

## **Draft Minutes ACCVI Executive Meeting: June 26, 2024 (by Zoom)**

Present: David Lemon, Mike Hubbard, Becky Noble, Garth Stewart, Barb Baker, Rachel Treloar, Joanna Verano, Josh Slatkoff, Janelle Curtis, Christine Fordham (10)

*Meeting called to order by David at 7:03pm*

### **1. Adoption of Agenda**

Changes to agenda: none

Motion: That the agenda be adopted. Moved: Mike, Seconded: Garth – Motion carried.

### **2. Adoption of minutes of Exec Meeting of 16 Apr 2024**

Motion: Adoption of minutes of Exec Meeting of April 16 2024 with correction that previous correction re: adoption of minutes reference March 11, not January 15 2024.

Moved: Christine, Seconded: Mike - Motion carried.

### **3. National Club Update (Christine)**

- ACC Section Forum

Brand has changed. Consolation process – 3 ACC sections ended up giving final approval.

How much did we pay for consultation? Of \$5.5M budget, we paid ~\$275k

Report available on discourse.

National has put everything on Sharepoint. Brand logo is different from the emblem is the “old” goat, a couple ice axes. So, we can still use this on our huts.

A lot of sections are moving back to in-person meetings post-pandemic. Perhaps this is of interest to us?

We need to do something social with the club to recapture the community feeling. Example: pub nights, etc. Could also set an event planning night? Perhaps multiple trip planning nights, south island and north/central. Sometime in September?

Agreed that Rachel, Barb, and Janelle will organize by email to get this going. All the other sections are way ahead of us on this front. We need to get something happening.

Also discussed potential executive retreat. Hike or hut night or something to build rapport. Everyone seems interested, tentatively for September given most people have summer plans.

Janelle mentioned that she's stoked to coordinate Tantalus Hut for executive.

We have access to MEC swag, a little late to use for summer solstice event, but keep in mind.

Lots of sections asking about governance. ACCVI is not a corporation. We have charitable status like an athletic club. More on this to come.

Other sections are happy with hut cancellation policy. Seems we're the only section who has problems with this policy.

#### **4. Finance Update** (Garth)

Updated financial update doc (labelled June 26 2024)

We're now almost up to date regarding membership fees, only a couple weeks behind.

Reported on numbers re: income are pretty much up to date. Not charging GST on memberships.

Disappointment in education budget – there is budgeted money that's not getting used at all.

44 members paid \$15.

No huge surprises. Big uptick on website maintenance, expected. Next year will up quite a bit.

#### **5. Communications**

- Island Bushwhacker coordinator *Janelle*

Copies of the Annual should arrive within the next week, if they haven't already.

Approximate cost of each copy is \$30. Cost is subsidized.

We might consider increasing cost by \$5, bringing it up to \$20. This would reduce the club subsidy to 50% from roughly 60% currently subsidized by the club.

Regarding the Newsletter, Janelle is moving to Australia (anticipated in 2-3 years) and wants to start transitioning the new editor around next March. Happy to work with the new editor. Plans to keep working on Annual until she moves to Australia.

2-5 days per issue is a reasonable time estimate for whomever takes this task on.

- Next High Points

Catrin is going to be away in July, wondering if someone is willing to take this on this year? Maybe we don't need a High Points for July since newsletter just sent out. Maybe we can add a "volunteer" tab on the website? Talk to Jane and arrange? Take a look at Squamish's website and contact Christine or Barb with ideas.

- Brevo email service

*Josh*

The service has been working, not nearly as "user friendly" at the previous one, maybe too many features for what we need. Mass emails go out to all paid up members.

## **6. Equipment (Mike)**

Equipment Storage (new location update)

Tony and Mike moved all gear to Lyle's storage facility up at Cowichan Bay. Moved trail rider up there today. About 1000 square feet in trailer. A lot space but it's getting close to capacity now.

It's a good space. Access is convenient. Good deal financially. Win-win.

Rachel is thinking ahead to what section gear to bring up to Campbell Icefields. For sure bring the group first aid kit and radios, a couple of ropes, maybe some ice axes: Mike can help bring gear up.

## **7. Access (Barb)**

- Trail rider

Mosaic – gates are open 8-8. Regarding the minutes from last week - Barb still hasn't been asked for comments.

Paper permits – Mosaic wants those waivers handed over to them. E.g. Comox Lake permit.

- Judge's Route assessment

RDN has contracted with tech to check out the CPR trail and Judge's route to make assessments on trail deterioration. Welcomed folks from section to accompany, looks to be going June 28 or 29.

Adder: rockfall on road, nothing new on north approach – people are driving around the rockfall.

Klitsa from north has been blocked from rockfall. New approach trail starts lower and installed a cable car to get across the river.

Marion FSR: fabulous maintenance work done recently on the road.

Trail rider: Barb had a look at it last week. Happy to have possession of it again and it's in storage.

### **8. Summer Camp** (Rachel)

No summer camp for this year. Various mini camps. Our hut's bioblitz and Campbell Icefields. Perhaps room for one more at Campbell (we have 13 now), someone looking to share a room and for a ride.

Next year: organize a two-week long summer camp? A few volunteers informally.

Rachel is tentatively thinking Vancouver Island for next year to keep planning simple(r). Folks can let Rachel know if they have ideas for sites.

### **9. BCMFF** (Joanna)

Not a lot to update at this point. On hold at UVic for Jan 26. No contracts signed yet, typically in the summer this happen.

One action item it to tighten up the timeline, because tend to stay late on Sunday. Will figure out how to shorten things so doesn't go past 10pm. Maybe start earlier at 6:30 instead of 7pm. But don't want to make huge changes because it's an established tradition for many folks.

### **12. Hišimy'awił** (Colleen/Mike)

(read in by Mike, Colleen later sent summary by email reproduced below)

#### **Hut Report - June 26, 2024**

The Hut is going well, perhaps too well. It has been fully booked all summer and into the fall now. The problem is that people try to book, even staying up til midnight, but with no luck as the rooms get taken up quickly

Bank balance is \$53,648 for ongoing expenses. As well, we are putting aside money for hut replacement (in about 30 years) and other major expenses due to wear and tear over time of the building. This totals just over \$49,000.

We built an outhouse at Cobalt Lake, partial funding from Tourism Vancouver Island (4VI). The outhouse is usable but not yet completed. It will be finished in the fall when we do our next heli life.

We put in bear caches last year near camping areas – one at Cobalt Lake and one up closer to the hut.

The govt has been working on the road and has improved it a lot. I think that 2 wheel drive cars can drive it now although we still recommend a 4 wheel drive. The parking lot at the trailhead is pretty limited and with the numbers of people coming up 5040, it is often overflowing.

Carol Doering has taken over the finances of the hut. Roanne English does the booking. Both are super competent. While Martin is in France, doing the management from a distance (he is a computer whiz), Keith Battersby has been heading up on the ground work with a group of very competent, dedicated volunteers. It is really impressive.

We still need people to help with building the outhouse and maintenance. We need more custodians and so we are working on building a group of trained people.

----- End written report -----

Incredible job by volunteers! What can we do to thank them. Hike, t-shirt, picnic, etc. something to show them we're appreciated what they do. ACCVI baseball hats? Joanna has Hut Committee meeting next week. She will fish for beta on their particular likes.

### **13. Other Business** (David)

None.

### **14. Next Meeting** (David)

Wednesday September 18, 2024 at 7:00 pm

*Motion to adjourn, Josh moved, Garth Second, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm*