**ACC – VI Executive Meeting – Minutes**

**Wednesday 5 October 2016 7.00 pm**

**Attendees:**

Robie Macdonald, Chris Jensen, Russ Moir, Martin Hofmann, Caroline Tansley, Catrin Brown, Tom Hall, Peggy Taylor

Christine Fordham and Colin Mann via Skype

Regrets: Barb Baker, Alois Schonenberger, Colleen Kasting, Mike Hubbard

1. **Adoption of the agenda**

Motion to adopt agenda.

*Moved by Tom. Seconded by Caroline. All in favour. Motion carried.*

**2. Adoption of the minutes of the executive meeting 29 August 2016**

Motion to adopt the minutes of the executive meeting 29 August 2016:

*Moved by Chris. Seconded by Tom. All in favour. Motion Carried.*

3. **Matters arising:**

**a) Hut committee update**

* Progress with visits and plans (see attached) *Chris*
* MEC section membership
* Rick Hudson’s request

Design, overall complete, still could be tweaked. Received engineer sealed drawings today. Applying to Province tomorrow for an application to have the hut site as a B.C. Recreation site, subject to ACC-VI Executive Approval.

Several FN supporting letters are to be included with the application.

Two considerations for the application to the Province:

1. Authorization to build - Port Alberni staff member can approve,

2. Formal designation as BC Recreation Site ADM approval.

If these two items are approved, the ACC enters into a partnership agreement with the province, which outlines roles and responsibilities and some liability coverage for work parties.

September 9th Visit to site with a large group: Michael (Recreation Technician) reviewed the site, Alberni Outdoors Club and others. The site includes hut location, water supply, outhouse and overflow camping areas.

There is no plan for tent platforms, but there is a large gravel area suitable for tents.

Question for fee: Est $15/night, finalize after all costs are in. Hoping to utilise ACC National website for booking.

Hut design has custodian room for a volunteer custodian.

Island Economic Trust: Stage 1 approved. Short term fundraising goal is $30,000 by December for stage 2 of application. Rick Hudson is chair of fundraising sub-committee. Other applications are in process, including MEC. The section has donated $15,000 (as of the January 2016 AGM).

Hut open to public. Alpine Club needs to negotiate benefits. i.e. will our members have priority access? This decision falls under the Partnership Agreement.

Question: what will the proposal be regarding ACC Members priority access? I.e. Federal Parks have tiered pricing, preferential booking.

***Action Item***: Tom to research other precedents for the partnership agreements for huts around the province.

Question: is there a capacity limit? Or insurance liability regarding capacity?

Motion: That the ACC VI Section Executive approves the Hut Committee to apply to Government of BC for consideration of the hut on 5040 Peak as a BC Recreation Site.

*Moved By Russ. Seconded by Catrin: All in favour. Motion Carried.*

**Request for motion from Rick Hudson (chair of hut fund raising committee):**

Background re fundraising: National’s *Giving Opportunities* webpage has information about the hut initiative. National will issue tax receipts for donations. Rick is applying to BC Royal Dividend, deadline Oct 30th, up to $100,000.

Motion: That ACC VI Executive authorize the submission of application

*Moved by Chris. Seconded by Martin. All in favour. Motion Carried.*

MEC Membership: We now have a section membership at MEC.

Fundraising campaign launch November 1st.

Ideas: donations in memory of …..

Budget estimated $160,000. Professional estimators may be utilized.

Unknowns: outhouse design, helicopter etc.

If permit is received by the end of January 2017, and funds are acquired, and letters of approval still needed then pre-fabrication can begin at Chris Ruttan’s place in February 2017.

The Executive expressed deep thanks to Chris and the hut committee for all the work done.

**b)Access issues*: letter to Andrew Weaver Catrin / Barb***

Outdoor Recreation Council Report re access issues. Barb and Catrin have drafted a letter to Andrew Weaver.

Question: Is a letter the best way forward? Maybe meeting is a better forum. And should all party leaders be copied on the letter?

There is current appetite to voice concerns because of media attention from the ORC report, and the continuing trend of increasing restriction on access. IT is communicating less and less and has restricted access to Campbell Main.

***Action Item***: Casual meeting between Rob and Andrew Weaver to discuss best next steps and to help draft the letter. Discuss at next meeting.

**c)Arrowsmith trail maintenance – *how to be pro-active?* *Russ***

Scheduled event as follow-up from last spring had l.ow response, so was postponed Will schedule again for June 2017. Is there a way of harnessing energy from hut committee volunteers?

Looking for venues to advertise: VIU program. Take a Hike Vancouver Island FB Page.

Jonathan from RDN will inquire about helicopters to help with the work.

**d)Youth camp / grant - *follow-up to cancellation of climbing camp Catrin for Geoff***

Geoff Bennett issued cheque for $1400 to Uclulet Band for youth climbing camp. Perfect storm of bad weather and organizational issues led to late cancellation. Carlos, the recipient of the cheque, is no longer employed by Uclulet First Nation. We don’t have receipts for expenditures. Anna Drabo is the new contact taking over from Carlos.

Elecia Gilmore has been given as a contact for ACC-VI Uclulet First Nation.

***Action item***: Chris is talking to Anna tomorrow, will enquire and promote running the camp in the spring. Also to find out if the money has been spent. Will work with Geoff.

Memorial Fund will be looking for applications come January 2017. Earlier applications always appreciated.

**e) TNF winter leadership *– deadline is 8 November Catrin***

Reminder of deadline 8th of November. Scouting out applications as it is a good opportunity for training, though not necessary to have an application every year.

***f) Summer Camp Follow up – Peggy***

New dome tent: $3080 + GST for Mountain Hardware Tent. It was decided to wait for a meeting with Colleen in attendance to approve this.

Summer camp gear is being transferred from Cedric to Tom’s house for storage. The executive expresses sincere thanks to Cedric and Lissa for 8 years of storage, and to Tom and Pam Hall for taking this on. .

Next year’s summer camp will hopefully be at Assiniboine Provincial Park, subject to the reservation system, which is first come first served in january.

Summer Camp over-run in 2016 is covered from the accumulated surplus.

Despite earlier decision to write to the helicopter company re excess costs, Liz has advised after review that the flying time was not irregular, so there is not a valid issue to raise.

Cedric’s trailer which has been used for many years on the summer camps is in need of repairs.

Motion: That the ACC reimburse Cedric $250 for new trailer parts

*Moved by Catrin. Seconded by Rob. All in Favour. Motion carried.*

***g) FMCBC Bulletin***

Moved to additional business.

4. **Treasurer’s report** – *see attached files* (*Colleen)*

It was noted that information on the balance sheet showing assets would be helpful for the discussion.

1. **Christmas parties**:
* Victoria 9 December (in place of the December Swan lake slide show)

Tom kindly volunteers to host at his home. Volunteers are needed to assist in food prep. Etc.

* Up-island – 26 November

Clark Gourlay has offered to host a party jointly with the Ramblers. Colin would like some funds for appies.. Executive approves $200 out of up-island budget.

6*.* **Data projector and powerpoint software purchase**  *Peggy*

We may need a new projector. Estimate $900 + tax. Portable wireless speakers $80 + tax. Would like to buy new Power Point license. The executive approves the costs.

7. **BMFF** – *ticket price increase?*  (*Krista)*

UVic is increasing the costs, though not clear exactly by how much. Suggestion: raise the price by $1. Raising the price 1$ with service fee, people will see $24. Question re giving back the $5 to memberswhich cuts into our revenue.

Motion: The executive moves that we raise the BMFF ticket price by $2 from $20 to $22. And the executive recommends against the $5 rebate to members.

*Moved by Catrin. Seconded Russ. All in favour. Motion carried.*

A trailrider display will be arranged for the festival.

8*.* **Annual photo contest** *- Thursday 27 October Peggy*

The word needs spreading.

*9****.* Educational coordinator** – *change in role Catrin / Colin*

Harry is delighted to pass on the role to Colin. Harry is still interested in participating by running workshops.

Motion: Executive warmly thanks Harry for the terrific work in running the education program over 10 years.

Colin reports that backcountry skiing and avalanche training seem to have high interest. Beacon training for up island. Subsidized AST course. Catrin suggests planning educational events at the AGM. Also, update education page on website.

10.**Kids and Youth program** *– celebration and change in leadership Catrin*

The Steiners have stepped down from the program. They started the program 9 years ago, in which time 56 trips were run. A thank you event was held last Friday in Swan lake, attended by participants and parents. We are the only section that has this program.

Motion: the executive warmly congratulates and thanks Harry and Nadja Steiner for their enthusiasm and energy in initiating and running the youth program over the past 9 years. The program has been passed on to Derek Sou.

11. **Future executive openings** – *canvassing early interest* *Catrin*

Some positions will be opening. Treasurer, Bushwhacker editor.

Mary would like support with the newsletter

27-29 January 2017for AGM is booked at Vancouver Island Mountain Centre.

12. **Date of next meeting** (s) – *Thursday 17 November?*  *Catrin*

Venue TBA

13. **Any other business**

**FMCBC**:

Rob sent budget 2017 for BC Parks. FMCBC writing a letter to the Premier for an increased budget. The points being parks being understaffed and capital structures are falling apart. Suggesting $60 Million. Public hearings are occurring across BC.

Communications coordinator changed to Stacy Centos.

Sherry Berrinford: project Rails to Trails. Looking for support.

**Message from Christine re: Adventure Smart Training**

Contacted by National Club re Search and Rescue conference in Edmonton next weekend. They are looking for people to lead basic training in communities. Catrin and Erich are going to attend. Spread the word to interested parties. First come, first served.

Next national meeting will be held later in October. Christine will be attending and if anything needs to be brought up please let her know.