**Minutes ACCVI Executive Meeting 7 Dec 2023 by Zoom**

Present: (10) Dave Suttill, David Lemon, Barb Baker, Catrin Brown, Garth Stewart, Gordon Kyle, Mike Hubbard, Christine Fordham, Laura Darling, Josh Slatkoff.

Meeting called to order by David at 7:07 PM

**1. Adoption of Agenda**

Changes to agenda: Add Slide Show update under 3. Matters arising; Add Gordon’s leadership points update under 10. Education and Leadership; Add Astra Lincoln under 15. Other Business.

Motion: That the agenda be adopted with above noted changes. Moved: Mike, Seconded; Gordon, Motion carried.

**2. Adoption of minutes of Exec Meeting of 17 Oct June 2023**

Motion: Adoption of minutes of Exec Meeting of 17 Oct 2023 with some minor wording changes to improve meaning.

 Moved: Catrin, Seconded: Mike. Motion carried.

**3. Matters Arising**

**a.** Slide Show update (Gordon). We have 2 confirmed slide presentations for the coming year, including one for January. Note that the next 3 slide shows will be on the 2nd Wednesday of the month (not Thursday) due to other commitments by Swan Lake.

**4. Finance Update** (Garth)

**a.** There were no material changes to the Balance Sheets and Profit and Loss Statements as posted on Discourse. Still no updated membership contributions since last reported in October. Therefore the numbers shown in the Balance Sheet continue to be lower than actual. If there are any questions, please contact Garth.

**b.** Annual Charitable Donations. We have $4300 allocated for this year. Annual donations for the last 3 years were posted on Discourse as a starting point. It was noted that the Ancient Forest Alliance now gives tax receipts. It was agreed to go with the list from 2022 with the following amounts:

Vancouver Island Trail Association 1500

Strathcona Wilderness Institute 500

Marmot Recovery Foundation 1000

FMB 500

Ancient Forest Alliance 600

Canadian Alpine Journal 200

 4300

Motion: That the above numbers be accepted for this year’s donations. Moved, Gordon, Seconded Mike, Carried.

Laura noted that last year all the recipients of donations except CAJ were invited to put on a display at the BCMFF.

The website will need to update the list to reflect 2023 without the posting the amounts.

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

**a.** Laura went to the Diversity/Equity/Inclusion course put on by National. Highlights of new directions include:

* We should shift toward use of preferred pronouns where appropriate.
* We should start meetings etc with a First Nation Acknowledgement

**b.** National is still working improving access to the membership data base. The new system is working for Josh, so any questions about members being up-to-date can be directed to him. For now Trip Leaders should ask participants for proof of membership (screen shot of card) and continue to use the paper waiver forms until May or possibly later.

**6. Communications** (Janelle not here)

Catrin sent out a revised version of High Points prior to the last slide show.

Josh noted that Tiny Letter is shutting down at the end of February and is being replaced by Mailchimp. Any existing data in Tiny Letter will need to be saved prior to then. There will be a monthly fee (~$20/mo?) for Mailchimp should we decide to go that route. However Mailchimp is not the only product offering that type of service. Josh and Catrin will figure out a course forward and report back at a future meeting.

Recall that Jan 31, 2024 will be the deadline for next year’s Island Bushwhacker Annual submissions.

**7. Equipment** (Mike)

Mike met with Tom Hall concerning access to equipment currently stored in his shed and future Summer Camp needs. For the short term the status quo remains. Once the summer camp issue is resolved we will need to take a hard look at what we want to keep. However we still need to be thinking about paying for storage in the long term. For comparison, Martin has a half storage bin for $100/mo with Upack used by the Hišimy̓awiƛ committee.

**8. Access** (Barb)

Cottonwood access is still in process of being worked out. On another matter, the road access to Mt Adder is currently blocked by a rock fall.

**9. Summer Camp** (Laura)

Recall last Spring (see Minutes 15 May 2023) we started the Front Counter process to get approval for Athelney Pass location for a summer camp for then then current year (2023). This followed unfavorable feedback from FN for original Bendor Mountain location which subsequently abandoned.

In an effort to ensure a summer camp for 2024 given that the Front Counter process for Athelney might extend into 2025, much discussion ensued around concurrently pursuing a shortened summer camp for 2024 (at Athelney) under the Adventure Tourism Policy (ATP) Incidental Use Exemption. This allows for 2 week duration stays/occupation on Crown Land subject to certain conditions including notification of AT Tenure holders and recommends (but not mandates) notification of FN without going through Front Counter.

Motion: That Executive pursue a two week summer camp in 2024 limited to 15 participants per week, in accordance with Appendix 1 of BC’s Operational land use Policy Exemption for Incidental Use. Moved: Mike; Seconded: Christine; Carried Narrowly (4 in favor, 3 abstaining, 3 opposing)

Because there were still some question about notification it was decided to extend the vote to the full “executive” following Laura consulting with Morgan of National about their wording of FN notification. An email vote will go out shortly.

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

Will announce at next meeting.

**11. BCMFF** (Laura)

Early ticket sales amount to over 500 of total 1000 available. David L will MC. Display may include prints of select photos from photo contest. Mary S will ask for permissions from respective photographers. Club will need to come up with money for prints.

Motion: That the club allocate up to $250 for graphics and photos to use in the display at the BCMFF. Moved: Laura, Seconded: Garth, Carried.

**12. Website**

David L will pass on list of annual donation recipients to Jane. Gordon will forward updated trip leader points.

**13. Hišimy̓awiƛ**

National incorrect on donations per web site. Martin knows.(*Not sure what this meant?)*

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

We may need new volunteer for Education. Dave S will be stepping down from the Secretary position.

**15. Other Business** (David)

**a.** AGM location and date. The Vancouver Island Mountain Centre (Mt Washington) not available. Will try Swan lake for mid Feb..

**b.** Nominating committee for 2024 executive positions. Gordon will help along with Mike.

**c.** Land acknowledgement statement at events. Neil Ernst submitted a discussion paper. It was generally agreed that we should start using one. A link to the one Swan Lake uses was included for consideration. The actual wording can be left up to the presenter.

**d.** Astra Lincoln – not dealt with.

**17. Next Meeting** (David)

Monday,15 January 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm

**Addendum 18 December 2023**

Further to the proposed email vote on summer camp options

The question:

1: I am in favour of proceeding with a 2024 summer camp for 2 weeks with a maximum of 15 persons per week with only the legally required notice to AT Tenure holders

2: I am in favour of proceeding with a 2024 summer camp for 2 weeks with a maximum of 15 persons per week with the legally required notice to AT Tenure holders and notice to First Nations

3: I am not in favour of proceeding with a 2024 summer camp under the Incidental Use exemption

The results:

Option 1:  3 votes

Option 2:  6 votes, all with the qualification that more than simple notification to relevant First Nations be done.

Option 3:  5 votes, 4 of which would consider Option 2 if there were sufficient engagement with relevant First Nations.

My interpretation of the result is that the executive is in favour of Option 2, but only with more than simple notification to relevant First Nations.  In this case, the yet-to-be-found summer camp committee would need to be prepared to undertake that engagement.  It has been suggested by Colleen that Chris Jensen might be able to provide some guidance from the experience with Hišimy̓awiƛ.

David Lemon

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