

**AGENDA**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Alpine Club of Canada, Vancouver Island Section**  
**Saturday, January 28, 2012, 7:30 p.m.**

**Red Roof Chalet, Mt. Washington**

**Call to Order:** 7.40 pm

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

The agenda had been distributed by email and several hard copies were available at the meeting.

Moved: Cedric    Seconded: Catrin  
Carried.

**2. Adoption of the February 10, 2011 AGM minutes**

Moved: Mike Hubbard    Seconded: Ronan O'Sullivan  
Carried.

**Reports**

**1. Chair: Cedric Zala**

*See report attached*

It has been another fantastic year of activities, events and initiatives. Special thanks to the section executive and the many others who volunteer so willingly in such a wide variety of roles. (round of applause)

**2. Treasurer: Phee Hudson for Geoff Bennett**

*Financial statement 2011 and budget for 2012 attached*

The club is in great financial shape, thanks to Geoff Bennett who has looked after the books for 9 years. A few notable points from the financial statement:

Net revenue is up due to:

- BMFF expenses down with less advertising and more use of social media; net \$1500 increase in profit
- FMCBC one-time refund
- Investment income is up.

Expenses:

- Purchase of 10 new digital transceivers for rental stock

- Slide show speakers slightly over-budget (Fred Becky)
- Extra plaques for IQ awardees
- Our major expense is course subsidies, and this will likely increase with the new policy of 75% rebate, conditional on trip leadership.
- 10% net revenue from 2010 is given in donations to 10 beneficiaries
- \$1000 centennial budget has been allocated to Lindsay Elms for his new book
- Fund transfers are made as matching donations to the memorial fund and the TrailRider fund

Current assets:

- The chequing account has a balance of about \$20,000 due to summer camp commitments and FMCBC fees due
- \$10,000 is kept in the contingency fund (if BMFF failed)
- Memorial fund was not awarded last year

The detailed financial statement shows that we are close to budget with the intention being to break even.

Motion: *that the budget for 2012 be adopted*

Moved: Roger Taylor      Seconded: Mike Hubbard

### 3. **Bushwacker: Cedric Zala for Sandy Stewart**

*Written report submitted by Sandy Stewart:*

#### **Report on the 2010 Bushwacker Annual (Sandy Stewart)**

Our former supplier, South Island Printing, went out of business in the previous year and so three printers were contacted to provide quotes on the job. The winning bidder was Digital Direct Printing. Their equipment is different from the former supplier and there were some delays in production, particularly while printing the insides of the Annual. Also, during the production phase Canada Post went on strike. Regarding distribution, 46 Annuals were either picked up at the June slideshow or hand-delivered and a further 221 Annuals were mailed. The remainder was kept for New Membership, UVOC and Special Uses. There were no known complaints about any of the content this year. Our mailing list appears to be quite accurate as there were only two Annuals returned-to-sender.

Summary of Expenses:

- printing: 325 Annuals - \$2,335.20 (tax inc.)
- postage: 221 units - \$840.44 (tax inc.)
  
- total: \$3,175.64 (total unit cost = \$9.77/ea)

The quality of the printing job was not as good as our former supplier, particularly the black and white inside pages. This was a limitation of Digital Direct's equipment and I will be considering another printer this year.

Thanks to our Editors Lindsay Elms, Sandy Briggs and Russ Moir for editing, comments and general pickiness; as well as Traffic Manager Martin Smith who kept both the text and photo submissions highly organized.

Submission info for 2011 Bushwhacker Annual:

- deadline Jan. 31 2012
- submission instructions are on home page under "Communications" drop down menu
- suggestions: try to include current conditions, route descriptions, maps, photos

**4. Equipment: Mike Hubbard**

Our equipment is widely used, mostly for trips at weekends. The new digital transceivers (the new standard on all ACC trips) are proving popular. Thanks to Christine who helped set-up two sets of backcountry gear (transceivers / shovel / probe) for up-island rentals. Also rentals for kids' camps are much appreciated.

**5. FMCBC & ACC relations: Peter Rothermel**

Rebate to club from FMCBC, \$15 considered too much, reduced fees to \$12, decided to wait rebate from FMCBC because their accounts are in the black.

It is very important for us to keep our relations with FMCBC, as this is the one organization on BC through which we can work on projects together. It is a great way for different island clubs to remain in contact, share information, network etc.

Cedric commented that the \$5 rebate is applied to lowering our fees, with the affect that we are no longer the most expensive section to join within the national club. He spoke in appreciation of the work of FMCBC, specifically with campaigns such as preventing ATVs in the Sooke hills etc.

**6. National: Cedric for Rick Hudson**

*Written statement prepared by Rick Hudson:*

I can assure the section that we are well ahead of the grade curve on a whole variety of initiatives such as electronic communication, activities per weekend,

publications, activities attended, social events, training sessions, and most important of all, just getting out there! In short, at national meetings when all 19 sections of the ACC get together, we are actually held up as an example to others! We have much to be proud of, and it's thanks to everyone that it happens.

7. **Schedule: Catrin Brown**

After a sparse set of offerings in the spring and summer, the Executive members committed to each posting a club trip on the upcoming schedule. This provided a welcome boost to the offerings. This has been further enhanced by the significant number of trips led by members pursuing the new policy of undertaking to lead a trip before applying for the 75% rebate on course costs. These trips are a benefit to the wider membership, and it is hoped that course participants will consider continuing to lead trips and share their skills in the upcoming seasons. In general, we have an ongoing need for more people to step forward and lead, and all members are encouraged to do this.

8. **Website: Martin Hofmann**

Not many changes, other than the development of the interactive map for the "Climb the Island" project. The functionality of the site is very good.

Bram van Straaten questioned what links are available to information regarding specific current conditions on various routes etc. Presently we are using the listserve, and Facebook for these communications. It was also noted that IAG is a good source, and Quagger's, forums on Island hikes - both of which have links from our website.

9. **Summer camps 2011: Phee Hudson for Rick Hudson**

Three full weeks were held in Athelney Pass, with 14 participants in each week, including members from the Vancouver Section. The terrain provided mixed opportunities for climbing, hiking and skiing. Overall this was a very successful venture, building on the previous year's experiences.

10. **Summer camps 2012: Martin Hofmann**

This summer will be our third year of tent-based camps, and we are now very well equipped to stage this. The camp will be the McKelvie Basin, near the Alava Bate area, north of Tahsis, There are presently still spaces for week 3 - 19 - 26 August, and if not taken these will later be opened to other section members.

## Old Business

### 1. Centennial projects:

#### a. Climb the Island - Catrin Brown

Club members are set the collaborative challenge of seeing how many island peaks can be climbed during our centennial year. Progress is tracked via an online summit register and interactive map on our website. To date six peaks have been climbed and Krista Zala has the highest vertical accumulated.

#### b. Above the bush - Lindsay Elms

This new publication will celebrate a century of climbing on Vancouver island in 24 chapters. It is anticipated that it will be ready in June.

#### c. Elkhorn climb - Lindsay Elms

A climb of Elkhorn will be organized for the 100 year anniversary of its first ascent, 1- 3 August. Chic Scott is apparently interested in taking part.

#### d. Bushwhacker indexing - Judith Holm

Judith's undertaking to index all the Bushwhacker reports is well advanced. The data-entry is in the proof-reading stage, and now includes material from the updates and newsletters as well as the annuals. Mountain names have been checked by Lindsay Elms with some input from others. Martin Hoffmann notes that this will need to be incorporated into the database on the website, and will work with Judith on this. This work should be available relatively soon, and will be a great resource for the club.

#### e. Three peaks race - Cedric Zala for Julian Hancock

Julian's suggestion of a 24 hour peak to peak race involving 3 peaks and possibly ocean transport, is modeled on similar events that happen in the UK. It was proposed to organize this as a centennial celebration. Discussion included the fact that BC parks might need to be involved if park peaks are involved.

*Motion: that the club endorse the proposal for a 3 peak hike and / or race to celebrate the section centenary, the idea being to involve as many club members as possible in a one day outing. Julian would help to organize.*

Moved: Cedric Zala      Seconded: Roger Taylor

Carried.

## New Business

### 1. Educational offerings: Peter Rothermel

Peter Rothermel made a plea for people to come forward to offer trips / workshops on topics such as snowcamping. Dave Campbell is doing a great job

with the education program, but needs more people to help with some of these events.

**2. Ranger cabin initiative: Cedric Zala**

Cedric has been pursuing a possible opportunity for us to take on shared responsibility / usage of the Ranger cabin at Hairtrigger Lakes in Strathcona Park. Our hope would be to turn this into a mini ACC cabin, staffed by volunteer members. The plan is currently on hold but Cedric is in communication with Andy Smith of BC Parks, with several options being discussed.

**3. Nominations and elections: Mike Hubbard**

Chair: Rick Hudson

Proposed by Mike Hubbard, seconded by Peter Brunette

Mike called for further nominations three times. Hearing none, Rick Hudson is elected Chair.

Secretary: Catrin Brown

Proposed by Mike Hubbard, seconded by Phee Hudson.

Mike called for further nominations three times. Hearing none, Catrin Brown is elected Secretary.

Treasurer: Phee Hudson

Proposed by Mike Hubbard, seconded by Peggy Taylor

Mike called for further nominations three times. Hearing none, Phee Hudson is elected Treasurer.

Other executive positions were elected / re-elected by acclamation as follows:

Banff Festival Mountain Films Coordinator : Krista Zala

Bushwhacker Committee : Sandy Briggs, Lindsay Elms, Rob Macdonald

Bushwhacker Editor : Sandy Stewart

Education Coordinator : Dave Campbell

Equipment Manager : Mike Hubbard

FMCBC Rep : Andrew Pape-Salmon

Library / Archivist: Tom Hall, Lindsay Elms

Membership: Christine Fordham

Members at large: Russ Moir, Martin Smith, Stephanie Lepsoe. Geoff Bennett

National Rep: Rick Hudson

Newsletter Editor: Cedric Zala

Safety: Selena Swets

Schedule: Russ Moir

Webmaster / listserver: Martin Hoffmann

After the elections, Cedric Zala was presented with an original Phee Hudson painting of Lake O'Hara with plaque, in recognition and thanks for all his work

as Chair during the last four years. A similar gift will be presented to Geoff Bennett when he returns to Victoria, in recognition of his nine years as Treasurer.

**4. Any other new business**

There was no other new business.

**Announcements**

1. Annual banquet – March 16, 2012, Embassy Inn, speaker Ian Brown
2. Participation in snow-to-surf race - April 29<sup>th</sup> \$400, Krista Zala
3. Group facilities at Mt Washington - Vancouver Island Mountain Centre  
Andrew Scherck gave a presentation on this new facility, and invited members to view the premises during the weekend.

**Adjournment**

Adjournment moved at 9.15 pm.

**Presentation**

Harry Steiner, participant at the 2012 North Face Leadership Course, gave a presentation on his adventures and experiences in this intense week.

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**Report from the Chair – AGM 2012**

2012 was yet another banner year for the club, with the continuation of our ongoing programs and activities and the initiation of some new directions as well. As I look back on the year I would like to remember some of its highlights:

- We had three weeks of summer camps in the coast range. These camps, ably organized by Rick Hudson, continued our new tent-based helicopter-accessed summer camp program initiated in 2010. We joined with the Vancouver Section to spend three one-week periods (14 people in each week) at the remote and spectacular Athelney Pass in the Coast Mountains.
- We organized one-week summer camp at Lake O'Hara. This provided a more comfortable way for 20 club members to spend a week in an unsurpassed Rocky Mountain setting. From easy hiking to the successful ascents of Mts Lefroy and Huber (and near ascents of Mts Victoria and Hungabee) the camp provided an opportunity for everyone to exercise as much ambition and activity as they wanted.
- Several outreach events. We set up booths and met the public at Parks Day in Gowlland-Tod Park; at the Strathcona Wilderness Festival at Buttle Lake; at the MEC Snow Festival; and at the Banff Mountain Film Festival (BMFF). We dealt with lots of questions

from interested lovers of the outdoors and likely generated some new members in the process.

- We had our best BMFF ever, with a sold-out house and a record net income, which will be largely applied to supporting our education subsidy program. We also collaborated with local vendors by arranging for a 10%-off day for all BMFF attendees.
- We arranged for a wilderness first aid course for our members through Slipstream.
- Our members put on lots of trips and climbed lots of mountains, and we hope to encourage even more trips by making changes in our subsidy policy that would require people to lead a trip in order to obtain a subsidy for a course. To further encourage this, we increased the subsidy to a full 75% of the cost of instruction, and broadened the interpretation of “trips” to include clinics and special events.
- We collaborated with a number of other outdoors and conservation groups to oppose a developer’s proposal to build a 250-cabin resort beside 16 km of the Juan de Fuca Trail. Through the efforts of the alliance, the rezoning was ultimately refused and the Juan de Fuca trail was saved from massive adjacent development, at least for the immediate future.
- Our slideshow evenings continue to be very popular, and we were particularly fortunate in having legendary climber Fred Beckey speak to us in November. With about 90 people in the audience, the 88-year old mountaineer talked about his life and passion for climbing and held the house spellbound for more than two hours.

Next year is our section’s centennial and we have set up several projects, both fun and serious, to celebrate this milestone in grand style. Our projects here include

- The *Climb the Island* challenge. The idea is to challenge members to climb as many significant/historic Island peaks as they can in 2012. Can we reach 100? Who can get the maximum vertical during the year? We have also set up a web page with interactive map so members can update and keep track of progress as it evolves.
- We are having two weeks (at least!) of tent-based heli-access summer camps on the Island, at a beautiful but seldom-visited basin north of Tahsis.
- Judith Holm is developing a comprehensive index for our Island Bushwhackers.
- Lindsay Elms is organizing a climb of Elkhorn to coincide with the centenary of the original event.
- Lindsay is also publishing a book on climbing history of Vancouver Island mountains.

On another note, although our current education offerings are broad and expertly taught, we could still use more volunteers to put on courses we have not offered for a while, including:

- Navigating with map and compass
- Wilderness navigation
- Winter camping



We would really encourage those members who have the skills (or want to acquire or hone them) to give serious thought to taking on one of these courses.

And on the theme of volunteering, I want us to recognize and support our leaders and volunteers. These dedicated people put a great of time and effort into the courses and trips they lead, and deserve our sincere appreciation and thanks. And the best way of showing that what they do really matters and has a long-term cascading effect is to do some leading yourself! You can do it, and any member of the executive, and most longer-term club members, will be happy to help you to develop the necessary skills. Support your club and its aims – become an ACC leader! Now, after seven years on the executive, and four as chair, I'm standing down (but staying on as newsletter editor). Our club is blessed with many exceptional people who volunteer on the executive, and one of our strengths is a long-term commitment from a core group of dedicated volunteers who work together effectively and harmoniously. I want to say how much I have enjoyed working with them all and thank them for their support and the great times we have had. And finally, I want to thank the executive and the entire club for giving me the life-changing opportunity to serve as chair.