**ACCVI Executive Meeting 20 June 2022 by Zoom**

Present: Dave Suttill, David Lemon, Catrin Brown, Christine Fordham, Liz Williams, Garth Stewart, Barb Baker, Geoff Bennett, Graham Smith, Jane Maduke, Janelle Curtis, K T Shum, Laura Darling.

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

**1. Adoption of Agenda**

Motion: Agenda adopted as presented. Moved Jane Maduke, Seconded Catrin Brown.

**2. Adoption of Minutes of 9 May 2022**

Clarification of item 3b under Matters Arising: Add word “Previous” before “Policy” in correction to Minutes of 29 March 2022 to read “Previous policy for surplus fees from the Heli Fly-in Summer Camp …”.

Motion: Adopt Minutes of 9 May 2022 with noted clarification. Moved Garth Stewart, Seconded Laura Darling. Motion carried.

**3. Matters Arising**

**a.** Slide show coordinators: Still no volunteer to take over as slide show coordinator. Discussion ensued over the desirability/practicality of having in person slide shows. With the exception of the June 9 slide show where people were specifically asked to show up for the presentation of Catrin’s Distinguished Service Award, attendance has hovered around 6 or 8. While Zoom presentations are well watched, it is hard for presenters to get enthused without a live audience.

Christine Fordham suggested it might be worth poling people to see if it is worth having slide shows. Janelle will draft a question on this and run it by several people (Christine, Jane, Alison, Liz and David).

**b.** Robie Macdonald celebration of life: Catrin is working with Julie (Robie’s wife) to put something together for August 19. It will not be a club event per se, but members who knew him will be encouraged to come. An email notice will go out.

**4. Finance Update** (Garth)

No big changes on Balance Sheet or on Profit & Loss statement. Of note is that we have not yet received the money from UVIC for BMFF tickets. $9,600 expected.

**5. Communications** (Janelle)

**a.** Bushwhacker, High Points, emails. There was some discussion around emails for the IBA and the Newsletter and that High Points may not need to go out every week. Janelle will pass on some of these points on to Alison.

**b.** Communications Plans. Alison was not here for an update. Mondays may not be a good night for her attendance.

**6. VI Mountains Now & Then project** (Catrin)

This project was an idea of Robie Macdonald’s. It was suggested that it could be used as a focus for trip leaders to add an interesting dimension to their trips.

**7. Equipment** (Catrin)

**a.** Gear Storage Options. We need an additional location for storage. Martin Hofmann’s Klahanie trip resulted in some useful equipment acquisitions for future ski camps. There is no room in current storage at Tom Hall’s property which was established primarily for storage of summer camp equipment. Further, he is not prepared to monitor equipment comings and goings on a regular basis. It was noted that commercial lockers are quite expensive. Catrin will contact Swan Lake in case they have any space to rent.

**b.** Radio Purchase. Cedric Zala raised this matter with Catrin as there was a need for radios at the Elizabeth Parker Hut camp at Lake O’Hara which overlaps with the club’s summer camp. There was discussion over the merits of VHF vs FRS radios. Ideally they would need 10 radios, 1 for base camp and up to 9 for day trips. There will be 24 people at the camp.

Motion: The Club will buy radios for the Lake O’Hara Camp, the number and type to be determined within a total cost of $1000.00. Moved by Catrin, seconded by Jane. Motion carried.

**8. Access and Environment** (Barb)

Mosaic has extended openings to 12 hours for the summer. Work by the Community Forest is underway to re-open the original hiking route up Mt Klitsa.

**9. Summer Camp** (Liz/Laura)

All the gear used for the Klahanie camp is back, cleaned, stored and ready for use. There are still 1 or 2 spots available in weeks 1, 2 and 4. Week 3 (family week) is presently at only about half capacity. There was discussion on methods to recruit additional people for family week, which usually fills up at the last minute.

**10. National Update** (Christine)

## Christine went to Canmore last month and is excited about what the future holds for the ACC. There is a new President, Isabelle Daigneault and a new Executive Director, Carine Salvy. There was a brief update on new and existing huts.

## She reviewed the situation with regard to waivers. New electronic waivers are coming. For present we will continue with the paper waiver. Of particular note is that the trip leaders are expected to hang on to the original signed paper waiver for 7 years.

## 11. Green Proposal for ACCVI (Geoff)

## A written proposal “To reduce the carbon and environmental footprint of ACCVI camps and operations” was presented. It acknowledged several innovations being used in the Hišimy̓awiƛ Hut and our leave no trace policy. However the use of helicopters and to some extent vehicles was seen as major carbon emitters. To compensate for this it proposed we purchase carbon offsets. It was suggested that it costs $25.00 to offset 1 tonne (1000 kg) of carbon. It was further suggested that Darkwoods Forest Project near Creston BC was certified by the Nature Conservancy of Canada as being a carbon offset entity. There seemed to be questions as to whether this would actually result in sequestration of carbon ie actually result in putting carbon in the ground. It was suggested that we really need to put this before the membership in the form of an article to be vetted by the Executive before proceeding further. There was talk of a motion to this effect but no suitable wording was put forth.

## 12. Website (Jane)

## Not much new to report. She tried setting up an email forwarding system through the website but some technical issues remain. There was confusion between forwarded email addresses and actual email addresses.

## 13. Hišimy̓awiƛ (Martin?)

## Hut bookings are full for June, July and August with about half booked for September. There are no major outstanding maintenance issues at this time.

## 14. Education and Leadership update. (Dylan?)

## No report. Jane will take Catrin off the list for this and add David L to the list.

## 15. Upcoming Events (Liz)

## a. Summer BBQ. This is a very important event. Maybe David L can talk to Mike Hubbard about organizing it as he (Mike) wants to be involved. Catrin organized it last year.

## 16. Other Business (David L

## David L will be out of touch for most of July but will be back in August. Contact Catrin for matters needing attention in July.

## Meeting adjourned at 9:37 PM