been to use professional guides (mostly Island Alpine Guides) to teach technical courses for climbing. (Other sections use members for that, but ACCVI no longer does that.) Workshops for less technical subjects may be given by experienced members. This policy will continue, and courses and workshops should have standard content and outcomes.

A complaint has come in from a new member that, among other things, there was no welcome letter or direct communication from the ACCVI executive. (We at one time had considered doing that.) The member also thought that there were not enough hiking opportunities in the schedule. These issues were discussed.

1. **Dates Ahead** *Catrin*
2. Barbecue: August 30th, at Mike & Collen’s
3. Banff Mountain Film Festival: November 25th
4. Fall Swan Lake slideshows: 2nd Thursdays in Oct. & Nov.; none in Dec.
5. Christmas Party: December 14th
6. Photo Contest: needs an organizer; October 25th (?)
7. **Opportunity for speaker event** *Catrin*

Laval St. Germaine (first Canadian to climb Everest without oxygen) may be available. It could be in November, if possible, perhaps as a brunch event to make it easier for up-Island members to attend. Would need to find a venue.

1. **Next Meeting:** Monday, August 27th.

**9:38 pm:** Meeting adjourned.