**Minutes ACCVI Executive Meeting 7 November 2022 by Zoom**

Present: Dave Suttill, David Lemon, Allison Caughey, Christine Fordham, Jeff Beddoes, Garth Stewart, Jane Maduke, Barb Baker, Derek Sou, Graham Smith, Janelle Curtis, Josh Slatkoff, Mike Hubbard, Martin Hoffmann.

Meeting called to order at 7:09 PM

**1. Adoption of Agenda**

Motion: That the agenda be adopted as presented. Moved Mike Hubbard, Seconded Garth Stewart. Motion carried.

**2. Adoption of Minutes of 20 June 2022**

**a.** Laura Darling said part b. under Summer Camp should read as follows: “A post camp survey of participants identified a number or good suggestions and the summer camp committee will bring them forward.”

**b.** Mike Hubbard asked that the brackets around his name be removed.

**c.** With regard to the Summer Camp Budget, it was not clear what the reference to <$25.00 referred to. It will be removed.

Motion: Adopt Minutes of 28 September with modifications as noted. Moved Mike Hubbard, Seconded Barb Baker. Motion carried.

**3. Matters Arising:** (David Lemon)

**a.** Slide Shows and Coordinators. We are still looking for a Slide Show coordinator. Anyone who is interested or who knows of someone who might be interested should contact David Lemon or Catrin. (note David Lemon is away from Nov 18 to Dec 31.) In the meantime we have enough program material to keep going through the end of February. Christine Fordham noted that a High Points will be coming out tomorrow, but that a zoom link for the Slide Show will go out by email. Jane Maduke will put the zoom link in the “events” section of the web site.

**b.** Covid protocols for trips and events. This item from the last Exec Meeting was to be revisited at this meeting. Nothing new was brought up, so we will continue as before following the provincial protocols and leave vaccination status up to the trip leaders.

**4. Financial Update** (Garth Stewart)

Budget Sheets (not on Agenda per se). Garth gave a quick review of the budget sheets, noting that the Banff Film Festival brought in more than expected at $13,663.83 while expenses were 5,949.93. Also the amount spent under Misc Projects, Events and Meeting ($1,167.76) included fees to Mosaic and cost of 2 new radios for Pt Alberni, and was more than originally budgeted for (750.00)

**a.** Donations for 2022. Several items will need to be finalized at the next Exec Meeting. This includes the donation to the Vancouver Island Trail Association. Christine Fordham will check with Gill Parker who the current contact for them is. Also deferred to the next Exec Meeting is the donation to the Strathcona Wilderness Institute. It was suggested that the donation to the VI Marmot Recovery be raised to $500.00. We have already made a donation of $200.00 to the CAJ as was done in 2021. See annotated summary at end of Minutes. Hopefully this can be dealt with at a December Exec Meeting with Catrin (back on Nov 17th) acting Chair. If not it will need to be done by email.

**5. National Club Update** (Christine Fordham)

Christine reported on a very upbeat ACC Section meeting that she attended at the end of October. There are many changes/improvements in the works under the leadership of the new President, Isabelle Daigneault including: a new strategic plan, a new membership portal, an electronic waiver, a code of conduct, a new insurance company. The North Face Leadership Development Program is still active. There are 15 positions available for which there are currently 18 applicants. A decision on successful applications will be out Nov 17th. With respect to green initiatives, the ACC huts are trying to go as green as possible (eg no kerosene lanterns). They are not doing carbon off sets. Right now National hut bookings are being done by hand. Section bookings will be opening up pretty soon. Info will go to the list of trip leaders.

**6. Communications** (Allison Caughey)

**a.** Bushwhacker/High Points. Information for High Points, which comes out more or less weekly, continues to go to Allison. There are 2 avalanche transceivers up island stored at Lindsay Elms’(the rest are down here). So far Janelle has 6 articles for the Bushwhacker Annual. Last year there were 40 submissions. She is hoping to get 30 submissions this year, particularly some now and then photo articles. The deadline for submissions is January 31, 2023. Janelle is also looking for submissions to the regular Bushwhacker Newsletter, particularly short introductions to themselves from members of the executive. The cutoff date for submissions to the December newsletter is the 25th November.

**7. Equipment** (Mike Hubbard)

People are starting to book AVI gear. There are 8 units in with him in Victoria and 2 units with Lindsay Elms in Courtenay. Snow shoes are also in demand. There are only 2 pairs here in good condition. He would like to purchase 2 more pairs for the club. (no motion on this??)

**8. BCMFF** (Laura Darling)

The contract with the UVIC auditorium is in place. So far 116 seats for the single screening have been sold. Initially there was a problem with the web link. They are planning for a full house. Early bird tickets go on sale Dec 3rd  for $25 with an added incentive of a draw prize for 2 nights at the Hut. On Dec 4th tickets prices go up to $30. The lower floor will be filled before they open the balcony. There has been wide spread promotion of the event on social media and other outlets. Nanaimo’s 2 screenings of 800 people each are sold out. Campbell River is half sold. There will be a screening on Quadra Island Dec 4th. There will be no virtual screenings. Josh got an offer from Valhalla Pure Outfitters to donate prizes. The information has been given to Laura who has forwarded it to Allison for inclusion in High Point.

**9. Access and Environment** (Barb Baker)

The club’s Mosaic Access Permit expires at the end of December. Barb will renegotiate for a January renewal. This includes use of the Ash River main, which we did not make use of in 2022. If there is still interest in the Green Mountain area, that will need to be negotiated as well.

**10. Summer Camp 2023** (Jeff Beddoes)

Laura, Garth and Jeff will get together to debrief about last year’s summer camp in the next 5 days and provide a briefing to the next Exec meeting. The dates for next year’s summer camp are generally not given out at the AGM, but later along with registration information. We hope to have a location nailed down by March. We will plan for 2 adult’s weeks and 1 kid’s week, with the option of a 4th week if there is sufficient interest. Christine suggested that we might consider a green option of walking in and just having our gear flown in. She also mentioned that other Sections were interested in doing an exchange program with their summer camp, eg Prince George and Squamish (a new section with interesting group of leaders.)

**11. Web Site** (Jane Maduke)

She has added Trip Ideas section to the information for trip Leaders section of the web site. Janelle commented that she appreciated seeing the COVI update on the web site.

**12. Hišimy̓awiƛ** (David L for Martin)

Some points from Colleen: Weekends for the next 3 months are booked. About $13,000.00 will be needed to build a urine separating stream for the toilet. There is a problem with getting the combination for the door to the next user in line.

Note: Martin joined zoom during item 13, and indicated that there is nothing to add.

**13. Education and Leadership update (**Christine and Jane)

The leadership list has been updated. A zoom meeting of leaders is scheduled for Nov 17th. Recall that a trip ideas list has been added to the web site under information for trip leaders. Dylan is working on ideas for courses this winter. A more complete report of the Education and Leadership Committee is appended to the end of these minutes.

**14. Green Proposal for ACCVI** (Geoff Bennett)

The idea of “greening” the ACCVI was introduced to the Executive at its June meeting this year. An in depth proposal and rational was published in the Autumn Bushwhacker pp. 26 – 35. A decision on what direction to take was deferred to its September meeting, then again at the this meeting, at which time 4 somewhat detailed comments were received for consideration. While there was general agreement that the Club should pay heed to climate change and minimize its carbon footprint, there was a split on whether or not buying carbon off sets (and how to pay for them) was the way to go.

Motion: (As submitted by Laura Darling prior to Exec Meeting)

* That, to take action and demonstrate leadership in keeping with "ACC's statement of environmental values and principles", ACCVI Executive support and implement the carbon offset initiative investigated, drafted and submitted to Exec by Geoff Bennett over the past 6 months;
  + That is: To offset annual carbon emissions from helicopters and vehicles at major ACCVI camps, and helicopter usage at Hišimy̓awiƛ, by purchasing carbon credits directly from Gold Standard or from a global portfolio at Less.ca or Planetair.
* That the carbon offset initiative be implemented with the intention that ACCVI monitor and review the outcome of the initiative over the next two calendar years (2023, 2024) to determine whether to amend or continue the initiative, and share all learning’s with ACC National and other sections

The motion was moved by Allison Caughey, seconded by (someone)

A vote was taken: 8 opposed 2 in favor, 3 abstentions.

There was subsequent discussion what alternatives we could purse without going the carbon off set route. There was general agreement that we should establish a committee to further the Club’s interest in lowering its carbon foot print.

Motion: That a committee be established to look at options for greening the Section. Moved by Janelle, seconded by Josh, carried unanimously.

Those interested in being on the committee should contact David L or Catrin B. We thanked Geoff for his work in putting this matter forward.

**15. Upcoming Events** (David L/Derek S)

**a.** AGM Date and Site: The Mt Washington Mountain Centre was not available as they are only considering bookings of 2 weeks or longer. The best alternative seemed to be to have it in person/by zoom at Swan Lake Nature Centre. A suitable time was suggested to be the last Thursday in January, the 26th.David L will confirm this with Swan Lake. (*note, this was subsequently confirmed*)

**b.** Nominating Committee for any upcoming vacant positions on the Exec or for Coordinators of Committees. Derek Sou will no longer be doing the Youth Program. There are already some possible volunteers from the summer camp family week showing interest. Stephan might just do the Kids Program part. Caroline Tansley will be stepping away from the Trail Rider program. She has found a likely successor, Andrew Cripps. So there may not be a need for a nominating committee as such.

**16. Other Business** (Derek)

.The Memorial Page on the web site needs to be updated with material on Albert Hestler.

Note: The agenda items for the Kids and Youth Program Coordinator and Trail Rider Program Coordinator were dealt with above.

**17. Next Meeting** to be Monday Dec 5th to be chaired by Catrin.

**ACCVI Past Donations**

**2020 Donations**

Vancouver Island Trail Association: $1500

FMCBC: $750

Avalanche Bulletin: $1650

Ancient Forest Alliance: $300

VI Marmot Recovery Program: $1000

SICA: $200

CAJ: $200

**2021 Donations**

Vancouver Island Trail Association: $1000

FMCBC: $500

Canadian Alpine Journal: $200

Vancouver Island Marmot Recovery: $ 300

Strathcona Wilderness Institute: $300

Ancient Forest Alliance: $200

**2022 Proposed Donations**

Vancouver Island Trail Association: $1000 – to be discussed at next Exec

FMCBC: $500 – Leave at 500

Canadian Alpine Journal: $200 -Done

Vancouver Island Marmot Recovery: $ 300 – increase to 500

Strathcona Wilderness Institute: $300 – to be discussed at next Exec

Ancient Forest Alliance: $200 – leave on list

**Education and Leadership Committee Meeting October 20, 2022**

* \* Iain Sou has asked Dylan to take over the education coordinator role. Dylan is starting by looking at booking AST courses with IAG in January and a Wilderness First Aid course (provider and date TBD). We already have an intro to backcountry ski on the schedule. (Probably we should take Iain’s name off the website?)
* \* We reviewed the website info for trip leaders, making sure the guidance is clear and welcoming
* \* Christine/Jane have added the code of conduct from national to the guidelines
* \* We reviewed the trip leader master list on Google docs and will continue to update.This enables us to send targeted emails to trip leaders.  It is posted on the exec site on Discourse
* \* Christine suggested we add something to the front of the website to keep reminding people of the need for trip leaders
* \* We reviewed a document started last year with a list of ideas for trips, and this is now posted as a new page on the Trip leaders section of the website.
* \* Christine is going to write a persuasive email to the trip leader list with strong encouragement to post trips asap. This will include the link to the new page ’trip ideas’.
* \* We should all take opportunities to encourage postings, including from the executive
* \* We’re considering running a Q and A / info session by Zoom for trip leaders past, present and future on Thursday 24 November.