

Draft Minutes ACCVI Executive Meeting 16 Apr 2024 by Zoom

Present: (7) David Lemon, Mike Hubbard, Becky Noble, Catrin Brown, Garth Stewart, Barb Baker, Rachel Treloar, Jane Maduke

Meeting called to order by David at 7:02pm

1. Adoption of Agenda

Changes to agenda: none

Motion: That the agenda be adopted with above noted change. Moved: Mike, Seconded: Garth – Motion carried.

2. Adoption of minutes of Exec Meeting of 11 Mar 2024

Motion: Adoption of minutes of Exec Meeting of 15 Jan 2024 with correction that heat for storage unit will not be provided by Lyle (draft minutes erroneously stated that Lyle *would* heat unit)

Moved: Garth, Seconded: Mike - Motion carried.

3. Matters Arising (David, Catrin)

- ACC National Hut Booking policies

Catrin: National is correcting refund policy. Lots of folks fed up/quite upset. Is it worth pursuing with formal letter? Even if hut burned down, no refunds? Enforceable? Stark contrast btw private lodges and national huts.

Garth: what are other sections saying? Would like to know. Do we want to be only ones whining?

→ action item: David Lemon to follow up on this. Ask Christine if she could find this out at spring meeting.

→ are all winter huts “ski week”, falls under lottery or not? Good question.

- FMCBC meeting feedback (Catrin)

FMCBC having strategic review, Catrin was interviewed. Main issue for ACCVI is FMCBC mainly represents mainland, not island. FMCBC doesn't understand distinct issues on island (e.g. access issues, private ownership land). There will eventually be a new strategic plan.

Not many other ACC sections are members of FMCBC. Other clubs join to get insurance coverage, but sections have that under National umbrella.

4. Finance Update (Garth)

Family Camp Bursaries: \$500 deposit set aside, transferred to Sonya. What about paying for children for Elizabeth Parker Hut (EPH)? Garth thinks we should cover cost of children attending EPH.

Garth: discuss children's cost to incur to attend and consider ongoing policy in future. Registration cost (to cover children) is \$60/night for EPH. For our huts it's \$10/night. They are going for 4 nights at EPH. Ballpark \$1,000 for both camps. We can cover it no problem.

Make this ongoing policy in the future. Make this a permanent policy. Good use of our money helping families get out there.

Moved (Garth) – to promote getting youth into mountaineering, ACCVI will offer a full bursary to cover hut and park camping fees for youth attending an ACCVI summer Family Camp, when accompanied by an adult family member or guardian who is an active section member. (note: Adults attending a section Family Camp pay the full hut and park camping fee). Second: Mike. Motion carried.

let people know through the newsletter as opposed to high points ^^

Other (financial):

Nothing new. Proceeds from Banff Film Fest are known. Still lagging on getting membership dues from National. Way behind.

The usual progress charts posted are up to date for day, with two exceptions of deposits (Ski Camp 2026 and Campbell booking for September 2024)

5. National Club Update (Christine away this week)

Christine sent brief National Report by email reproduced below)

Hi David and all:

1. The Leadership ACC/TNF Summer Camp has been put out to membership - David - not sure if you have any requests for a Section Recommendation?
2. Two Webinars attended since last meeting, the IT Webinar (Josh and Christine) and Section Input for Access and Environment webinar (Barb and Christine)
3. Section Forum is May 25 – 27. Please email me if you want anything brought up
4. I attach MAAS Policy for Sections Hut booking Policy etc. which came out last fall and further explanation of Nationals policy for Ski Weeks as I seems there have been changes and Ski weeks with heli are covered differently.

Exec discussion based on Christine's written report:

Promoting registration at ACC/TNF Summer Camp in High Points? That would early May. Section covers up to 75% of expense. No one else has expressed any interest so far.

6. Communications (Janelle is away this week)

- Bushwacker: Publication is slightly delayed. Janelle is not back until May but it's pretty much ready - estimated time going to press is late May. Price staying the same (\$15)

Won't know how many copies to order until Josh does survey (away until end of April).

Action item: Send out reminder to Josh to contact Janelle to survey who wants prints copy.

- Website: (Jane)

[Jane joined at 7:50pm to give summary re: ACCVI website]

Jane's Recap on Website issues:

Early April, folks started getting notices that users were suspended. Reason was we exceed number of inodes on site. Need to remedy by May 1. Current hosting plan allows us 250k inodes, we have around 500k (double limit)

Option #1: stick with current plan and perform serious cleanup. Time intensive. Jane uncomfortable deleting files - might screw things up. People could purge their email to get rid of files. Chasing people down to do this. Again, time intensive.

Option #2: upgrade to virtual private server (unlimited inodes). Offering us 25% discount for one year. \$1,340 per year for basic plan (up from \$300 currently). Advantages: super easy, no time commitment, no risk of deleting important files from website's backend. Disadvantage: financial - greatly increases operating cost.

Option #3: look for more competitive hosting services. Jane hasn't looked into this yet. Could be a big job for someone. If we transfer site to new hosting service, Jane doesn't want to do that because it's risky. She doesn't have necessary computing power to do it. If we go this route, Jane recommends we hire someone to do that (\$500-1k one time cost).

Can't change the budget for this year but need to allocate for future.

Given three options: *Jane recommends option #2*

Motion: to upgrade current website hosting to a Virtual Private Server (VPS) which will incur additional costs of about \$1,000 for 2024, Moved: Jane, Seconded: Catrin. Motion carried.

Logistics: Server already has Jane's credit card info saved. Charge prorated will be charged to Jane's card and she will request reimbursement from Garth.

7. Equipment (Mike)

- Equipment Storage: new location

Email from Lyle this morning, estimates new facility ready for end of month. Tony and Tom will help Mike transport the equipment. Mike will ensure facility is ready and set up and then ask Garth to send money (\$3,600) to Lyle. Anticipate early May.

Garth will mail Mike a cheque in advance, post-date it and Mike can co-sign.

- Equipment, Generally

Mike reports lots of demand for Barryvox transceivers, crampons, and ice axes.

8. Access (Barb)

- Trail Rider

Alberni Club withdrew request to use the trail rider. Person they thought could use it pulled back. Becky and Mike working on (revised) waiver, for whenever it's relevant.

- Request for comments re Mosaic Pilot project

Mosaic says the gate hours will be "increased soon" (whatever that means).

Ash Valley: Government hasn't signed project yet but could be soon. Barb is going to say something about it, thinks it's a good idea to further ACCVI's goal re: pilot project/obtain 24/7 access. No apparent downside.

Barb hasn't been asked to say something yet. The idea is if it's successful, might transfer to the Cameron Main Rd. (Arrowsmith).

Everyone in favour of project. Barb will draft something in writing (re: position) when/if asked.

9. Summer Camp (Rachel)

Summer Camp 2024:

Realistically, not happening this year unfortunately. Co-organizer Chad K. not returning calls/emails. Forwarded about 25 emails from Laura to Chad. Too late to make summer camp happen.

Front counter said in early March, they are still buried in applications, long time until they are finished processing. Working through applications submitted in 2022 at this point. Roughly 18 months processing turnaround after submission.

Alternate idea is Campbell Icefield Lodge in fall 2024, initiative by Rachel – not an official summer camp replacement. Great response and it has filled up with a few people sitting on the waitlist.

Notice: How to let membership know? Publish in High Notes? Rachel will write something and send to Catrin.

Future of Summer Camp:

Rachel emphasized the need, going forward, for a solid committee of 3-4 people to get summer camp off the ground. Probably need to start working on this in September.

Might be easier to organize on Vancouver Island. McKelvie from Tsasis basin. Lavabate (sp?). That's doable, need to think very carefully about environmental footprint.

People who have come forward to help: Peggy Taylor (experienced), and two others newer who have never been to camp before.

It would be good to have experienced folks help. Put notice in the bulletin (esp. those with experience reading maps to find sites). First step is look at potential sites on the island, then start planning 2-3 years in advance.

11. BCMFF (Joanna absent tonight)

Joanna let David know things are underway, deposit paid for next January.

12. Hišim'awił

No one here from Hut committee. They are looking for someone to take over Hut treasurer position. Mike says Carole (sp?) has agreed to take it on. Not formalized yet but highly likely to take it on, would be excellent for position.

13. Other Business (Mike)

This year Mike is not going to be around end of August/early September, so in lieu, wants to host Summer Solstice Potluck on Thursday June 20 at 5:00 pm. Mike and Colleen will host/organize. Strict potluck, no BBQ, burgers, etc.

Suggestion to announce the Solstice potluck in High Points? Agreed (all – no formal motion).

14. Next Meeting (David)

Later in June for next meeting? June 26, 2024 at 7:00 pm confirmed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36pm