

**ACC-VI Executive meeting
4675 Blenkinsop Rd, Victoria, BC 250-477-0070**

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 22 November 2012 7.30 p.m.

Present: *Rick Hudson, Phee Hudson, Sandy Stewart, Barb Baker, Russ Moir, Krista Zala, Martin Hofmann, Brenda O'Sullivan, Catrin Brown*
Regrets: *Cedric Zala, Mike Hubbard, Geoff Bennett, Dave Campbell*

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7.40 pm

1. **Adoption of the Agenda**

A few items were added to the agenda previously distributed.
Adoption moved Russ, seconded Phee. Carried.

2. **Adoption of the minutes 6 September 2012**

Moved Phee, seconded Russ. Carried.

Reports

1. **Treasurer:** *Phee*

A balance sheet summary as of 22 November 2012 was distributed and is attached. A few highlights were noted:

- BMFF income is similar to last year's, and with some expenses still to be added is expected to yield an approximate profit of \$10,000
- Course subsidies have so far been below budget
- The banquet and barbecue were under budget
- There is some money left in the budget for equipment, so we could consider buying a GPS Spot
- Supplies and materials were higher due to gifts for people stepping down from executive positions
- We anticipate a year-end balance of approx. \$24000, similar to last year's
- The contingency fund has grown since last year and is held at \$10000
- The memorial fund has \$19000 in the account, of which \$8900 is our contribution

In conclusion, we are in very good order financially.

2. **Education:** *Rick for Dave Campbell*

Unfortunately, Dave needs to step down from his role as Education Coordinator for personal reasons. It was suggested that Harry Steiner should be approached for this position; *Rick* to pursue. The executive expressed its thanks and appreciation for the extensive contribution Dave has made in this role.

3. **Schedule:** *Russ*

Russ has 'phoned many potential leaders since the last meeting, resulting in about 6 trips added and some more promised. He noted that there is demand for more south island trips, and will continue to try to encourage leaders to

step forward. There was a query about the potential for women's-only trips, and it was felt these should be encouraged as there may be a niche.

It was noted that the schedule page on our website is 'fragile', with another incident of entry error leading to some deletions. These have been fixed, but it was agreed that limiting the individuals who have access to entry on this page should ameliorate the problem. *Martin* to oversee this.

4. **Equipment:** *Russ for Mike*

Following Mike's request for club lists to determine membership when issuing gear, Sandy has sent the UVOC list to Mike and *Martin* will send the club list.

5. **BMFF:** *Krista*

The Festival was held last weekend, and went very well. 936 seats were sold, leaving vacant only a few rows of inferior seating. Ten films were shown, including the Peoples' Choice Award and only one of the four films shown at Reel 'n Rock. Much positive feedback has been received. The net profit is approximately \$10,000.

We paid for advertising only in Monday magazine, the Times Colonist and the Martlet. In addition, posters were distributed around town and extensive use was made of social media. *Krista* has established a Twitter account, which is a legacy for future festivals. Several booths were present in the UVic centre, both business and not-for-profit organizations such as VISTA.

The recommendations are to hold the ticket price the same for next year, and to increase the number of booths. In addition we can try to reduce the money spent on traditional advertising, and consider options such as the free section of the Times Colonist, the UVic radio station, and UsedVictoria website.

On behalf of the executive, Rick extended a vote of thanks to *Krista* for a job extremely well done.

6. **Photo competition:** *Phee for Martin Smith*

The competition held on Thursday 25 October went very well, thanks to *Martin*. Minor problems include the fact that one of the winners is not a member, and that trophies seem to languish unclaimed for long periods. *Roger Taylor* has agreed to take on the organisation of the photo contest for next year.

Old Business

1. **'Climb the Island':** *Catrin*

The project is near completion at year's end, with the goal of climbing 100 island summits surpassed. It was agreed that once complete, the map and summit register should remain on the website as a permanent record of our centennial activity.

Discussion covered the possible future uses of the software generated, and support was given to the idea of linking the map to the schedule. It was

unanimously agreed that the site should not become a tick list for personal peaks climbed, but rather a resource for club-based activities. *Catrin* will discuss possibilities with Greg Lawrance who has generated the code, and worked hard to maintain the site during the year. Martin commented that a new webmaster (see below) may be able to develop some of the mapping technologies further.

2. **Access & Environment:** *Barb*

Barb gave an extensive report on access issues and logging company procedures, mostly in the Alberni valley region. A full report is attached.**

Some highlights:

- Barb will meet with a representative from Timber West and introduce the club.
Clubs on the east side of the island have more interaction with Timber West. Insurance issues are coming up - CDMC pay the company for access to Comox glacier etc. They maintain blogs with information about closures.
- Barb has a good relationship with Island Timberlands, who are harvesting extensively - Moriarty, Pass Main, Father & Son Lake, Cold Creek etc.
- Western Forest product are involved in the Jordan River region and Powell River. There has been a good relationship in the past.
- There is a new road to Steamboat that will give easier access to Pogo and Steamboat.
- Logging in the Nahmint valley is finished
- The inlet trail in Port Alberni, which is part of Vista, needs a bridge on the last stage by Old Franklin camp.

3. **Changes to Memorial Fund:** *Geoff*

This matter is completed, as noted in the minutes of the meeting on 6 September.

4. **Ranger's cabin update:** *Rick*

Rick recently met with Andy Smith of BC Parks and Jan Neuspiel of IAG to discuss our interest in the ranger cabin at Hair Trigger Lake in Strathcona Park. He reported that it was a very good meeting, and Parks are interested in us generating a proposal that involves all the island clubs i.e. CDMC, Ramblers and Heathens. It was proposed to form a sub-committee of 3 or 4 people to take this to the next level. Krista volunteered and acknowledging the importance of representation from up-island, *Rick* will ask Charles Turner. The goal is to produce a first draft by the new year,

It is envisioned that a cooperative of interested parties will form, sharing the costs of upgrading and annual maintenance. After the set-up costs, it is likely the hut could generate \$4000- \$8000 profit per year. This is an excellent location, and the BC Parks allowable overnight rate for mountain huts is \$26 pp. We are encouraged by the progress.

5. **FMCBC annual fee update:** *Phee*

As a result of the Vancouver section following our lead and opting to pay \$10 per member instead of the \$15 fee, the representatives at FMCBC have

engaged in a discussion with a view to maintaining the membership of our clubs. At their upcoming AGM it is expected they will ratify a \$10 fee for all membership groups (reduced from \$15), so we will become full voting members again. This means that we owe approx. \$2000 for 2012.

Motion:

That the treasurer will pay FMCBC fees for 2012 fiscal year amounting to approximately \$2000

Proposed Rick, seconded Brenda. Carried unanimously.

It was noted that we currently have a vacancy for the FMCBC rep on the executive.

6. The AGM at Mt Washington in January: *Catrin*

Plans are well in place with 40 places booked at VIMS and a short wait list. We will encourage the overspill to find their own accommodation at Mt Washington as there should be good options available. The centre has indicated there is no problem with additional people attending the Saturday dinner and meeting. It was agreed to rent the projector and screen from the centre for a cost of \$15. Harry Steiner has asked to show a short movie of a scheduled introductory mountaineering course he ran, which will fit well with the Saturday evening events.

7. Centennial clothing order: *Brenda*

There are still a few orders to come in, and it is expected the shipment will arrive in time for distribution at the December slide show. It was agreed to order 10 extra hats (\$15 per) as these are useful for prizes, thank-you gifts etc.

8. The Island Bushwhacker index: *Christine/Martin H*

The index generated by Judith Holm as a Centennial project needs to be linked on the site. *Martin* will do this. It was recognized that members requiring copies of the articles referenced can retrieve copies of these from the Bushwhackers in the library at Tom Hall's home. *Krista* will look into the cost of scanning complete volumes of old Bushwhacker annuals.

9. Selling the section's EPIRB: *Rick*

The cost of a new EPIRB is approximately \$900. *Rick* will post the details on Craig's list etc, aiming for \$400 with a view to using this to purchase a VHF radio or a smart SPOT.

10. Section gear insurance: *Phee*

Phee has determined that there may be some coverage for damage / loss of the summer camp gear under Cedric's house insurance while it is in storage in his garage, but there are no insurance options for when the equipment is in use on trips.

New Business

1. Rogers Pass summer camp: *Cedric*

The Wheeler hut is booked for 18 - 24 August 2013. There will be spaces for 20 people. Cedric is organising this and will be promoting it shortly.

2. **Griswold Pass summer camp:** *Rick*

Plans are in place for three consecutive weeks of tent-based summer camps in the South Chilcotins for the weeks Jul 21-28, Jul 28-Aug 4 and Aug 4-11, 2013. This will be a fly-in camp from Gold Bridge with an expected cost of \$600 per head. There were some questions about the personal weight allowance, which is yet to be determined. Each week has a capacity of 15 people, including a club manager (Rick Hudson week 1, Cedric Zala week 2, Andrew Pape-Salmon week 3). If availability permits, we will make places open to other sections on 1 March. The camps will be advertised in the upcoming eNewsletter.

3. **New addition to Woss Lake Provincial Park:** *Rick*

Rick has initiated a plan to request an extension of the boundaries of the Woss Lake Provincial Park to include the area explored during this year's summer camps. (See correspondence attached). It was discussed by the council in Tahsis on Monday night, and he has received verbal support, though anticipates this is likely to be a long and slow process. It was acknowledged that executive involvement and support for this initiative is important.

Motion:

It is proposed that BC Parks consider an extension of the Woss Lake Provincial Park boundaries to include an unspecified area around Nichol Lake. Proposed Russ, seconded Phee. Carried.

The use of helicopters in the proposed park was raised and deferred until this moves to a later stage.

4. **Naming of peaks:** *Lindsay/Rick*

An invitation to participants of the 2012 summer camp to submit names for some of the peaks around the McKelvie Basin has been circulated by Lindsay Elms. A few responses have been received. It was noted that in BC government literature, queries are raised about when it is appropriate to name a peak and when to leave for later generations. *Lindsay* will collate responses and report back.

5. **Paying online at our website:** *Martin*

Martin explained that options for submitting payments through the website are complex. A better way forward is to set up the section account to receive money by email. *Phee* will investigate the Interac website for details.

6. **Charitable donation:** *Phee*

We have money in the budget for donations this year, but have not yet allocated all the funds. After discussion it was agreed to make donations as follows:

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Donations to Other organizations

VI Avalanche Centre	\$600.00
Climbers Access	\$200.00
VI Spine Trail	\$300.00
CAJ Journal	\$100.00
Spearhead Hut Project	\$200.00
Strathcona Wilderness Institute	\$100.00
Total:	\$1,500.00

Motion:

That we accept the above list of charitable donations.

Proposed Brenda, seconded Krista. Carried unanimously.

Phee suggested that we should consider other worthy causes for next year and increase the budget for donations to \$2000.

7. Course subsidy for Harry Steiner's youth AST1 program: *Phee* Harry and Nadja Steiner are organising an AST1 course for 13 - 19 year olds on 2 - 3 February at Mt Cain. Instruction from IAG is \$220 pp, and a \$110 subsidy pp is requested. This 50% subsidy is less than the usual 75% subsidy available for members, but we naturally cannot expect the youth to lead trips in return. Discussion covered alternate ways for the participants to give back to the section, including the possibility of volunteer work in parks. It was agreed to grant the subsidy to participants after the course, to a maximum of \$1200.

As a separate request, Harry and Nadja are interested in feedback on their plans to apply for a youth grant of \$1600 towards the cost of running a youth summer camp at Mt Matchlee. Their plan is to fly in all the equipment (after our summer camps) while the participants would hike in. It was thought they should be encouraged to put in an application for the grant, which will be considered with others at the end of the year.

8. Avalanche transceivers: *Rick*

We have an invitation to join the Vancouver section's plan to order transceivers at a discount price. This is worthwhile, although we anticipate

fewer orders than last year's bumper crop of 57. Brenda volunteered to take money and names starting 1 December.

9. **Banquet :** *Catrin*

Catrin has initiated the organisation of the annual banquet for late March, and was given the green light to continue the plans.

10. **Communication with membership :** *Catrin*

Catrin circulated a paper (attached) with some suggestions for improving communication within the executive and with the membership. After discussion it was agreed to the changes suggested and to make the relevant updates on the website. *Martin* to oversee this.

11. **GPS workshop:** *Rick*

This day workshop by Michael Schmidt is not yet finalized, but we will likely have it in place for late January.

12. **TNF winter course :** *Rick*

Rick explained that he has been in correspondence with the main club regarding the process they used to grant a place on the TNF leadership course to one of our two applicants from the section. He feels that if we cannot have input into the choice, we will have to adopt a different procedure for endorsing our candidates next year.

13. **Executive expenses:** *Phee*

Phee queried whether executive members can claim significant out-of-pocket expenses, such as for driving up-island. It was stated that this should be no problem as there is a precedent for this.

14. **MEC discount evenings:** *Rick*

Two evenings will be held in the year when members can receive a 10% discount at MEC. These are likely to be early December and late May.

15. **Web master:** *Martin*

Martin explained that he would like to step down from the webmaster role, and expressed the view that a new person might bring innovative changes to the site. We do not know what skills and interests are present in the membership, so it was suggested that *Rick* will put out a request in the next newsletter.

16. **Any other new business:**

We need to organise the calling for nominations for the AGM in January. *Rick* will ask Mike if he is willing to take this on again.

Next Meeting

The AGM is on Saturday 12 January at VIMS, Mount Washington. The first meeting of the next executive is on Thursday 17 January .

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10.16 pm.

Dear Jude Schooner,

Thank you for your email and for council taking time to discuss this topic.

With regard to your question, these are early days, and you were the first and most obvious person/group to contact. We have not approached the First Nations, nor the TFL holder, nor the MLA for North Island, nor the MP for North Island, nor the Minister for Environment (BC Parks), nor the shadow minister for Environment. Many steps ahead!

First things first. If the Tahsis Council would support a move to expand the Woss Lake PP south to include the largest continuous area of alpine terrain on Vancouver Island, perhaps you and we could combine to take the process the next step, and contact others on the 'to do' list.

I look forward to your thoughts. This is certainly not going to be a quick process. Getting Mt Arrowsmith, a pretty iconic mountain in the centre of the Island, declared a Nanaimo District Park took almost a decade. And Mt Arrowsmith is climbed about 200 times a year, so has many supporters in the surrounding community.

Warm regards,
Rick Hudson

On Fri, Nov 23, 2012 at 11:42 AM, Jude Schooner <mayor@villageoftahsis.com> wrote:

Good Morning Mr. Hudson,

Your correspondence requesting an endorsement of the Alpine Club of Canada's request to BC Parks to extend the range of Woss Lake Provincial Pass was well received. Council was able to review your letter at the last regular Council meeting held November 20th.

Council has requested that I contact you regarding a question that your letter generated. Council would like to know if you have contacted the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation regarding this extension proposal.

We look forward to hearing your response and can go forward from there.

Sincerely,

Mayor Jude Schooner

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From: Rick Hudson [mailto:rickhudson@shaw.ca] **Sent:** Wednesday, 24 October 2012 01:43 PM
To: Jude Schooner
Subject: Adding Mt McKelvie to Woss Lake Provincial Park

Your Worship the Mayor,

This past summer, over a period of 3 weeks, the Vancouver Island section of the Alpine Club of Canada held their summer camp in the mountains to the north-east of Tahsis, close to a peak known as Mt McKelvie. The mountaineering community is a small one, and so it doesn't take much work to establish whether various peaks have been climbed, by which routes, and what the general lay of the land is for any particular range or valley system. One of the reasons for choosing the McKelvie area was that there are almost no written accounts of climbing in the region. The members of the Alpine Club who attended, and who represent a very experienced body with world-wide climbing under their belts, were simply amazed at what lay in the high, hidden valley system just to the north of Mt McKelvie. There is a perfect valley with lakes and waterfalls quite the equal of anywhere else on the Island, or indeed along the Coast Range. The basin and rim represent the largest continuous alpine zone anywhere on the Island. This is unique territory, made more so because it is hidden so perfectly, with only one river cutting through the ring of peaks. Otherwise, the lowest pass of entry is over 1,000m in elevation. This could be a tourist Mecca, and is a gem worth preserving for future generations. As it happens, Woss Lake Provincial Park is just to the north. Curiously, the park stops just where the unique mountain environment starts. Possibly, the agency evaluating the park boundaries thought only of the lake-side tourism benefits, and did not appreciate what a superb and unique alpine environment lay just to the south.

My reason for writing to you is to ask whether your council would endorse a proposal which we, the Alpine Club of Canada, would like to bring to BC Parks, asking them to extend the range of Woss Lake PP to enclose this amazing area. We have, naturally, many photos taken over the 3 weeks that were spent there, which would give a glimpse of the beauty of the region. I attach a map to show the general area. Currently, it is designated for timber cutting, although the cost of getting a road into the basin would be very high, and because most of the area is alpine (low bush or flowers), the yield small. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Rick Hudson, B.Sc., MA, Ph.D.

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Agenda item under New Business: Communication with membership

Things I think we can do better:

- improve communication between executive and membership
- improve communication within executive

Specific suggestions are given in italics below, with the perceived benefits bulleted.

1. Executive meeting dates

Pre-set dates for executive meetings and publish on website. Add explanation to website re executive and extend open invitation to meetings.

- ensure more regular meetings
- hopefully increase attendance by predictability
- encourage participation by non-executive members

See suggestion below.

2. Executive meeting minutes

(Circulate draft minutes amongst executive as soon as possible after each executive meeting and integrate feedback.) Post approved minutes following each executive meeting on the website.

- increase information shared with the membership

3. Executive meeting agenda

Call for agenda items (new business) before setting the agenda and clarify timelines for submission.

- encourage all executive members to contribute equally to the agenda

Suggested amendment to the website under 'Executive':

The ACC-VI section executive has the responsibility for coordinating and promoting all the activities of the club. This includes section membership, scheduled activities and events, finances, and communication with the national club. The executive is elected each year at the Annual General Meeting held in January.

Executive meetings take place approximately every six weeks at the home of one of the members. Minutes of executive meetings are available [here](#). Non-executive members of the section are welcome to attend these meetings, but are asked to contact the Chair beforehand to ensure that sufficient accommodation is made.

In 2013 executive meetings will be held on the following dates:
Annual General Meeting 12 January VIMS Mt Washington
17 January, 28 February, 18 April, 30 May, 27 June, 5 September, 17
October, 28 November

Catrin Brown

BMFF Report --

Victoria stop: Krista Zala

Contents:

1. Attendance
2. Booths
3. Feedback
4. Advertising
5. Recommendations

1. Attendance:

936 tickets sold.

rest of available tickets (about 90) in upper balcony on side, bad viewing position for screen onstage.

2. Booths:

This year, UVic was happy to offer tables for \$12.50 for businesses or organizations that meet UVic approval. UVic charges 15% of any sales made at the booth; for this and the hassle factor, no one elected to sell their products. We decided to keep it a small number, but it was so successful that I recommend filling all 14 tables next year.

Businesses:

IAG

ORS

Robinson's (2)

VPO (didn't show)

Non-profits:

VISTA

Tumaini (didn't show)

3. Feedback

Many people gave happy feedback; they enjoyed the variety and pace of films. Crossing the Ice and Honnold 3.0 were crowd favourites.

Criticisms:

Why were there no women in the films?

Why not have 2 nights of all available films?

4. Advertising

Regular Media:

Monday -- 2 ads Nov 1 and Nov 8

TC ad in GO! section

Martlet -- 1 ad in print pub, which was on shelves for 2 weeks as no new edition Reading Week.

-- did NOT run online ad in Martlet because their new website not working properly.

Likely we don't need to in future as we got a great turnout as it is.

Social Media:

Created FB event

Twitter account

LEGACY:

started Twitter account of ACCVanIs. Can use to promote all ACCVI and related happenings.

5. Recommendations

Ask Times-Colonist, Monday Magazine, and The Martlet to sponsor us in the form of cheap or free advertising.

Consider a cap of \$500 in advertising.

Advertise in Events sections of UsedVictoria, Craigslist

Advise members of ACCVI Facebook group to mention the event in their status

Keep ticket price to \$20, let the additional charges clearly be tied to UVic.

Free ticket to all trip leaders? Or discount to ACC Members? (Can ACCVI ask for 30 comped tickets and we just sell them to our members privately for \$20 flat?)

Maintain the Twitter feed for upcoming trips, relevant events on Vancouver Island and beyond. It'll build a valuable following for next year.

More booths next year. Great thing for attendees to check out before show and halftime.

Recommended entities:

Robinson's

Ocean River Sports

Valhalla Pure Outfitters

Island Alpine Guides

Mount Washington Alpine Resort (they might also offer lift passes as prize giveaways)

Mountain Equipment Co-op
Slipstream
Crag X
The Boulders at Stelly's

VISTA
Club Tread
Uvic Outdoors Club
ACCVI

REVENUE	
936 tickets	18720
ticket	22.75
Commercial booths	200
Non-profit booths	40
TOTAL REVENUE	18982.75
EXPENSES	
UVic expenses	4365.76
Ad -- Times Colonist	460.6
Ad -- Monday	753.2
Ad -- Martlet	156.8
DVDs	10
Lunch w Road Warrior	21.6
Canada Post	12
Poster label paper	19.59
travel (gas)	30
BMFF expenses	2447.81
TOTAL EXPENSES	8277.36
Total net revenue	10705.39

