**Draft Minutes ACCVI Executive Meeting 4 April 2023 by Zoom**

Present: Dave Suttill, David Lemon, Barb Baker, Garth Stewart, Liz Williams, Jane Maduke, Laura Darling, Catrin Brown, Christine Fordham, Gordon Kyle, Mike Hubbard, Martin Hoffmann Josh Slatkoff.

Meeting called to order by David Lemon at 7:06 PM

**1. Adoption of Agenda**

Motion: That the agenda be adopted as presented. Moved: Mike, Seconded Jane, motion carried.

Note: The agenda numbering omitted using the number 6 in listing the main items. Items in these minutes will be renumbered accordingly.

**2. Adoption of minutes of Exec Meeting of 28 February 2023**

Corrections: Some items under 4 Finance needed reworking. Garth provided wording.

Motion: Adoption of minutes of Exec Meeting of 28 February 2023 with changes as noted. Moved Garth, Seconded Gordon, motion carried.

**3. Matters Arising** (David)

**a.** Memorial Fund. Geoff Bennett, Christine and Garth met after the last executive meeting. A significant amount of money has been donated to the memorial fund from Albert Hestler’s estate. This necessitates the need for the Fund to invest wisely. (Recall that the fund’s equity investments have declined lately due to market). No conclusions yet on how to shield the Fund from such fluctuations. Another meeting on this is planned before the next executive meeting at which time recommendations will be presented.

Catrin staying on as cosigner until a replacement for her is named

To date there have not been any applications under the Fund. There is concern that we are not getting the word out to potential applicant. A concerted effort will be made to make better use of electronic/social media to publicize the funding opportunity.

We have not had any report yet on one of last year’s Fund recipients for the bike/ski to an Olympic National Park destination to promote car free back country use.

**b.** Dome tent replacement. Jeff Beddoes took this on hoping to get a discount from Mountain Hardware and was planning to order one if he had not heard anything by the end of April. Recall that we had authorized purchase of a new tent at the last executive meeting. Therefore Jeff should make arrangements and order it right away

**c.** Family Camp for Young Children. The meeting with Sonja did not happen. The only way it could go ahead would be to add a fifth week to summer camp and it was getting a little late to do this. Catrin will get in touch with Sonja anyway in the coming week to look at keeping the idea going.

**d.** Display replacement. This was an idea. No action at this time.

**e.** Ancient Forest Alliance (AFL). Recall that we had been asked by the AFL in January to support their petition aimed at protecting old growth timber and generally promoting more sustainable forest practices. Catrin felt it was time to put forth a motion to support this as the club’s values were essentially aligned with the values of the petition and should not be looked at as anti logging. There was discussion around how to sign the petition as we would not be endorsing on behalf of ACC national.

Motion: That we sign the petition under the name “The Vancouver Island Section of the Alpine Cub of Canada” the AFL petition presented at the Jan 9, 2023 executive meeting on behalf of the membership. Moved Catrin, Seconded Christine, Carried (with no opposed, and no abstentions.)

**f.** Environment Committee. There has been no movement on this and we are still trying to recruit someone to take it on.

**4. Finance Update** (Garth)

Updated Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statements as posted on Discourse were presented. There are no particular concerns on the current state of affairs.

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

The national Club database is having a trial run this week. The membership auto renewal is not fully functional at this point. Insurance matters have not been sorted out yet. Hopefully this will be resolved later this week.

Garth commented that he is not seeing auto-deposit on membership renewals. He blames it on problems with the National Club’s system update. There seems to be problems with the Applications Program Interface (API).

**6. Communications** (Janelle-away)

**a.** Bushwhacker/Highpoints. The Bushwhacker (both Newsletter and Annual?) is/are in progress. High Points still needs someone to take over. There is a possibility that Joanna Verano from the Hut Committee might take it on.

There was discussion on the best way to communicate club activities/notices in absence of notices in High Points. At present emails seem to be the best way. This led to concern that our membership list (and thus the email list) might not be up to date. Apparently not everyone is getting auto reminders of upcoming membership expiries. A question arose about everyone on the executive being current. David L has a list of the executive. The only way at present would be to check each person on the list individually

**7. Equipment** (Mike Hubbard)

The new light weight winter tent that we were going to buy is not presently available. Since someone has now donated a winter tent to the club, the one we were going to buy is no longer needed.

**8. BCMFF Update** (Laura)

Nothing new to report.

**9. Access** (Barb)

Rob Newcomb sent her a notice objecting to the removal of some gate locations on Mosaic’s map. Barb asked Mosaic about this. Their head of security got involved and she thinks they are back on the map by now.

There has been no response of access to Cottonwood Main (for Service/El Capitan/Landale) or the access to the Heather Mountain road.

**10. Summer Camp 2023** (Liz)

Liz brought us up to date with some of the planning going into this year’s camp. This included identifying equipment needs as opposed to equipment wants. June 3rd was seen as the deadline for checking over camp equipment currently stored at Tom Hall’s shed. Weeks 2, 3 and 4 are now fully subscribed. Family week is over subscribed at 21 applicants. She observed that there were lots of repeat camp manager volunteers. She would like to see new blood for these positions, but did not see it as a problem at this point. Access to the proposed helicopter staging area will have to be sorted out as it is located behind a logging road gate. Vacant spots not reserved by April 15th will be opened up to other sections.

**11. Education and Leadership** (Allison – not present)

David L will contact Allison to see what is up. Emily (?) was to contact KT re keeping track of leadership points. No real developments to report.

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

Apparently people have been getting hold of the “contact us” page on the website and using it to send out phishing emails. An information sheet on how to recognize phishing scams was presented.. To avoid phishing scams, always check email properties to see if the sender’s return email is legitimate

**14. Hišimy̓awiƛ** (Martin)

Roanne, the new booking person is working out great. Problems with placement of the generator have been resolved. A recent problem with the auto deposit function of the bank account has now been fixed. It looks like the summer will be busy. A bridge is proposed for the outflow of Cobalt Lake. Replacement of the outhouse with a composting one is on track. More trail work is proposed. Several groups have booked space in the hut already.

**15 Executive Volunteer vacancies** (David)

**a.** April Slide Show. The Ancient Forest Alliance won’t be able to make their presentation. It now looks like there won’t be a slide show in April. David L will notify membership (including Su Castle, and Neil Ernst) as well as Swan Lake.

**16. Other Business**

* Russ Moir is starting to plan a celebration of life for Albert Hestler, possibly at Swan Lake for sometime in June.
* Some people are not coming to executive meetings. Are they getting the emails?

**17. Next Meeting** (David)

* Go for 15 May. David L will be away, but Catrin will step in as past Chair.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40

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