**Minutes**

**ACCVI EXECUTIVE MEETING MONDAY MARCH 23 AT 7.00 PM at Mike’s residence.**

**Attendees: Russ, Mike, Colleen, Caroline, Liz, Chris and Janelle , Christine and Karun by Skype**

**1. Adoption of the Agenda.**

**Motion to adopt agenda**. Moved by Russ. Seconded by Liz. All in favour. Motion Carried.

**2. Adoption of the February 2nd 2015 Executive Minutes.**

**Motion to adopt the February 2nd 2015 Executive Minutes.** Moved by Chris. Seconded by Colleen. All in favour. Motion carried.

**REPORTS**

**3. Chair (Mike)**

The banquet was very successful. 51 people attended. Almost broke even.

14 people were on the trip the next day which went well.

**4. Action Items on February 2nd Minutes**

**Krista: Courtenay BMFF.**

Krista absent. Bring forward to next meeting.

**Robie: Posting spring FMCBC meeting in newsletter.**

Robie absent. Bring forward to next meeting.

**Martin: Change name IQ award. Leader check list on website.**

Martin absent. Bring forward to next meeting.

**Christine: Info from National and Selena on job description of Safety committee for Walter.**

The chair of ACC National Safety Committee has recently resigned. Selena also recently resigned. Selena encouraged us to have new member. New chair has not emailed Christine back yet. No update until new chair contacts us.

**Action item: Report for next meeting.**

**Mike: response from TW and CDMC on access to Comox Glacier.**

Mike: Timberwest indicated they do not wish to have an agreement with ACCVI and only wants to deal with the CDMC’s existing agreement. CDMC doesn’t want to partner with us but suggested our members could join their club.

Conversation ensued: Russ: is there a way of all of members as a group become members of CDMC? We could offer trips to ACCVI members. Chris: CDMC is limited 12 trips a year; they likely would not want to share. Mike: for the time being there is not much we can do. Chris: we can join CDMC, perhaps contact provincial government? Check into private land access expectation in regulation as part of their taxation regime? Karun: agrees contact MLAs. Liz: Further, economic value for Comox valley should be a consideration. Christine: Timberwest accepted tax dollars for trail enhancements. Russ: try to get other clubs FMCBC and Alberni group to join our appeal and it might have more weight.

**5. Treasurer (Colleen)**

Colleen: Report is up to date for the end of Feb.

Banquet $275 over, the rest covered by payments.

The youth grant is going to two people, Kristen Walsh and Charlotte Carr in the amount of $925 each.

The Education budget is just about out of money and its now just the 3rd month.

The wilderness first aid had to be paid for upfront and we don’t have enough registrations to cover it. We probably can’t afford to offer it every year.

**6. Hut committee (Chris)**

Chris: hut committee has met. Martin, Lindsay, Rick and Chris. Formulated a list of island peaks sorted by land uses, private, non-private, park, non-park, ranked peaks, now have short list for next committee meeting. Fantastic resources from Sunshine Coast. Cost Estimate $66000. Next committee meeting is on April 14th. Focus will be to create a short list of potential hut locations on Non-Park Crown Land. Short list will be provided to ACC Exec for discussion. Colleen: why not invite Chris Ruttan to next committee meeting.

**7. Summer Camp committee (Liz)**

Liz: SCC has met twice: February 4th and March 16th

Cyclone Peak ‘package of materials sent to Martin Hoffmann on Feb 7th – up on website soon after

Week 1 is full; Week 2 has two registrants, more interested; Week 3 has 5 remaining spaces. Open up to other ACC sections in mid to late April.

Blackcomb Aviation has confirmed heli-flying costs and contacted logging company for staging area

Further follow up on staging, camping near Pemberton, etc.

VI research ongoing for next year.

Bear Canisters – cost and efficiency analysis by Brian Parsons. Expenditure approval requested of Executive. Two recommendations; 1 bear aware box- lighter, aluminum so wont rust 4 boxes are enough for 15-16 people, small boxes not appropriate. Recommend paying half from general section funds and half from summer camp fund.

Discussion: Chris: safety equipment shipped over the border shouldn’t have duty. Christine: why can’t this all come from summer camp as there was a surplus. Liz: it is a substantial cost and there are other significant purchases. Discussion ensued.

**Motion: that the executive authorize summer camp committee to purchase 4 bear aware 28inch boxes for the approximately price quoted $1650cad. Moved by Liz. Seconded by Colleen**

**Unanimously carried**

**Motion: The funds should come half from summer camp funds and half from general. Moved by Liz. No seconder**

**Motion: The funds should come from summer camp funds. Moved by Russ, Seconded by Chris. 7 for. 1 abstention. 1 against. Motion carried**

**8. Education Committee (Harry)**

**Harry absent.** Colleen: Intro to Leadership course is running this weekend. As of today 12 people are registered. There are only 4 people registered for the wilderness first aid course. The Intro to Mountaineering course is almost full. The Education committee has now run out of money. Course subsidies will be paid at the end of the year if there is any unexpended money available from other budgeted items.

**9. Any other reports.**

Karun: will work on trip stats over next couple months.

Caroline: Trailrider: having difficulty finding enough volunteers. Email Mary for newsletter. Janelle can post to membership list if she’s emailed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**10. Appointment of Safety Committee.**

Mike: waiting for Christine. Waiting for ACC National Safety Committee chair.

Bring forward to next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**11. Safety Guidelines for ski camp.**

Mike: Jas, Russ, and Martin have discussed by email the lessons learned from the avalanche accident of March 10th.

Russ: Groups should be no less than 4/5 people at ski camps and MUST stick together in clear verbal communication. If anyone is doubtful, those are the ones to be listened to. 2 VHF radios are needed at ski camp and our radios should be on at all times whilst skiing. Need to be aware of how to use other people’s transceivers as they cause confusion during a search. Colleen: if it is to be enforced at ski camp it needs to be a signed agreement. Mike: to look into radios. Jannelle: does summer camp have a policy? Liz: policy is up to camp manager.

The conclusion reached was that safety procedures and requirements should be set out clearly by the camp organizer prior to camp and reviewed on the first day of camp prior to the commencement of skiing. Leadership Guidelines should also be set out on the website

**Action Item: Add to leadership guidelines on website.**

**12. Mt Arrowsmith, Access and Trail work – see Memo from Barb Baker**

Mike: Barb needs us to contact the Nanaimo Regional District. Suggest 2 / 3 weekends to start working down from the summit (above Island Timberland Lands). Russ is willing to organize a small group. Barb to test the waters with contacts at NRD.

**13. Any other business**.

**Leadership Committee: Krista, Christine, Martin, Russ**

Christine: Added competition details to this newsletter. Will get Karun’s numbers out once he has them. Leadership responsibilities have been updated on website.

**14. Next meeting.**

**Tuesday May 12th 7pm at Mike's residence**

**15. Adjournment.**

**Motion to adjourn.** Moved by Colleen. Unanimously carried.