**ACC – VI executive meeting**

**June 14th 7.00 pm Draft minutes**

**Attendees**:

Christine, Mike, Russ, Caroline, Chris, Catrin, Liz, Barb, Alois, Colleen,

Colin via skype

**1. Adoption of the agenda**

**Motion to adopt June 14th, 2016 Agenda.**

**Moved by Mike, Seconded by Liz. All in favour. Motion carried.**

**2. Adoption of the minutes of the executive meeting 28 April 2016**

**Motion to adopt April 28th, 2016 Minutes.**

**Moved by Mike. Seconded by Christine. All in favour. Motion carried.**

**3. Matters arising:**

**a) Hut committee update Chris**

Three mains items to report on:

1. The Alberni Clayoquot Regional District has provided letter of support of the Hut Committee’s proposal. The Hut Committee will continue to ask for other stakeholders for letters of support.

2. The Hut Committee has made a grant application to the Island Coastal Economic Trust. The application is a 2 stage process. $90,000 was requested. If the committee is invited to the second stage it will have to provide more detailed cost estimates. The VI Section will need to come up with matching funds ($45,000) within 6 months of a successful application. $15,000 has already been approved. The reminder ($30,000) will be needed likely by next year.

Other options: Vancouver Foundation and others for funding; ACC National (Joline Livingston) helps with fundraising via Lawrence.

3. Design: the committee has secured two architects and two engineers to assist with hut design. Out of the options presented the Hut Committee prefers the 1 floor level design (Jim Habrel/Tantalus-Squamish). The design features include:

-800sq feet

-sleeps 12 in bunks

-2 separate rooms with bunks

-Larger footprint that 2 stories, but lower visual footprint.

The ballpark cost total is $135,000 which assumes volunteer labor. Architects and engineers are ready to start. The plan will need to be submitted to the province for approval.

**Discussion** regarding fee collection.

**Action item:**

**The Hut Committee will provide pros/cons for 1 vs. 2 stories to circulate for online discussion. Circulate plans to membership for feedback via email.**

**b) Bushwhacker post-mortem Cedric**

Catrin for Cedric:

There were 375 copies of the Bushwhacker Annual produced, 290 of which were mailed, (11 of those returned undeliverable), the remainder with picked up at the slide show evening.

**Motion: That the Executive extend a vote of thanks to Cedric for the wonderful professional presentation of the Bushwhacker Annual.**

**Moved by Mike, Seconded by Russ. All in favour. Motion Carried.**

**c) Summer camp updates**  **Liz /Peggy**

Liz:

-This year there will be 2 weeks run.

-Bookings for both weeks are full and have wait lists.

-One bear box has been renovated and the Summer Camp Committee is happy with the results. The other three boxes will be modified similarly.

-This Saturday there is a meeting at Cedric’s for week 1 people for tent raising and the camp manager to review cooking, carpooling, gear, etc.

-One outstanding item is travel arrangements as it has been difficult to nail down staging area.

-The committee dropped the idea of a 3rd week because the level of firm interest wasn’t high enough.

-Working on Latrine logistics: the solution needs to be compostable (as opposed to just biodegradable).

**Discussion**: Certain peaks do not have registers. It was agreed peak registers would be made available for the Alava Bate camp.

**d) Update on Crest Creek Crags maintenance and Strathcona Park bolting issues Alois**

-Bolting-letter (to be discussed under topic #6) makes it clear that the bolting issue does not apply to Crest Creek Crags.

-Regarding Crest Creek Crags, the topic has been pretty quiet, and there are no major maintenance issues.

-June SPPAC meeting was cancelled. The next one will be in September.

-Heathens may continue to finish started projects.

-Phil and Heathens are writing a guide book may be ready winter 2017.

-trail work is lapsing and there are some minor issues/degradation.

**e) Equipment purchase update and rope log Mike/Alois**

-Three climbing ropes were purchased.

-Used for the last climbing course.

-Rope logs filled out.

**f) Report from National meeting in Canmore (previously circulated) Christine**

The Technical Development Program is coming out with curriculum guidelines. ACC National has contracted Thompson Rivers University to develop resources for sections.

Colin: most sections agreed they are good guidelines but don’t want the guidelines to be mandatory.

-ACC National is recruiting for hostels finance committee and leadership/technical committee.

-The status of the Online Waiver is still pending.

-The status of the new computer system is still pending. It will have option to have section websites hang of the main site.

-Leadership Survey Results:

-There was good participation numbers for the survey.

-Sandy has interpreted the results.

-Some recommendations on how to get more trip leaders include: mentoring, a leader dinner, and summer/winter trip meetings.

-Some barriers for people include: lacking time, too much administration, frustration with bailers.

-Need to be seeking new members to lead.

-Vancouver Island Section survey results were received yesterday; they are to be summarized in the Bushwhacker with link to full report.

**Discussion**:

-Some sort of leadership activity at Summer BBQ.

-Membership of the leadership committee.

-Catrin: All executive encouraged to read survey results

-What ACC Sanctioned means. Christine spoke to Chelsea from national

-Issue with trips going on the schedule in a timely matter.

-Need for a social media moderator.

-Consensus: need to decide what it means to be a sanctioned activity; including the role of the Facebook page in scheduling trips.

**Future Meeting: Discussion: What constitutes: An ACC VI Sanctioned trip**

**g) Summer barbecue date Catrin**

Discussion: Wednesday August 31st Or Thursday September 1st.

**4. Treasurer’s report – attached files Colleen**

-Report is attached

-All the funding for summer camps has been received

- Regarding Education and Course subsidies - the money not being used

**5. Trail Rider report Caroline**

-We have been networking with RIV and Power to Be. Attended a Power to Be event.

-Have recruited four new volunteers.

-This is the Trailrider program’s 10 year anniversary this year. Gerry Graham has expressed interest in a 10 year anniversary hike

-Andy Smith from BC Parks reached out. They are planning an Accessibility Day in Strathcona Park this season to showcase their Barrier-Free Trail as well as the trail improvements made to one of their backcountry destinations (Battleship Lake) to accommodate the Trailrider.

-Jeff Stewart, Community Initiative Coordinator with The Alpine Club of Canada National Office. He was excited to discover the Trailrider program on our website. He will put together a blog post for the National website

-discussion regarding borrowing

**Action item**: Caroline to send volunteer list to Christine: get .5 points for leadership for volunteering.

**6. BC Parks communications: Catrin**

i) Catrin has written letter of support for the designation of recreation use on Quadra Island – see below

The intent of which is to counter logging pressures.

ii) Catrin received a letter from Don Camden regarding the wilderness areas in Strathcona Park – how to disseminate the information effectively?

-The letter from Don Camden is very clear that there will be no bolting in wilderness areas.

Discussion: How to share with the membership?

**Action Item: Janelle to forward letter to membership.**

**7. Access issues Barb**

Island Timberlands has hired new security for their lands. Because of pressure from the Regional District they have backed away from some restrictive policies i.e.: ban on road travel during weekdays.

The company is not obliged to post if a gate opening is temporary or not when it is open on a branch road. There is potential to get caught behind a locked gate.

Lots of logging traffic on Comox main.

**Action item: Barb to send information to Janelle to distribute to membership.**

**Discussion:**

Russ: Only four people participated in the last work party on Arrowsmith. He will schedule another work party for late July or August. Barb to recruit from the valley. Need building materials.

**8. The trip schedule – summer offerings? Catrin**

Covered earlier.

**9. Suggestion for photo competition Peggy**

Discussion: Suggestion for video to be included.

Date: Thursday October 27th

**10. Spring banquet 2017 Catrin**

Need someone to organize: venue and speaker

**11. Date of next meeting (s) Catrin**

Discussion: Tuesday August 30th

**12. Any other business**

**ACC VI Actuals to Budget 2016: Jan 1, 2016 to May 31, 2016**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Income** | **Budget 2016** | **Actuals to Mar 31** | **Actuals to May 31** |
| Banff Film Festival | 17,000 |  |  |
| Contributions and Advertising | 150 |  |  |
| Equipment Rentals | 500 | 135 | 220 |
| HST/GST recoverable | 1,000 | 772 |  |
| GST Rebate from 2015 |  | 136 | 136 |
| Investment Income | 450 | 450 | 450 |
| Transfer in from the Memorial fund | 1,000 |  |  |
| VI Section membership dues | 5,800 | 1790 | 2155 |
| Course fees | 3,000 | 150 | 70 |
| Interest | 25 | 6 | 9 |
| Donations Memorial Fund | 200 |  |  |
| Summer camp 2016 |  | 7500 | 14050 |
| Summer camp Lake O’Hara |  | 6930 | 6930 |
| Total | **29,125** | **17,869** | **24020** |
| **Expenses** |  |  |  |
| Banff Film Festival | 3,000 |  |  |
| Bushwacker Publication | 4,000 |  | 3842 |
| Leadership | 1,000 | 712 | 712 |
| Special Projects |  | 78 | 78 |
| Education | 4,000 | 894 | 894 |
| Course subsidies | 5,000 | 904 | 904 |
| Donations to other organizations | 2,300 | 50 | 150 |
| Donations to the memorial fund | 400 |  |  |
| Equipment Purchases | 600 | 537 | 537 |
| Misc projects and events | 1,500 | 540 | 576 |
| Postage and Delivery | 225 |  |  |
| AGM, Banquet and BBQ & Xmas party | 1,000 | 932 | 0 |
| Slide shows and meetings | 750 | 350 | 350 |
| Youth Grant Payouts | 1,000 | 1400 | 1400 |
| FMCBC | 3,000 |  |  |
| Camps contingencies | 300 |  |  |
| Website and maintenance | 250 |  |  |
| Up-island events | 800 |  |  |
| **TOTAL** | **29,125** | **6397** | **9443** |
| **Difference** |  | **11,472** |  |

Notes:

* Summer Camp Lake O’Hara down payment of $1127 paid in 2015
* Ski camp 2017 down payment of $3750 paid in 2015
* Downpayment for 2017 AGM of $645 paid in 2016

**Balance Sheet to May 31, 2016**

**Assets**

Current Assets

Chequing/Savings $49,381.10

Total Current Assets $49381.10

Other Assets $ 4,877

Total Assets $54,258.10

**Liabilities and Equity**

Equity $54,258.10

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**Sent 6 June 2016**

Dear Victoria Smith,

It has come to our attention that the Strathcona Regional District is considering an investigation into a recreational designation for the land around Morte Lake and Mt Seymour on Quadra Island.

The Vancouver Island Section of the Alpine Club of Canada (ACC) would like to lend our support to a recreational use designation for this area. This area is frequently utilized by ACC members for a multitude of recreational uses. ACC members enjoy this area individually and as a part of club-sponsored trips. Club members travel from outside Quadra, and often from outside of the Strathcona Regional District, in order to enjoy this wonderful area. In addition to enjoyment of the Morte Lake and Mt Seymour area, during their visits ACC members support shops, campgrounds, and other local businesses on Quadra Island. Recreational designation for the Morte Lake and Mt Seymour area would not only ensure continued enjoyment of this natural gem but would be a means of support for the local Quadra Island community. In our conversations with members of the community it has become clear to us that they recognize this.

Thank you for consideration of this.

Catrin Brown

Chair of Alpine Club of Canada Vancouver Island Section