**Draft Minutes ACCVI Executive Meeting 9 January 2023 by Zoom**

Present: Dave Suttill, David Lemon, Christine Fordham, Garth Stewart. Jane Maduke, Mike Hubbard, Catrin Brown, Martin Hoffmann, Janelle Curtis, Josh Slatkoff, Laura Darling, Allison Caughey, Graham Smith, Derek Sou.

Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM

**1. Adoption of Agenda**

Changes/Additions: Item 14 should include mention of Slide Shows.

Motion: That the agenda be adopted with noted change. Moved Mike Hubbard, Seconded Jane Maduke. Motion carried

**2. Adoption of Minutes of 5 December 2022**

Changes/Additions: Item #2 should refer to Minutes of 7 November 2022. Item # 10 remove reference to “rather than a 50% bursary” per Catrin’s comment.

Motion: That the Minutes of 5 December 2022 be adopted with noted changes. Moved Garth, Seconded Mike. Motion Carried.

**3. Matters Arising (**David/Catrin)

**a.** Environment committee invitation. Catrin was temporarily off line. We will be looking to from an Environment Committee. Not dealt with here.

**4. Finance update** (Garth)

**a.** Elizabeth Parker Hut camp budget. Net surplus exceeded 10% of fees, therefore a refund ($74.90) going to participants. See separate summary for details.

**b.** Repair vs replacement of old dome tent. This tent is at the end of its 10 year life expectancy and viewed as not worth repairing. Question is; Can we afford to replace it. Garth indicated that we have sufficient balance in our current equipment fund ($7000) and in other places to come up the estimated $11,000 needed to replace it. There was some discussion as to what brand/style of tents were on the market that would form a suitable replacement and what we would do with the existing tent. No conclusions were reached at this time.

Motion: That we replace the tent once we have looked at options for a new one. Moved Christine, seconded Jane, Motion carried.

**c.** Youth bursaries for Summer Camp Family Week. Discussions at the last Exec Meeting (5 Dec 2022) that we fully subsidize youth at Family Week are reflected in the proposed 2023 draft budget (raising the bursary amount listed to $6,500 from $4,500). This would cover the costs for up to 10 youth. This was with the expectation that the youth would be accompanied by a fully paying “parent”. There was some discussion that the full Summer Camp budget should be reflected yearly budget. It was noted that the past practice was to keep Summer Camp finances as a self contained entity outside the overall yearly budge. No agreement was reached on this matter, but Garth agreed that the Summer Camp budget of 2022 would be presented at the AGM. Martin will do the same with the Hut budget. The final motion on youth bursaries for family week did not limit the number of youth eligible and modified the wording of the accompanying adult.

Motion: That the ACCVI provide a full bursary of 100% for youth attending Summer Camp Family Week, with their parents or responsible adult(s) delegated by their parents. Moved Garth, seconded Martin, motion carried.

**d.** Draft Budget for 2023. This year’s budget is fairly consistent with last year’s budget, along with reflecting what actually happened. Notable changes are increasing the Donations (Outgoing) to $4,300 from $2,500 and increasing Family Camp (youth) bursary to $6,500. He will increase the amounts for Education and adjust the amounts for Banff Film Festival to reflect expected post covid attendance.

Motion: That the executive approve the Draft Budget for presentation to the AGM, with the changes here agreed to be circulated for approval by email. Moved Garth, Seconded Catrin, motion carried.

**5. National Update** (Christine)

Things continue to move in the right direction. She attended the Getting to Know the Sections meeting. There will be a meeting with3 people from the governance committee, probably next week on Jan 19th. Allison asked if it was written down anywhere what the benefits of being a member of the ACC. This was covered in Josh Slatkoff’s portrait view in the Winter 2022 issue of the Island Bushwhacker Newsletter. (Benefits of membership is also covered in the “Join” section of the ACCVI Website.) There was a concern about loosing members when their membership lapsed and that National should be more diligent in pursuing lapsed membership renewals. One new benefit that has just been enacted is that Fjallraven will now be giving members a 20% discount on items, with presentation of their membership card (available for printing off from the ACC website).

**6. Communications** (Allison/Janelle)

**a.** Gear Swap: The time and location of the Gear Swap has been moved to take place between 6 and 7 pm, immediately before the Jan 12 Slide show on Chasing the Island 6000 ‘ers. This change appears in High Point Weekly, just out.

**b.** The Island Bushwhacker Annual 2023: Janelle brought us up to date with progress on this year’s Island Bushwhacker Annual. Among the items of note:

* She has edited 17 submissions with help from Lindsay.
* She has made notes on another 17 submissions.
* She is looking for something on the Vancouver Island Now and Then project.
* She is looking for something on Albert Hestler, can take it off Memorial Page. Maybe Russ Moir or Jeff Bennett can do a single page article?
* Robie Macdonald tribute to be written by Paul Ericson.

The IBA is not likely to be ready until around May. Josh and Garth will arrange picking up hard copies from Island Blueprint in Victoria and preparing labels etc.

She is looking for someone to feature in the Profiles section for the next IB Newsletter.

**7. Equipment** (Mike Hubbard)

Mike provided a brief update. The 2 sets of snow shoes and Crampons have been purchased. The winter tent acquisition is not available at the moment. He has sent the crampons and some ice axes for up island use to Lindsay.

There was a question as to the checking of club membership status before equipment was rented out. The procedure followed is to check with Josh (Membership Coordinator) first. Mike also has renters sign a release before gear goes out. Christine Fordham also has access to up to date membership information.

**8. BCMFF** (Laura)

We have now sold 735 tickets and still have ~ 200 tickets available to sell. Alison continues to help out with promotions. There was some discussion about giving away some tickets to the Take a Hike Foundation, a Saanich program which introduces troubled youth to wilderness experiences. We may offer them to Johanna who manages it.

**a.** ACCVI display in lobby.Volunteers are needed for helping out with setting up information in the foyer for the event etc. Catrin will help with the displays. David L will do the introductions. Derek and Mike will help at the table. Fjallraven, Valhalla and Robinsons will setting up their own displays. There will be a signup sheet for early bird notification of next year’s film fest.

**b.** In addition to providing a door prize at the showing, Fjallraven has offered a 20% discount to ACCVI members with up to date memberships cards. Details to be announced.

**c.** There will be a gear donation bin for the All Nations Warrior Youth program. Someone will need to take responsibility for storing this until Geoff gets back at the end of February.

**9. Access** (Barb)

There was nothing new to report. (Barb was not present.)

**10. Summer Camp (**Laura)

**a.** Replacement/repair the dome tent. In her written submission, Laura laid out a number of factors for consideration. This material was dealt with in the Financial Update under item 4.b. where it was agreed that we would replace the tent once we have looked at options for a new one.

**b.** Sonia Langer suggested including a special camp for families with kids under 10 as part of the Summer Camp program. Discussion ensued around the viability of having concurrent youth activities involving younger and older age groups and the practicality of adding a 5th week to summer camp. The general concensus seemed to be that we should encourage Sonia and offer support, but we just weren’t sure what form this should take. It was agreed that Derek would contact her and set up something (on zoom?) with David L, Laura and Catrin to discuss further.

**c.** The matter of youth bursary amount was dealt with in item 4.c under the Financial Update where it was agreed it would be fully subsidized.

**d.** Donation of Old Stove: This matter was raised in the December 5 Exec Meeting with where it was suggested it be offered to a club member as is. It was on the Agenda for this meeting but not dealt with. (?)

**e.** The location of this year’s summer camp has been left up to Rich H and Peggy T and is expected to be announced at the upcoming AGM.

**11. Education and Leadership Update** (Catrin, KT, Dylan)

**a.** Education. The introduction to backcountry skiing workshop organized by Josh was well attended and successful. Other than the education program has been somewhat lacking. Sign-ups for recent First Aid and AST1 offerings arranged by Dylan have been disappointing/non-viable.

**b.** Leadership. KT has been busy looking after leadership recognition. A number of issues have come up relating to what constitutes a trip and how points are allocated. Some changes in wording were recommended for the Leader Recognition Program and Course Subsidy under Info for Trip Leaders section of the website. The main change being that the leader(s) to be recognized for points or course subsidies must post the trip/event to the website at least 5 days in advance, and it must be attended by at least 2 people excluding the leader(s) and their immediate family.

Recognition for leading trips qualifying for prizes/badges will be made at the AGM immediately following the year in which the trips took place.

**12. Website** (Jane/Evan)

It was noted that the background theme photo for the opening page of the websites was an image of the Statue of Liberty. This coincided with a wordpress update and was judged not to be the result of hacking. It was removed once it was drawn to the attention of the web master.

**13. Hišimy̓awiƛ** (Martin Hoffmann)

The Hut Committee has found a new booking person. More to report at the upcoming AGM.

**14. Upcoming Events** (David)

**a.** Nominations and positions to fill for 2023 executive/volunteer coordinators. Specific vacancies are for Education, Kids and Youth, and Slide Show IT. We will approach Gordon Kyle to coordinate/mc the slide shows.

**b.** Slide show. We need presenter ideas for future slide shows. Right now we have 3 people for January (Eryn Tombu-Haigh, Rich Priebe and Barry HansenRick) and Rick and Phee for March. Since we are combining the gear swap with the Jan 12 slide show, we must remove the expectation of beer that went along with the original gear swap venue.

**c.** AGM 26 Jan 2023. Catrin suggested we increase attendance by make this a social event with food by starting the event at 6 pm. To help with forecasting attendance (for food needs) she will send out an RSVP. Garth will provide money from treasury.

**d.** Future BCMFF shows will be the last Sunday of each January.

**15. Other Business**

**a.** Ancient Forest alliance endorsement. There were some issues with regard to endorsing the petition they are circulating as a club. Concerns stemmed from our relationship with Mosaic and whether the Alliance constitutes a political lobby group. We will postpone coming to a decision on this pending more feedback. Please send comments to David L by; the end of the week.

For now it will be left up to individual members whether or not to endorse the petition. There will be a table at the BCMFF for those who may wish to sign the petition.

**16. Next Meeting**

We will leave this for the next Executive (after the AAGM) to decide.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:30?** (Moved Garth, Seconded Mike, Carried)