**Draft Minutes ACCVI Executive Meeting 15 May 2023 by Zoom**

Present: Dave Suttill, Catrin Brown, Christine Fordham, Garth Stewart, Jane Maduke, Gordon Kyle, Laura Darling, Mike Hubbard, Barb Baker, Deniz Aydin, Janelle Curtis, Josh Slatkoff, Martin Hoffmann, (Heidi ?).

Meeting called to order by Catrin at 7:04 PM

**1. Adoption of Agenda**

Motion: That the agenda be adopted as presented. Moved: \_, Seconded \_, motion carried.

**2. Adoption of minutes of Exec Meeting of 4 April 2023**

Catrin will supply edit of wording for 3(a) - Matters Arising, Memorial Fund.

Motion: Adoption of minutes of Exec Meeting of 4 April 2023 with changes as noted. Moved: Mike, Seconded: Barb, motion carried.

**3. Matters Arising** (David)

**a.** Memorial Fund.

**-** For the time being new investments will be put in a high interest savings account.

**-** Update on last year’s recipient Astra Lincoln to be left with Geoff Bennett as something is coming.

**b.** Family Week for young children. We will look at this next year.

**c.** Ancient Forest Alliance (AFL). Catrin has signed the petition under the name “The Vancouver Island Section of the Alpine Cub of Canada” as agreed to at the last meeting.

**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. If there are any questions, ask Garth.

**a.** Hut booking deposits. We see a problem with applying the National Club’s policy’s to our situation with Hišimy̓awiƛ. Requiring a non refundable 50% deposit seems a little steep. Points for discussion were posted on Discourse. We will address this at the next meeting.

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

The National Club will be launching their revised website on Sat May 23rd. Once it is up and running, people will be asked to sign a yearly e-waiver as part of their membership renewal. Non members will continue to sign a paper waiver when they come on trips.

Among items of note:

* A problem with screening candidates for national office and making recommendations will be addressed.
* The NF Leadership Camp has had only 8 applications. So there is room for more.
* There are 24 updated editions of the book Alpine Skills for Summer available for purchase @ $24.00 each. Some could be used as incentives for club activities.
* Christine may do a National Club update in the upcoming Bushwhacker Newsletter.

**(There is no item 6 on the Agenda)**

**7. Communications** (Janelle)

**a.** Bushwhacker Annual. A final draft is now ready for printing. Based on past interest, there have been 34 – 42 requests for printed copies. A digital copy will go on line as past practice. There was some discussion about raising the $15 charge we levy to offset the cost of sending out printed copies in the mail. While not unanimous, the consensus was to keep the status quo. Josh will send out a questionnaire that people can fill out who want to receive a printed copy.

**b.** Bushwhacker Newsletter. The newsletter will go out the first week of June.

**8. Memorial Fund Applications 2023** (Catrin)

There was some question over the technical aspects of bolt placement and actual location of the project in the Kyle Smith application and whether we should impose conditions. This was presented in a submission to Discourse by Colleen and responded to by Geoff Bennett. In the end it was felt best to simply fund the project and not oversee it.

**9. Equipment** (Mike)

There is nothing new to report.

**10. Access** (Barb)

Access to Cottonwood Main is not likely until after July pending completion of road work. It could then be added to our existing permit.

**11. Summer Camp 2023** (Laura)

In light of resistance by one First Nation to our proposed Bendor Mountain location, we will need to find another location. Furthermore, we will need to go through the government’s Front Counter approval process, naming Laura as agent/contact person. This is something we should have been doing all along. Athelney Pass was suggested as a suitable alternative location to try for. There was discussion about how to deal with the anticipated additional cost.

Motion: That Laura apply immediately through Front Counter to get approvals for having our summer camp at Athelney Pass, and that the Club cover any additional costs that may be entailed. Moved: Mike Hubbard Seconded: Christine Fordham. Motion carried.

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

No Report.

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

Nothing new to report. Note that the National website is going live May 23rd. Jane will be out of touch for the 3 weeks following.

**14. Hišimy̓awiƛ** (Martin)

Martin is leaving Victoria for a year starting next Thursday. The hut committee needs to find a replacement. He was not overly concerned as he has faith that the committee can look after things in his absence.

**15 Executive Volunteer vacancies** (David)

**a.** Someone still needed for taking over High Points. Discussion deferred to next meeting.

**16. Other Business** (Catrin)

**a.** Updated accounting software needed for Hut finances. (Garth). Colleen has requested we get a Quick Book upgrade otherwise accounts will need to be done manually. The upgrade (on line only) costs $72.00 per month and is 50% off for the first year. Garth would like authority to spend $500.00 to cover a one year subscription.

Motion: That the executive approve an expense of up to $500.00 for a one year discounted subscription to QuickBooks. Moved: Garth, Seconded: Jane. Carried.

**b.** Albert Hestler celebration of life Thursday 15 June 3 – 5 pm hosted by Russ and Lynne Moir. Let Catrin know if you want to be on the list to get further information and to allow for planning.

**c.** National Awards recipients.

* Janelle Curtis has been awarded the ACC Don Forest Service Award for her work on the Bushwhacker Annual and Bushwhacker Newsletter.
* Derek Sou has been awarded the Eric Brooks Leader Award for his work with the Kids and Youth program.

**d.** K T Shum has just been involved in a really bad accident.

**17. Next Meeting** (David)

Suggested date: June 22nd. (David L due back 26 May)

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

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