**Minutes ACCVI Executive Meeting 17 Oct 2023 by Zoom**

Present: (14) Dave Suttill, David Lemon, Barb Baker, Catrin Brown, Laura Darling, Mike Hubbard, Garth Stewart, Deniz Aydin, Janelle Curtis, Valarie Wooten + Lindsay Elms, Christine Fordham, Gordon Kyle, Jane Maduke, E J Hurst.

Meeting called to order by David at 7:04 PM

**1. Adoption of Agenda**

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

**2. Adoption of minutes of Exec Meeting of 22 June 2023**

Motion: Adoption of minutes of Exec Meeting of 15 May 2023 with clarifications to Financial provided by Garth. Moved: Gordon, Seconded: Laura. Motion carried.

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

**a.** Memorial Fund Signing Authority. Garth agreed to take Catrin’s place as the second signing authority for Memorial Fund. (Geoff Bennett being the other signing authority.)

Motion: That Garth Stewart be the second signing authority for the Memorial Fund. Moved: Christine, Seconded Barb, Motion carried.

**b.** Astra Lincoln Memorial Fund Application of 18 Jan 2002. *This item was not on the agenda nor was it discussed at any length. A summary of communication with her was added to Discourse sometime after 11:30 AM 17 Oct 2003. Needs closure.*

**4. Finance Update** (Garth)

**a.** The Balance Sheets and Profit and Loss Statements were presented as posted on Discourse. It was noted that we have not received a membership contribution update in two months and the numbers shown in the Balance Sheet are lower than actual. If there are any questions, please contact Garth.

**b.** We need to start thinking about allocating the donations for next year’s projects. This matter will be finalized at the next executive meeting.

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

**a.** The ACC National Virtual Section Forum in October was attended by four member of the Executive:

Christine attended the Branding session, which was in part concerned with redesign of the logo.

David attended the Update session that was concerned with the overall direction of the ACC including the move away from an emphasis on Huts.

Jane attended the IT session which was concerned fixes to the National website with respect to login, how family memberships are listed etc.

Barb attended the Environmental session which focused on initiatives at the Section level. Of note was the lack of interest for carbon credits as a National initiative.

**b.** Electronic waivers are not yet fully implemented so trip leaders need to continue to use and keep paper copies of waivers.

**6. Communications** (Janelle)

Things are on track for a winter newsletter to come out in early December. Laura will do a portrait view for this issue. Jan 31, 2024 will be the deadline for next year’s Island Bushwhacker Annual submissions.

Catrin presented a short discussion paper (*posted to Discourse*) on current needs for timely dissemination of upcoming news items, events etc. The outcome was that Catrin volunteered to put out a revived version of High Points to go out a week before slide shows or more frequently if the need should arise. Jane will add Catrin to the newsletter email address.

**7. Equipment** (Mike)

Equipment storage needs were summarized in a discussion document posted to Discourse. In brief, storage requirements have evolved beyond the simple once a year access for summer camp purposes. Subsequently was agreed that Gord and Mike would look at available options. It was suggested that Laura and/or Liz could advise on what equipment was no longer needed. (The Hišimy̓awiƛ committee has its own internal means of dealing with their equipment storage needs.)

**8. Access** (Barb/Val)

Ideas for increasing the use of the Mosaic road access keys were posted to Discourse. It was noted that while a certain amount of lead planning was needed to get use of the gate keys (vetting the trip leader, posting the trip, and making the necessary contacts with Mosaic and Val/Barb), the time required was generally only a matter of a few days. Misconceptions putting a damper on gate access might be that only 2 cars allowed per trip. Actually, the only limiting factor is that each car must carry a radio. Also allowing trip leaders to form their own trips is OK providing they are posted to the website first. (*even if they are full at time of posting).* The procedure for Mosaic access is posted on the ACCVI website under Information for Trip Leaders.

Formal access to Cottonwood Main is still being finalized. A location for accessing the key needs to be worked out. (possibly with Vivian and Lyle?) The access would be weekends only and radios may not be needed.

**9. Summer Camp** (Laura)

The existence of a summer camp committee is somewhat in limbo right now. It was noted that somewhere there is a terms of reference for summer camps. This might be revisited to include provisions for tent camps as well as hut camps. A proposal for next year’s summer camp is in the queue with Front Counter BC. When/if it is approved, it is hoped that Becky in Qualicum Beach and or Chad could take the lead.

**10. Education and Leadership** (Deniz)

Deniz has offered to take this over, and already has lots of interest for putting on an Avalanche Course. She is also hoping to be able to offer a Wilderness First Aid course.

**11. BMFF** (Laura)

Work is well under way for this year’s film fest, to take place Jan 28, 2024. Contracts for the films and the venue have been signed. Sponsorships with Fjallraven, Robinsons and Valhalla pure are lined up.

**12. Website** (Jane)

Email addresses now look like they give direct access to people, but they have been encoded so they don’t really. Jane will continue on as Webmaster, but will no longer be attending Exec Meeting.

**13. Hišimy̓awiƛ** (EJ Hurst)

* The Cobalt Lake outhouse has been installed just outside the lake’s drainage.
* SI Forest has taken over maintenance of the access road.
* Popularity of the area has increased due to Tiktok, drawing inexperienced hikers to the area.

**14. Executive and Volunteer vacancies** (David)

Gord has volunteered to look after keeping track of the trip Leadership Points ledger. Catrin will do a revised monthly version of High Points (see Communications above).

**15. Other Business** (David)

**a.** Mary will be looking after receiving and organizing photos for the upcoming Photo Contest.

**b.** We will consider moving back to in person Exec Meetings next Spring when evenings have more daylight.

**c.** There will be a Christmas social event at Swan Lk. Hoping to find someone to give a short slide presentation to be included.

**d.** Ideas for monthly slide presentations are starting to come in. Gord has someone lined up for Nov 9th. He has people lined up for next year as well.

**e.** Details for the upcoming end Jan/beginning Feb AGM to be sorted out at the next Exec meeting.

**17. Next Meeting** (David)

December 5th ?

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 pm

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