

Executive Reports 2023

Treasurer's Report

The Alpine Club of Canada, Vancouver Island Section, is a local division - or section - of the Alpine Club of Canada (ACC), which was incorporated in 1909 in Alberta, under *The Alpine Club of Canada Act*.

The Vancouver Island Section is entirely a volunteer organization, with no employees. The Section engages commercial operators on a fee for service basis to provide training courses such as remote first aid and AST-1. The Section subsidizes its members to take those courses as part of its educational program.

The Vancouver Island Section's principal source of income is annual membership dues and the Banff Mountain Film Festival.

Membership dues are paid to the ACC at time of renewal, plus an annual membership fee of 20 for each section the member chooses to associate with at time of their renewal.

The Banff Mountain Film Festival is an annual event hosted by the Vancouver Island Section, and held each January in the Farquhar Auditorium at the University of Victoria.

Anyone wishing to make donations to the Vancouver Island section, and also obtain an official tax receipt, may make a donation to ACC and designate their donation to the Vancouver Island section. The ACC then electronically transfers the donor's funds to the section.

Details and forms for donations to the Section are available on the Vancouver Island Section website at www.accvi.ca.

Unaudited Financial Statements

The Vancouver Island Section's fiscal year is the calendar year.

2022 Balance

As reflected on the 2022 Year End Balance Sheet, the Section's assets were 72,872.06; 38,083.41 cash in bank, and 34,788.65 in investments managed by Odium Brown.

2023 Income & Expense

- Total Income in 2023 was 27,171.19
- Total Expenses in 2023 was 18,760.25
- Net Income was 8,410.94

Total Income, 2023	27,171.19
Total Expenses, 2023	18,760.25
Net Income, 2023	8,410.94

As reflected on the 2023 Year End Balance Sheet, the Section's assets were 81,422.03, 46,633.38 cash in bank, and 34,788.65 in investments managed by Odlum Brown.

Treasurer's Note:

In the year end statements above, the value of assets held at Odlum Brown is representative only. Actual value of the Odlum Brown investments at 2023 Year End is set out in the report prepared by Geoff Bennett, titled "Status of ACCVI Funds".

The Vancouver Island Section received a significant donation in 2023 in the form of securities. Those donations were converted to cash, and reinvested directly at Odlum Brown. They did not flow through the Section's bank account, and do not appear in the year end Income & Expense statement.

Hišimýawił pronounced [Hi-SHIM-ya-wit],

The Vancouver Island Section operates its Alpine Hut on 5040 Peak. While it is part of the Section, Hišimýawił is managed as a separate unit. Bookings, management, operation, and maintenance of Hišimýawił are managed by various Section members. Accounting for Hišimýawił is reported separately from the Section's year end Income & Expense statement and Balance Sheet, and is set out in a separate report titled "ACCVI Hut Account for 2023"

Submitted by:

Signed by

Garth Stewart, Treasurer
February 9, 2024

Reports Attached:

- Income & Expense Budget v Actual; 2023 Year End
- Income & Expense Previous Year Comparison; 2023 v 2022
- Balance Sheet; 2023 Year End
- Balance Sheet; 2023 v 2022
- Status of ACCVI Funds
- ACCVI Hut Account for 2023

ACC Vancouver Island
Income & Expense Budget vs Actual
2023 Year End

Accrual Basis

	<u>Jan - Dec 23</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Banff Mountain Film Festival	17,338.52	18,500.00
Donations	600.00	990.00
GST Rebate	1,133.95	1,500.00
Investment Funds Income	401.87	1,200.00
Membership Dues	7,445.35	9,840.00
Membership Dues GST	251.50	495.00
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	0.00
Total Income	<u>27,171.19</u>	<u>32,525.00</u>
Expense		
Banff Film Festival	2,914.43	7,000.00
Bank Fees	72.00	125.00
Donations (Outgoing)	4,300.00	4,300.00
Education	1,758.90	6,500.00
Family Camp Bursary	387.50	6,500.00
Gifts and Awards	476.90	700.00
GST Paid on Purchases	388.84	0.00
Island Bushwhacker Annual (IBA)	2,551.14	1,500.00
Leadership Awards	1,169.03	1,200.00
Meetings	2,014.06	2,200.00
Misc. Projects and Events	543.46	600.00
Newsletter	528.11	300.00
Office & Supplies	0.00	100.00
Website Maintenance	155.88	500.00
Youth Scholarships (Mem. Fund)	1,500.00	1,000.00
Total Expense	<u>18,760.25</u>	<u>32,525.00</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>8,410.94</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Net Income	<u><u>8,410.94</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>

ACC Vancouver Island
Income & Expense Prev Year Comparison
2023 v 2022

Accrual Basis

	Jan - Dec 23	Jan - Dec 22
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Banff Mountain Film Festival	17,338.52	13,633.83
Donations	600.00	851.00
GST Rebate	1,133.95	1,614.15
Investment Funds Income	401.87	1,300.00
Membership Dues	7,445.35	9,977.50
Membership Dues GST	251.50	440.45
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	0.00
Total Income	27,171.19	27,816.93
Expense		
Banff Film Festival	2,914.43	6,082.93
Bank Fees	72.00	85.50
Donations (Outgoing)	4,300.00	2,900.00
Education		
ACCVI Education	1,158.90	296.00
Leadership Subsidies	600.00	397.50
Total Education	1,758.90	693.50
Family Camp Bursary	387.50	2,600.00
Gifts and Awards	476.90	632.40
GST Paid on Purchases	388.84	540.70
Island Bushwhacker Annual (IBA)	2,551.14	1,336.02
Leadership Awards	1,169.03	1,130.18
Meetings		
AGM	302.87	0.00
Slide Shows	701.50	938.64
Social Events	775.85	0.00
Summer BBQ, Xmas Party	233.84	521.30
Meetings - Other	0.00	214.00
Total Meetings	2,014.06	1,673.94
Misc. Projects and Events		
Access	500.00	0.00
Misc. Projects and Events - Other	43.46	1,167.76
Total Misc. Projects and Events	543.46	1,167.76
Newsletter	528.11	174.59
Office & Supplies	0.00	43.98
Website Maintenance	155.88	607.27
Youth Scholarships (Mem. Fund)	1,500.00	1,400.00
Total Expense	18,760.25	21,068.77
Net Ordinary Income	8,410.94	6,748.16
Net Income	8,410.94	6,748.16

**ACC Vancouver Island
Balance Sheet
2023 Year End**

Accrual Basis

	Dec 31, 23
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Coast Capital Chequing	46,633.38
Odlum Brown Contingency Fund	
OB Contingency - Cash	3,000.00
OB Contingency - Fixed Income	10,146.55
Total Odlum Brown Contingency Fund	13,146.55
Odlum Brown Memorial Fund	
OB Memorial - Fixed Income	20,642.10
Odlum Brown Memorial Fund - Other	1,000.00
Total Odlum Brown Memorial Fund	21,642.10
Total Chequing/Savings	81,422.03
Total Current Assets	81,422.03
TOTAL ASSETS	81,422.03
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Deferred Revenue	7,527.50
GST Payable	-478.26
Holding Funds	
Equipment Fund	594.06
Total Holding Funds	594.06
Total Other Current Liabilities	7,643.30
Total Current Liabilities	7,643.30
Total Liabilities	7,643.30
Equity	
Retained Earnings	65,367.79
Net Income	8,410.94
Total Equity	73,778.73
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	81,422.03

ACC Vancouver Island
Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison
2023 v 2022

Accrual Basis

	Dec 31, 23	Dec 31, 22
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Chequing/Savings		
Coast Capital Chequing	46,633.38	38,083.41
Odlum Brown Contingency Fund		
OB Contingency - Cash	3,000.00	3,000.00
OB Contingency - Fixed Income	10,146.55	10,146.55
Total Odlum Brown Contingency Fund	13,146.55	13,146.55
Odlum Brown Memorial Fund		
OB Memorial - Fixed Income	20,642.10	20,642.10
Odlum Brown Memorial Fund - Other	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total Odlum Brown Memorial Fund	21,642.10	21,642.10
Total Chequing/Savings	81,422.03	72,872.06
Total Current Assets	81,422.03	72,872.06
TOTAL ASSETS	81,422.03	72,872.06
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
Deferred Revenue	7,527.50	-2,830.00
GST Payable	-478.26	-478.26
Holding Funds		
Equipment Fund	594.06	10,812.53
Total Holding Funds	594.06	10,812.53
Total Other Current Liabilities	7,643.30	7,504.27
Total Current Liabilities	7,643.30	7,504.27
Total Liabilities	7,643.30	7,504.27
Equity		
Retained Earnings	65,367.79	58,619.63
Net Income	8,410.94	6,748.16
Total Equity	73,778.73	65,367.79
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	81,422.03	72,872.06

STATUS OF ACCVI FUNDS (Memorial Fund, Contingency Fund, Hut Replacement Fund)
Report from Geoff Bennett, effective 31 Dec 2023

MEMORIAL FUND (MF) STATUS

- The purpose of this fund is to disburse youth grants every year to deserving applicants. The capital value of the fund (donations plus Section contributions) should not be encroached. Section contributions are in effect a long term loan from the Section to the MF. In an emergency, the Section funds can be reclaimed from the MF. Since 2018, the Section has offered \$1,000 in youth grants each year, regardless of the underlying Fund performance. If the Fund yields less than \$1,000 then the Section makes up the balance.
- The fund invests in fixed income and equities at Odlum Brown. As a courtesy, Odlum Brown does not charge for their services, other than the usual commission fees on the purchase and sale of securities.
- The ACCVI Section matched donations from inception to 2019. However, the ACCVI Executive decided not to match donations from 2020 onwards.
- **Year end 2023 balance \$34,585.33 (compared to YE2022 balance of \$20,764.15)**
 - \$27,122.04 book value of corporate bonds and one GIC (which will be held to maturity)
 - \$5,953.00 market value of equities
 - \$1,510.29 cash
- **Total donations and matching section contributions since 2009: \$35,242.88**
 - This is the endowed capital in the Memorial Fund.
 - A major donation was received in 2023 from Albert Hestler's estate. In addition, several significant donations were made in Albert's name.
 - The balance in the MF is \$657 less than the endowed capital. This is an improvement from the \$1,466 difference in 2022, which was caused by a drop in value of Algonquin Power. The advice from Odlum Brown and several other analysts is to hold Algonquin for the short term but to sell if it shows no sign of improvement.
- **Total disbursements since 2009: \$11,275 on 15 projects**
 - \$9,975 from the MF
 - \$1,300 from the ACCVI Section in the form of top-ups
- **Funds available for disbursement in 2024: \$1,000**
 - Current balance in MF (\$34,585) less capital (\$35,242) = -\$657 deficit
 - However, interest and dividend payments in 2024 should exceed \$1,700. **Therefore it will be possible to offer a \$1,000 youth grant in 2024.**
 - Notes on outstanding projects and donations
 - Astra Lincoln never undertook her 2022 expedition and has refused to reimburse ACCVI for the \$500 grant that she was given. Note that these funds came out of the Memorial Fund, not Section funds.
 - Kyle Smith did not undertake the 2023 project for which ACCVI had approved an \$800 grant. However, none of this money was sent to him.
 - Kieran Ernst was awarded a \$200 grant for his 2023 project, of which \$100 was sent in 2023 and the remaining \$100 in 2024.

- A donation of \$100 was made in December 2023 but it is not expected to arrive at ACCVI until 2024

MEMORIAL FUND INVESTMENTS AT ODLUM BROWN

After much discussion, the ACCVI executive voted in 2023 to adjust the mix of investments in the MF to 40% fixed income (bonds, GIC's) and 60% equities (stocks, index funds/ETF's). In the short term, given the high interest rate environment, we have decided to invest in a GIC for one year, rather than additional equities.

FIXED INCOME INVESTMENTS (book value \$27,122 – 78% of fund total)

- CDN WSTN BK 2.597% 06SEP2024
 - A Canadian bank based in Edmonton with \$22 billion in assets.
- BMO GIC 5.2% 09DEC2024
 - Bank of Montreal is the 8th largest bank in North America by assets

EQUITY INVESTMENTS (market value \$5,953 – 17% of fund total)

- A decision was made in June 2021 to permit the purchase of low risk, high quality, dividend-bearing Canadian equities. This was in response to the low yield on bonds. The endowed capital in the MF is invested for the long term, therefore it makes sense to invest in equities. In 2023 the executive voted to increase the percentage invested in equities to 60%, but to invest in index funds/ETF's rather than individual stocks, in order to reduce volatility. An attempt has been made to purchase equities that are a good match to ACC values. In the future, the following two stocks will be sold.
- AQN ALGONQUIN POWER & UTILITIES
 - Algonquin provides electricity, water, and natural gas utility services to over one million customers, primarily in North America. The company's portfolio of clean, renewable wind, solar, hydro and thermal power generation facilities represents over 4 GW of renewable generation capacity in operation and under construction. Unfortunately, high interest rates on debt have forced Algonquin to restructure and the stock has underperformed. The dividend yield is still good.
- TD TORONTO DOMINION BANK
 - TD is the largest bank in Canada by total assets and also by market capitalization, a top-10 bank in North America, and the 23rd largest bank in the world. TD issues green bonds and is making efforts towards a sustainable climate action plan.

CASH (\$1,510 – 4% of fund total)

- Most of the cash is invested in a High Interest Savings Account, currently earning 4.75%
- Interest and dividend payments are currently invested at 2.7%

MEMORIAL FUND PROJECTS

Since inauguration of the Memorial Fund in 2009, ACCVI has disbursed \$11,275 to 15 different youth groups in the alpine:

- 2010 - \$1,200 for the Brooks Peninsula Expedition (Gillian Nicol, Cory McGregor, Cody Gold, Derek Cronmiller)
- 2012 - \$250 for first ascents on the SW Buttress of Mount Arrowsmith (James Pierzchalski)
- 2013 - \$1,400 for a General Mountaineering Camp for youth at Mount Matchlee (Harry Steiner)
- 2013 - \$600 for a first ascent of North Needle Peak in the Great Bear Rainforest (Christina Service, Laura Grant, Vernon Brown)
- 2015 - \$925 for a study of weather conditions and climate change at 20 remote fire lookouts in the Rockies (Kristen Walsh)
- 2016 - \$1,500 to purchase climbing gear for a First Nations youth rock climbing camp near Ucluelet (Carlos Mack)
- 2018 – \$2,000 total (\$961.64 from Section funds)
\$700 for a Strathcona Park traverse including first winter ascents of Tom Taylor and Mariner (Evan DeVault)
\$600 for a S-N hike of the entire VI Spine Trail (Isobel Glover)
\$500 for a ski tour of Liberty Bell, Washington by the ACCVI youth group (Derek Sou)
\$200 to purchase equipment for an expedition by Nanaimo Scouts to climb several major peaks in the UK (Andy Chapman-Coombs)
- 2019 - \$1,000 for a bike trip and climb by the ACCVI youth group of Mariner Mountain from Bedwell Sound (Derek Sou)
- 2020 - \$1,000 approved in total but both projects were cancelled owing to the pandemic
- 2021 - \$800 to hike the length of the VI Trail as a diabetic and to film the project (Nick Noble)
An additional \$200 was approved for a project that was ultimately cancelled.
- 2022 - \$900 A wilderness expedition along the Campbell River Divide (Kyle Bourquin)
An additional \$600 was approved for a combined ski/bike expedition from Victoria to the Olympics (Astra Lincoln). Unfortunately this project was never undertaken and Astra Lincoln has refused to reimburse the \$500 advance which was given to her.
- 2023 - \$200 to purchase a backpack for a Victoria Scout Troop to allow Scouts who don't own backpacks to go on camping trips (Kieran Ernst).

An additional \$800 was approved for a project to clean a climbing crag near Ehatis and to bolt a route. However, the applicant was unable to meet the requirements requested by the ACCVI executive and so the project is still incomplete (Kyle Smith).

CONTINGENCY FUND STATUS

- The purpose of this fund is to hold at least \$10,000 in reserve for emergencies and to generate annual income for the Section.
- Original investment (2009): \$10,000
- Additional investment (2021): \$3,000
- Year end 2023 balance in Odlum Brown account \$13,512.70
 - book value of 2 corporate bonds and GIC: \$13,060.96
 - **cash: \$451.74 (to be deposited to the ACCVI Coast Capital account)**

CONTINGENCY FUND INVESTMENTS at ODLUM BROWN

- CDN WSTN BK 2.597% 06SEP2024
 - A Canadian bank based in Edmonton with \$22 billion in assets.
- SAPUTO INC 3.603% 14AUG25
 - Saputo is a leading cheese manufacturer and fluid milk and cream processor in Canada.
- BMO GIC 5.2% 09DEC2024
 - Bank of Montreal is the 8th largest bank in North America by assets

HUT REPLACEMENT FUND STATUS

- The purpose of this fund is to hold funds long-term for the eventual replacement of Hišim'yawił, or for major repairs if needed. Deposits to the account come from hut revenues, at the discretion of the Hut Committee. The initial deposit is \$15,000, to be invested in fixed income, such as good quality corporate bonds. The investment portfolio may eventually include equities, if approved by the Hut Committee.
- Original investment (2023): \$15,000
- Year end 2023 balance in the Odlum Brown account \$15,425.85
 - book value of corporate bonds (2) and GIC: \$15,229.67
 - cash \$196.18

HUT REPLACEMENT FUND INVESTMENTS at ODLUM BROWN

- Brookfield 3.752% 02JAN2025
 - Brookfield is a Canadian multinational company that is one of the world's largest alternative investment management companies, with over US\$725 billion of assets under management in 2022. It focuses on direct control investments in real estate, renewable power, infrastructure, credit and private equity. Brookfield's headquarters are in Toronto.
- Telus 2.75% 08JUL2026
 - A Canadian national telecommunications company that provides a wide range of telecommunications products and services including internet access, voice, entertainment, healthcare, video, smart home automation and IPTV television. The company is based in the Vancouver
- BMO GIC 5.2% 09DEC2024
 - Bank of Montreal is the 8th largest bank in North America by assets

ACCVI Hut Account for 2023

Revenue and Expenses 2023

Income	
Hut users	59,254
Tourism Vancouver Island	4,450
Donations	135
GST from 2022 rebate	436
Total income	64,275
Expenses	
Personnel/Subcontractor Compensation~	
Outside contract work	3,540
Office supplies, permit books	
Bank charges	96
Vehicle Expenses/Fuel	1,000
Janitorial Supplies (hand sanitizer, cleaners, toilet paper, etc)	5,888
Administration/Advertising/Insurance/Web	5,291
Hut Fuels (Wood Pellets and Propane)	1,085
Helicopter	7,601
Capital Renewal Fund a retained reserve fund for renewing tangible capital assets).	9,000
Hut services, purchases, and maintenance (e.g lumber, wind turbines, kitchen supplies) Added solar panels	25,089
Cobalt Outhouse minus heli costs	19,080
other	1,480
Office supplies, permit books	20
GST paid out	2,463
Total Expenses	81,633
Net Revenue minus Expenses	-17,358

Balance Sheet	Bank	QB accounting
Beginning of 2023	56,997	56,997
Dec 31, 2023	41,742	39,639
Difference	15,256	17,358
AR – income due	750	
Equity GST reversed	1,353	
Difference	17,358	17,358

Hut Replacement Fund

To date: \$15,000 with Odlum Brown and \$12685 in Hut Replacement Fund at Coast Capital.
Total **\$27, 685**.

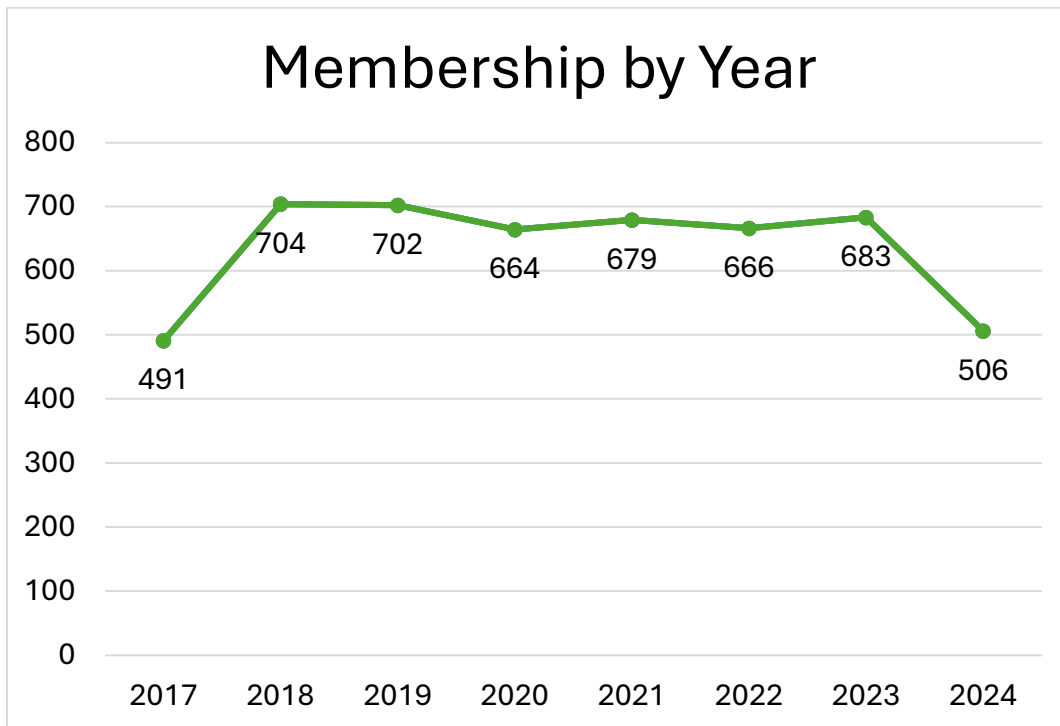
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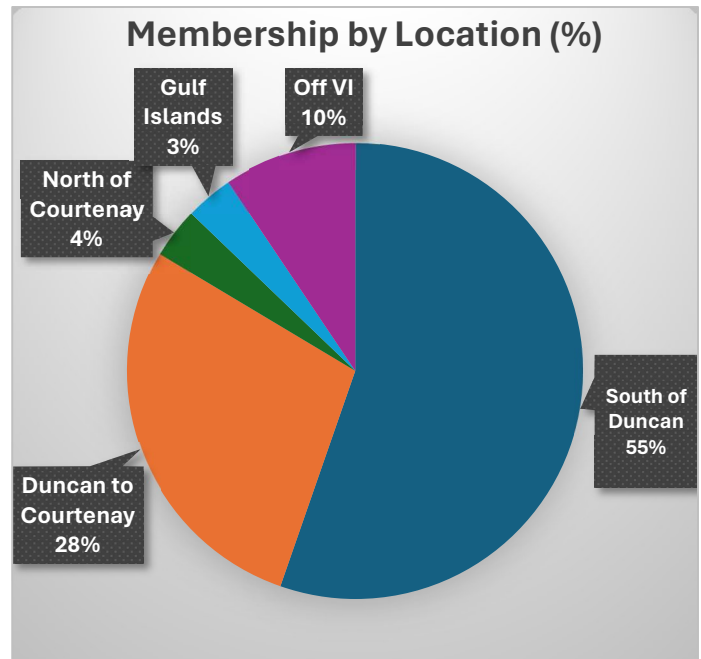
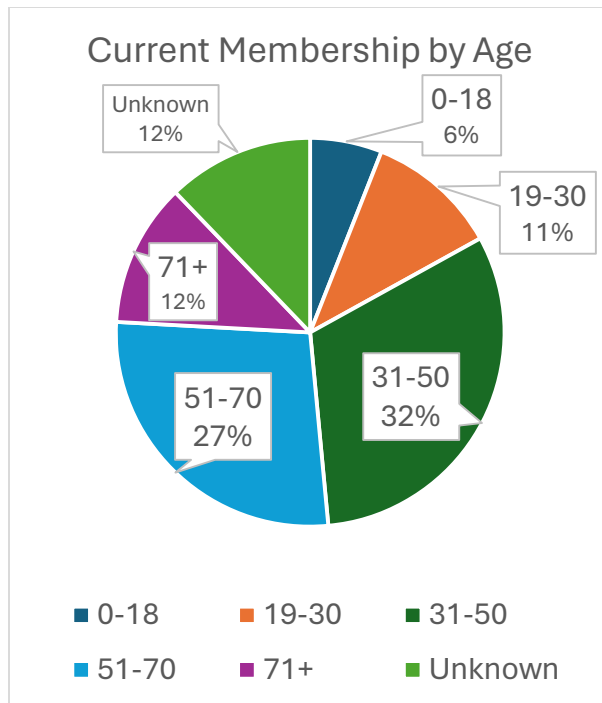
The large expenses were:

- Additional Solar capacity
- Outhouse for Cobalt Lake (Received a grant from Tourism Vancouver Island of \$13,500 towards total cost.

Membership – Josh Slatkoff

- Since May 2023, 331 memberships have expired. I've consulted with National Membership, and they are investigating, including considering reaching out to expired memberships for feedback. Based on anecdotal reports:
 - Not likely an artifact of the data.
 - Reminders may not get through (either not sent or filtered as spam by the recipient).
 - The renewal process is too cumbersome (30+ minutes). National is looking to streamline.





2023 NATIONAL REPORT - Christine Fordham Vancouver Island Section Rep.

A new feature National introduced last year, for Sections is the monthly webinars. We have enjoyed such topics as insurance, avalanche safety, hut booking policies, BC Search and Rescue and the latest the new Safety Handbook Launch. Watch for more exciting topics on the schedule. Our Vancouver Island Section had 5 participants on the Canada-wide "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Training, This training was sponsored by MEC and the virtual sessions, were very well received. ACCVi had two participants on the "The North Face (TNF) Winter Leadership Camp" and one for the "TNF Summer Leadership Camp".

National has gone through the process of a new member database, which has had many frustrations and bugs to work out. During the new membership renewal process, everyone will sign an online waiver and the ACC Code of Conduct. Once a year has passed, and we can be assured that all members have signed the waiver, we can start a new easier process for waivers on trips. We look forward to letting you know this when that time comes. Until that time, paper waivers are still required.

Education and Leadership

- Education ran 2 very well attended courses - Wilderness First Aid in December and AST 1 in January. Big thanks to Deniz Aydin for all her work in making these happen successfully. These courses are very valuable these courses to our members but we now have an urgent need for a new Education coordinator.
- Leadership reward points - big thanks to Gordon Kyle for stepping up to do this. More on the winners later in the meeting. As mentioned on the website, this program is discontinued effective 31 December 2023, and we are interested in ideas for new incentives for trip leaders

- National ACC offered several webinars for trip leaders on avalanche safety etc. These were well attended (nationally and by members of our section) and much appreciated. We hope National will continue to share their expertise in this way, and encourage all members - trip leaders or not - to take advantage of these easily accessible and excellent resources.
- As always, the Education and Leadership team is happy to hear from all members with questions and ideas: leadership@accvi.ca Our role is simply to support you plan and offer events for our schedule. So get in touch!

Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival

Our major fundraiser, the Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival took place at the end of January, and thanks to the great organization and publicity by Laura Darling and Joanne Veranno was a sold-out success.



Island Bushwacker Newsletter and Annual – Janelle Curtis

Island Bushwacker Newsletter

Four issues per year: spring, summer, autumn, winter

Columns include:

Portrait View: ACCVI Executive Members and Coordinators

Landscape View: other clubs and organizations

History: articles and photos about ACCVI

Historical Photos: photos of ACCVI members over the years

Recommendations: films and books about nature/mountains

Access and Environment

Island Bushwhacker 2022 Annual – 50th Anniversary Edition

Report from the Chair

Notes from the Section – 4 articles

Vancouver Island – 21 articles

Mainland – 11 articles

Distant Places – 3 articles

2022 Photo competition winners and honorable mentions

2023 Annual

Please submit trip reports to the *Island Bushwhacker Annual* at bushwhacker@accvi.ca and/or post them on ACCVI's Discussion Forum at <https://discourse.accvi.ca/>

Deadline for 2023 articles was 31 January 2024 → 15 February 2024

Comments, suggestions, ideas, and questions warmly welcomed at bushwhacker@accvi.ca

GEAR MANAGER'S REPORT FOR THE ACCVI AGM FEBRUARY 13th 2024

I have continued to manage the South Island gear for backpacking and snow activities from Saanichton. Val Wooton and Lindsay Elms have managed two sets of avalanche gear and some ice climbing gear for Up-Island from their home in Courtenay together with 2 radios for access to Mosaic lands and Erich Schellhammer has looked after the ropes and rock climbing gear from Colwood. The demand for snow shoes and avalanche gear has continued to be high during the winter season. Income from South Island gear for 2023 came to \$320 and from Up-Island gear \$45

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The Base Camp gear, formerly known as Summer Camp Gear, is still stored at Tom Halls's and we are actively looking for a new home for it.

Mike Hubbard

Summer Camp Committee

Following a decade of hosting successful summer camps at a variety of alpine locations, ACCVI planned a helicopter fly-in summer camp at Bendor Mountain north of Pemberton in July and August 2023. After considerable deliberation and consideration of members' wishes and environmental impacts, members of the ACCVI executive made the difficult decision to cancel plans for Bendor Mountain. One of the key reasons was because of a strong concern about our camp's potential impacts on wildlife in that region expressed by Tsal'ah First Nation.

An alternative location for the summer camp was proposed at Athelney Pass northwest of Pemberton. In the end, the executive made the tough decision to cancel summer camp in 2023 because we were informed we needed to obtain a provincial land-use permit for our camp and did not have sufficient time to obtain one. We had not realized that because of the scale and duration of our summer camp on crown land, the *Land Act* requires this permit. All registered summer camp participants were reimbursed.

Hut Committee

It was a busy year for our hut, Hišim'yawił. There were some major improvements made. A new outhouse at Cobalt Lake was built by Keith, Rodney and many volunteers. The work will be finished this spring in time for the summer hordes. Our power was also upgraded with new solar panels, batteries and other components, thanks to Rob and others. The auto-start function for the generator is also working as expected and keeps the batteries sufficiently charged in periods of bad weather.

Unfortunately not everything is working perfectly, the camera was down for a few months until John went up and replaced it. The weather station also stopped working and has now fallen down, it may be a while before we can get up there and troubleshoot the problems.

The fires with the road closure and the poor snow cover have affected our income but we are still in good shape.

The most concerning problem right now is the state of Marion Main, it is in worse shape than it has ever been. Fortunately the province has agreed to maintain the road and will be doing work once they have done an evaluation. Unfortunately we don't know when that will happen.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE ACCVI AGM FEBRUARY 13TH 2024

I have canvassed the present members of the executive individually and the general membership by way of the High Points Newsletter. Jane Maduke, Liz Williams, and Denise Aydin have already stood down although Jane is continuing as a volunteer coordinator Website Manager. Derek Sou is standing down as Youth program coordinator and from the executive as is Laura Darling as BMFF coordinator. David Suttill is standing down as Secretary although he has agreed to remain on the executive as a member at large. On behalf of all of us I thank these members for their hard work and contributions to the health of the section.

On the basis of the responses I have received I propose the election of the following executive for the next year all of whom have agreed to run. It is not however too late and we will be asking for any other nominations at the AGM. We are particularly still looking for members to head up the Youth Program and the Education Program.

Chair: David Lemon

Secretary: Becky Noble

Treasurer: Garth Stewart

Access and Environment: Barb Baker

Banff Mountain Film Festival: Joanna Verano

Bushwhacker Annual: Janelle Curtis

Communication and Schedule: Karun Thanjuvar

Communication and Membership: Josh Slatkoff

Gear: Mike Hubbard

High Points and Past Chair: Catrin Brown

Hut: Martin Hofmann

Library and Archives: Tom Hall

National Representative: Christine Fordham

Slide show and leadership points: Gordon Kyle

Summer Camp: Chad Katunar and Rachel Treloar

Members at Large: David Suttill and Shiela Nykwist

In addition to the executive we have Jane Maduke continuing to act as Website Coordinator and Neil Ernst as slideshow technical coordinator together with numerous other committee members who contribute enormously to the health of the section. Their work is much appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted

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