

Draft Minutes

Present: David Lemon, Mike Hubbard, Becky Noble, Garth Stewart, Barb Baker, Rachel Treloar, Joanna Verano, Christine Fordham, Gordon Kyle, Martin Hofmann, Sheila Nyk (11)

Meeting called to order by David at 7:02pm

1. Adoption of the agenda

Changes to agenda: add update on leadership and awards program (under “other business”)

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

2. Adoption of the minutes of the executive meeting 26 June 2024

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Moved: David, Seconded: Mike - Motion carried.

3. Finance update (Garth)

Healthy balance sheet. Again, membership dues way behind, nothing received for 4 months. Rest looks pretty straight forward. Still 85% unspent money on education front – this continues to disappoint.

4. National Club update (Christine)

Leadership Development Discussion paper: Sep 15 deadline passed so not much more to add other than Our section provided a lot of feedback. Thanks to everyone for your thoughts.

Virtual Section forum: Only one in-person meeting now (spring), fall meeting is virtual.

Open invite to lead a seminar at the virtual meeting? If anyone wants to participate let Christine know. She will provide information.

Montreal Section Letter

How about some educational seminars for leaders at the Hut? And section pay for it.

Still time to get a hike (mid island) going? Leadership. Colleen and Vivian said they would help get some educational stuff going. Martin will help with the hut.

Christine: Motion that we just don't charge our section for a leadership weekend at the hut for end of November? Weekend of Nov 29, 2024. Seconded: unclear, motion carried.

Maybe reserve hut for new leaders?

Approval for swag in the budget? Garth says we have about \$600 left in the budget for that sort of thing.

Gordon says there is some limited swag, shirts, hats, etc.

Leadership and awards program (Gordon): points system, we can keep it and not kill entirely, keep it on reduced scale. Jackets, gift certificates. We can reinstate it. (we have the money)

Motion: from Gordon, to reintroduce the points program on limited fashion, Seconded: Garth, motion carried.

Application for grant – pilot project. Money has to be spent within a year. Can be used for many things. Deadline to apply is September 30. (think this is an application for program at National). The exact amount is unknown. Apply and use towards the hut weekend in Nov. Martin will help and commit to taking this on.

Gating the FSR to 5040? Permits come with code to unlock?

5. Communications

Island Bushwhacker Newsletter coordinator

No one has volunteered to take over the newsletter from Janelle yet.

6. Equipment

Mike: No specific issues or updates. Things working out with Lyle at Cobble Hill.

7. Access (Barb)

Our insurance has expired – Barb was alarmed to discover this today. We can't let anyone use our permit right now. Waiting to hear from National on this issue.

Judge's Route and CPR has been assessed and flagged.

Abel Creek Area:

This area is adjacent to Mount Cain. Barb needs time to look into this a little more – the damage may be done and nothing left to do? Concern is that by raising this issue we may risk relations with Mosaic.

Suggested draft a letter from section and cc National – Mary is the chair.

8. Summer camp (Rachel)

Campbell Icefields Trip: went really well. Successful in terms of group dynamics and opportunities. More mountaineering focused than hiking, given terrain. More experienced folks helping newer members.

Rachel has recruited two more people to help with organizing next year: the fly in camp location – tentatively somewhere on the island.

Rachel wants to know if there are materials out there that she should have her hands on. Perhaps a central filing location. One suggestion is to use discourse to store and share materials.

Might need to contact ex committee members. Finally, no progress on application sent in before.

9. Swan Lake Slideshows (Gordon)

October 10 is confirmed for next slideshow. Will be on the Andes. Will be posted as event on the website.

One idea brought forward was to hire presenters to come in for one of these shows. Fee would be between \$420 (Catherine Babeau) and \$500 (Chick Scott). We have money in the budget already.

Motion: that we offer Chick Scott an honorarium of \$500 to come in and present (Mike), seconded (Garth), Motion carried.

Mike will send a note to Chick tomorrow to confirm. Gordon makes same motion re Catherine (honorarium up to \$500), seconded (Christine), motioned carried.

Agreed to apply for \$1,000 application for grant to cover this.

Re: cost for accommodation for speakers, Mike offered to put up Chick Scott at his place, and possibly Catherine too.

10. Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival (Joanna)

Joanna hasn't signed contract yet, soon.

Plan is to have early bird sales again in November. Push off for Christmas gift sales in December.

Early bird fee of \$27.50 and regular \$32.50. Do we need to raise prices at all? No. Suggest we keep the fees. Fees for facility haven't gone up enough to raise prices. Deposit is \$500. Fee for hall is \$5,000

Timing considerations: earlier start time of 6:30 instead of 7:00pm. Keeping in mind it's a Sunday so folks can get out a decent time.

Biggest support Joanna needs is to get the word out. IN terms of membership, can put it out in High points and newsletter (October) and should be put on event page on website.

Anticipated revenue is roughly \$16,000.

Easiest way to get word out is for Joanna to send a summary and Josh can send it out by email to membership.

11. Hišimýawił (Martin)

General Update:

Things are very busy up at the Hut, especially this fall. Crazy numbers of people going up to 5040. Hut completely booked from June to October. Even the winter months are many booking. Much more than we expected. It's good for income for section, but it means a lot of work for us. People are dumping trash in bear caches, poor etiquette. Huge volume of people means volume of work.

Options for management the volume of people. Especially the far side of the lake which is a sensitive area. The other contributing factor, any vehicle can get up there now. Marion main is now drivable by just about any vehicle.

Rec Sites and Trails wants to regulate the area and limit number of permits. Get the whole mountain designated. They need to partner with someone due to their limited infrastructure. The obvious

entity is ACCVI. Some discussion ongoing. Enforcement role? No. Would be educational and encouraging folks only.

Something needs to be done. Hut committee meeting yesterday. Everyone in agreement. Possibly hiring contractors? Need some kind of income beyond the hut, because that's not fair to subsidize everyone camping up there.

One model to consider is custodian semi-permanent status like the situation at the Bugaboos Hut.

It's a big project.

Hut Committee is looking for ideas; strengthen relationship between custodians and section. Would like to do custodian training sessions in May/June before the crowds return to the Hut. Planning to increase number of custodians and improve organization.

Cobalt Creek Bridge:

A lot of the high priority improvements have been done, arising from trail report done in 2022. Some dangerous trees flagged.

One outstanding priority issue was building a bridge across Cobalt Creek, identified as high priority. It's not always a safety concern but in the spring especially, knee to thigh deep, can be safety issue. Also in winter people crossing snow bridge over raging torrent.

Cost to build is not cheap = \$40-50k. Hut has some money can pay for a lot of it, but looking for additional funds to cover it. How does section feel about contributing?

Tentative installment would be next spring? Section 56 permit requirement for installing on Indigenous lands.

Martin says they need to know by the end of the year. We can table this until the next meeting. Could also be an exchange where the section provides money, and we are offered use of huts for events etc.

12. Other Business (David)

Photo Contest & Website updates: Talk to Jane and get this part updated.

Christmas party: Should we have one and if so, what? Perhaps coordinate with slideshow?

Maybe second Thursday of December is a good tentative date. We also need someone to take on refreshments at the slideshow. Su Castles is looking to pass this one to someone.

13. Education (Sheila)

AST1 event weekend of Jan 3-5 2025 run by Island Alpine Guides (IAG).

Motion that we offer an additional 15% discount for AST1 course, an additional 15% on top of the 10% offered by IAG (Sheila), Seconded (Garth), Motion carried. Note: Additional subsidy by club of 75% for club leaders up to \$300 max.

Sheila will forward this info to Janelle and Catherine and Karun (to ensure it gets on the website)

14. Next meeting

October 23 at 7:00pm