

ACC Vancouver Island section
Annual General Meeting : Draft minutes

7.00 pm Saturday 28th January 2017; Vancouver Island Mountain Centre

Call to order

1. Adoption of the agenda

Moved by Mike Hubbard Seconded by Diane Bernard
Motion carried.

2. Adoption of the minutes of the 2016 AGM

Moved by Briana Seconded by Mike Hubbard.
Motion carried.

3. Reports:

- Chair: Catrin Brown see written report
- Treasurer: Colleen Kasting see written report

See also: Geoff Bennett Memorial Fund

A few additional comments:

ACC has charitable status. Donations receive tax receipts. We are under the umbrella of the National organization.

Memorial Fund: money used for Youth Programs, donations are made to the Memorial Fund almost every year.

Contingency Fund: money that is accessible for unexpected expenses

Hut Fund: \$14,000

Banff Mtn Film Fest: \$15,000 profit

Membership Dues: \$20 for each single membership and \$25 for family comes back to the local section.

Course subsidies not used as much as they could have.

Leaders can apply for funds for training.

Education fund for speakers.

Equipment: New projector, new tent.

\$10 per member goes to the FMCBC

Operating surplus & deficiency: \$2,900

Budget for 2017, similar to 2016. Higher membership.

Motion to accept the budget for 2017:

Moved my Mike Hubbard. Seconded by Rick Hudson.

All in favour. Motion passed.

- Education: Colin Mann / Alois Schonenberg

Ice Axe workshop for April. Request help with delivering it.

Request for ideas for workshops

Climbing trip in Summer to Idaho City of Rocks

Courses this weekend: Intro to back-country skiing, camped out at Mt Elma.

AST Level 1

- National : Christine Fordham

2 meetings a year in Canmore. Christine is our section rep.

Different sections have different programs. We have our youth and trail rider programs.

Concern for the process for electing members. Good resource on the website.

Mountains 101 course, free online

National Parks, celebrating 150 years. Free annual pass for National Parks.

North Face Winter Leadership camp: Clarke Gourlay has been selected

Executive Director of the Alpine Club: Lawrence White, introduced and welcomed

- Schedule : Karun Thanjavur - see written report
Presented by Catrin

- Leadership committee: Martin Hofmann
Presented by Christine

Martin, Russ and Colin. Concentrated on using results from Surveys. Focus on increasing number of events on the schedule. Tom Hall has been keeping track of the waivers.

Russ did a presentation at the Summer BBQ for new leaders.

Leadership recognition program: 249 events. 56 leaders.

- Summer Camp: Liz Williams see written report

Additional comments:

August 16-27 2017 hut camp at Assiniboine, with 16 spaces already spoken for. Waitlist accepted.

Fly-in camp to Coast Mountains, with climbing objectives and ridge hiking at Loan Goat, off Hurley Forestry Road. Possible hike-in with gear flown-in.

Info to go up on website, with registration form. Start with 2 weeks and potential add on of 3rd week. Last week of July, 1st week of August and possibly 2nd week of August.

- Lake O'Hara summer camp Cedric Zala see written report

Presented by Peggy Taylor

- FMCBC, Environment and Access: Robie MacDonald / Barb Baker
Presented by Catrin

Difficult situation of many closures and new gates. Includes access to Arrowsmith. Dependent on Forestry company. Island Timberlands, main company in the Alberni Valley, maintains a blog. Call for stories on access issues. Basic rights for access to Crown Land. Problems with vandalism and subsequent clean-up. Wood lots are being invaded, garbage is being dumped, cars are being stolen, burned and abandoned. Call for help from the National organization and FMCBC. Suggestion for members of ACC to help with clean-up of vandalism on private property, to build relationship with owners of private lands.

- Equipment and safety: Mike Hubbard / Walter Moar

Business as usual. \$524 in rental income. Donations of equipment.

Saturday, February 14 garage sale, by donation.

New club ropes with log book on state of ropes.

- Hut Committee: Chris Jensen see powerpoint presentation

Site selection criteria, access to Crown land. Did not want to deal with private land or park land.

GIS analysis of Vancouver Island for good hiking, climbing, skiing. Site visits.

5040 was selected, West ridge, Cobalt Lake. Protected from avalanche risk, close to water source. Open alpine rambling. Ocean & alpine views.

Trail counter for info on how many people go up there.

2016: Structural design. Permitting. Fundraising.

Wood pellet stove. LED lighting with solar system. Human waste management.

800 sq ft, Similar to Bow hut. Deck with SW views towards Triple Peak. Kitchen East facing. 2 bunk rooms. Capacity of 12.

Drying racks in living room area. Loft area over bunk rooms/kitchen.. Rotating hut steward in summer season, with living space in the private loft area. ACC reservation system. \$15-20 per person. Ecological and First Nations signage for the area.

Letters of support from all over. Huge hurdle to get the permits from the government.

Fundraising goal of \$160,000. Brochure and web page.

Member donations of \$55,000. Grants with matching commitment from members.

MEC grant: \$15,000.

Applied for \$90,000 ICET grant. Formal announcement in 2 weeks.

Maximum potential funds at \$215,000.

Start with foundation work summer 2017.

Pre-fabricate the hut on Chris Rattan's property. Need volunteers to help build. Skilled drafters, construction workers, etc. Connections with helicopter company.

Thanks to Barb Baker for her support and all others.

Marion Mane is a Provincial service road. Commitment to maintain the road.

700m elevation gain.

4. **New business:** Lawrence White from ACC national

Lawrence Whyte, ACC National

National priority to support the project. \$40,000 donation cheque presented.

Thank you to the Hut Committee.

5. Leadership awards:

Christine Fordham

Thank you to Arcteryx for supporting Leadership awards and MEC.

George Butcher, winner of Leadership award in 2015

Badges for 10, 25, and 30 trip days accumulated

1st prize to Catrin Brown.

Draw prizes - full list of recipients in newsletter

6. Nominations Report:

Russ Moir

Election for Executive `2017 :

Chair: Catrin Brown

Secretary: Lise Gagnon

Treasurer: Clark Gourlay

Other positions by acclamation as detailed in the nominations report.

7 Any other business

Nadia & Harald Steiner were presented with a bronzed boot plaque for their initiative and leadership on the Kids & Youth program.

Stefan Gessinger & Shanda Lembcke were presented with plaques to celebrate their achievement of the Rick Eppler Island Qualifiers Award, to celebrate their ascent of all 9 'IQ' peaks

Catrin presented an idea, *Vancouver Island 150*, that we could celebrate Canada's 150th year by attempting to climb collectively 150 peaks on Vancouver island in 2017.

Members are asked to record their climbs this year, and later will be able to post them online.

Motion to adjourn: proposed by Roger Taylor at 10.00 pm

Chair's report: Catrin Brown January 2017

It's been a year since I took over the role of chair from Mike Hubbard, and I did so knowing that the club was in really good shape. Thanks to Mike, and his predecessors, most recently Rick Hudson, who, with the team of volunteers on the executive, have built the island section into a vibrant community of people engaged in the vision of the ACC. The vision is this elegantly simple statement:

To bring together, and give voice to, Canada's mountaineering community.

I'll come to the bit about voice at the end, but would first like to take a few minutes to highlight why I think that collectively we have been living up to this vision very fully in 2016. I hope you will feel the same way as I go through a few things.

Winter 2016 brought good early snow and we enjoyed ski and snow-shoe trips to old favourites like Mts Becher, Elma and Brooks, Albert Edward, Arrowsmith as well as adventures from Mt Cain. (Yes I'm afraid the secret of Mt Cain's powder is out). Attendants of our photo contest in October were treated to images of the magical conditions Harry Steiner and his team enjoyed on the Spearhead traverse, making it pretty hard for anyone to compete with those photos. Our conditions on the Wapta traverse in March gave us less to boast about, but still gave us great skiing, especially from the top of Mt Gordon all the way down to the valley. (Sort of a consolation prize for not being able to do the traverse). George Butcher organised a week of skiing in Wells Gray park, and there were late ski ascents of 5040, Jutland and Mt Regan. The wide offerings of hikes to the Sooke hills, Gowland range and Cowichan Valley hills also helped get us out there, especially in the shoulder seasons. We owe the leaders of all these trips our sincere thanks.

Our section seems to need little excuse to celebrate a special occasion. Trips were organised to mark New Year, Canadian Thanksgiving, Remembrance Day – and in a different mood, Hallowe'en. That last one is an example of a growing trend of organising joint trips with other like-minded local outdoor groups, surely a good way to strengthen our mutual community. Another first this year, which was also a collaborative event, was an up-island Christmas party, generously hosted by Clarke Gourlay at his home. Talking of generous hosting - we are indebted to Tom and Pam Hall for sharing their beautiful spacious home with us for both the late summer barbecue and the south island Christmas party (for which thanks are also due to Russ Moir and Lynne Moorhouse for organising). What is more is that Tom has built a skookum shed on his property for the storage of our summer camp equipment. We are so lucky in this – and so grateful to you Tom.

Aaah yes summer camps. Not one this year but two, and I will leave the details to the reports from the coordinators. Suffice for me to say here that a total of 55 of our members, a good proportion of our membership, attended these week-long camps and came home with rave reviews. Most organisations out there would dream of engagement rates like these. It's a reflection of the enthusiasm and dedicated work of a small group of people, notably Cedric Zala and the summer camp committee led by Liz Williams.

Summer activities also included many ascents of notable peaks. Trips were scheduled to Harmston, Argus, Warden, Garibaldi, Rainier, Septimus, Triple, Rugged, Regan, Nine Peaks and Myra. Janelle Curtis led a snowy traverse of Flower Ridge in June, something that I repeated with a group in August – but looking at the photos it would be hard to know it's the same place. That's the joy of having seasons – imagine living on the equator. Which one of our members, Geoff Bennett, does not have to do as he does exactly that, living in Singapore. Yet still he manages to shepherd youth applicants patiently through our memorial grant process. Thank you for your careful work on this and your encouragement to youth, Geoff.

Having just mentioned Janelle, I'd like to take a minute here for a personal comment. Janelle and Rowan, it is such a treat to have you with us tonight. Your many friends here have been closely following your recovery (this is since Janelle took a bad fall in Strathcona Park in July). When you came out of hospital in November, you sent me an email telling me how much the support of this community had helped, and I pass that on by thanking everyone for the many ways in which you communicated your support. But this is about you Janelle. It is your determination and strong spirit that have brought you through this, and we are so proud of you for turning what was almost a tragedy into a triumph. And Rowan, what an inspiration you have been. We so admire your quiet patience, commitment and unstinting belief that tonight would be possible. We know that recovery is still a long road ahead, but here you are going forward, and we are behind you. Thank you so much for coming tonight.

Our rock climbers have been busy too. In addition to regular sessions in Crag X and Stelly's in Victoria, and the Romper Room in Nanaimo, trips have been organised to Crest Creek Crags in Strathcona and to the relatively new climbing opportunities on Quadra Island. It is a source of pleasure that our healthy finances enable us to make donations to worthy ventures such as these (thinking of our contribution to Phil Stone's work on Quadra) - please see the last newsletter for a full list of organisations we have supported, and let us know if you have ideas for organisations we could consider.

Yes our finances are healthy, as Colleen, our diligent and meticulous treasurer will detail in a minute. Our largest fund raiser is the Banff Festival of Mountain Films in Victoria in November, and our sincere thanks for organising this so well go to Krista Zala. The fact that she achieved a capacity audience of many hundreds – without spending a cent on advertising – is amazing. Other armchair mountaineering activities include our slide shows at Swan Lake, which provide a social venue and opportunity to hear eclectic tales of members' exploits. There are some tales I find to add to the bucket list, some I'd rather experience vicariously – but all of them enjoyable. For the seamless organisation of this monthly offering, we are indebted to Peggy and Roger Taylor - who work hard both in front and behind the scenes. And Roger thanks also for your work getting us set up with that fancy new projector that we are enjoying tonight. We are also grateful to Victoria Clarke and Neil Han for quietly stepping in to help with the organisation of the slide show evenings. I know there is talk of up-island slide shows being organised, and I really hope this will evolve.

Education and skills development are ongoing aspects of mountaineering. Here we owe a debt of gratitude to Harry Steiner for his legendary workshops and courses over many years. I know there are many in the room who consider themselves graduates of the Steiner school, and your skills benefit us all. Harry has now stepped down from his coordinating role and we are delighted that Colin Mann and

Alois Schonenberger have taken this on. Already this weekend their work has kept many of us busy learning.

Keeping our schedule full with offerings is an ongoing challenge. The leadership team headed by Christine Fordham's irrepressible enthusiasm, has helped greatly in encouraging people to step forwards - more about that at the end of the meeting. And here, let me say in words that will sound like an echo of Peggy Taylor, please consider posting a trip on the schedule. Our scheduled trips really are the life-blood of our community and always appreciated – and hopefully an enjoyable experience for you to organise too.

Of course our members are involved in many trips beyond the schedule, as it were . (That sounds like a title maybe for a new Lindsay Elms book - ?) Luckily, we are often able to learn of each others' exploits through our newsletter, beautifully put together by Mary Sanseverino. This production, ever evolving in its form, is a labour of love – and we love receiving it every month, thank you Mary. Social media also helps to keep us connected - if you want some inspiration check out Chris Jensen's recent report of ice climbing in the Beauforts in the Vancouver Island climbing and mountaineering Facebook page. Unfortunately Martin Hofmann, our web guru and good natured brains behind our website, cannot be here tonight - but I do want to thank him sincerely for his ever helpful and patient attention to keeping us up to date. Noone has any idea how much time he spends toiling invisibly for us. Recognising the changing face of communication with social media, we - under Martin's guidance - have proposed a new 'communications team' for the next executive - as you will see in the nominations report. And our main communication, the Bushwhacker annual, again assembled to highly professional standard by Cedric Zala, continues to be our flagship publication, and acts as a long term reference of useful access information.

Access. Now there's a thorny subject on the island. Worse than Devil's' club. Restrictions on access through private land seem to pop up with unwelcome and increasing frequency. It will take our collective energy and tenacity to battle this trend, and we are very lucky to have in Barb Baker, both our access guru and advocate. Thank you Barb for continuing to keep us updated on gates and closures, and for taking on what I know can be very challenging work, negotiating with the forest companies. Your work and input are making a big difference.

There were two things that were a bit disappointing last year, which I'll mention in the hope we can make them happen this year. For the first time in donkeys' years we didn't have a spring banquet, mainly because of the difficulty of finding a reasonably priced venue. If anyone is interested in taking this on, there is still time to make it happen this spring, and Peggy Taylor has some ideas. The other thing that did not happen as hoped was a trail building /repair team work on Mt Arrowsmith, championed by Russ Moir. Bloodied but unbowed by the disappointment, Russ is now planning a new offering for the schedule in the spring. Let's see if we can show that "work-party" is not an oxymoron. Please consider donating some of your time and energy to this valuable work when it is announced soon.

I've mentioned many things, but there are two components of our program that receive little fanfare, yet have enormous impact. The first is the Trail Rider program, which has been in place for over 10

years. Now very ably run by Caroline Tansley, it takes people who are chair-bound into the wilderness in our specially built Trail Rider. The joy of the clients and the camaraderie of the porters make these very special trips. I encourage you if you haven't yet, to sign up for one of these trips as a porter - don't be intimidated about needing to be strong, that's not the case and there is a role for everyone. As is often the case, just showing up is the most important thing you can do.



Left to Right: Roger Painter, Ian McInnis, Lenka Visnovska, Nairne McInnis, Simon Zukowski, Caroline Tansley, Karun Thanjavur at Elk Lake – Photo from ACC Vancouver Island collection

The other program is our kids and youth program, which has been running now for nearly 10 years. Initiated and led by Harry and Nadja Steiner, this has introduced dozens of youth and their parents to the wilderness. And we're talking significant trips here, and lots of them – 56 at last count, including ascents of Mt Arrowsmith and Mt Tom Taylor. I think the greatest hallmark of the success of the program is that some of those youth are now leaders and instructors. We are delighted and grateful that as Harry and Nadja pass on the torch of this their 'baby', Derek Sou and his family are enthusiastically picking it up. Thank you Derek.



Perhaps I have now given you some basis for my claim that we are a thriving community. I have tried not to steal the thunder of members of the executive who will now give their reports, and there is plenty more to come. Truthfully, I usually feel that my role as Chair is nothing more than to act as a cheerleader for this dedicated group of enthusiasts who make all of this happen. So for those I have not mentioned so far, a few quick words:

- To Karun Thanjuvar who encourages trip leaders and cheerfully translates ideas for trips into postings on the online schedule.
- To Robie Macdonald who has represented us carefully in the FMCBC, and helped with the ongoing access issues.
- To Mike Hubbard who welcomes a parade of people to his home at all odd times, helping them with gear rentals, and never being judgemental about late returns.
- And to Martin and Christine for quietly picking up the membership communications during the second part of the year, without being asked.
- And last but not least to Chris Jensen, our hut champion, who leaves us gasping with his drive, and will bring us up to date on that project shortly. You too will gasp.

When something is done well and with good heart, I think it is often not noticed it is done at all. That's the way I see how this executive works. In closing, let me say that I hope we can continue to work for this community to be as active and as inclusive as is possible. Whatever your age, gender, experience, background, interests, skills, location and financial means, if you have enthusiasm to explore and protect mountain environments, there is a place here for you. I am delighted at the broad representation here tonight.

You may notice I snuck the word 'protect' in there, in the context of our environment. Without wishing to end on a political note, I think it safe to say that we live in a time when there are strong forces of influence that show little interest in taking care of wild places nor of ensuring easy access to nature for all. I think that makes our voices for protection of what we cherish all the more urgent and significant, and I hope that by being members of a club such as this, it makes our voices stronger too. Let's keep in touch and share ideas on what more we can do to be heard about what matters to us.

Alpine Club of Canada – Vancouver Island Section

January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016

Financial Statements (unaudited)

Descriptions of Organization

The Alpine Club of Canada is a registered Amateur Athletic Association and a registered Canadian charity (Registration No.: 10670 4182 RR0001). Its vision is to bring together, and give voice to, Canada's mountaineering community. The Mission is to promote alpine experiences, knowledge and culture; responsible access; and excellence in mountain skills and leadership.

The Vancouver Island Section is one of 22 local sections of the National Club. It receives some funding from the Alpine Club of Canada based on membership. The rest of the money is locally fund raised. All donations to the Vancouver Island Section are sent to us through the National Office and donors are eligible for income tax receipts.

The Vancouver Island Section of the Alpine Club of Canada has two accounts at Coast Capital Savings. One is the general organizational account and the other is the Hut account, to build and maintain the new Vancouver Island ACC Hut. It also has 2 separate funds with Ogden Brown for the following purposes:

- **Memorial Fund:** for youth grants. Contributions are matched by the Vancouver Island Section. Funds are dispersed each year, depending on the interest income accrued over the previous year.
- **Contingency Fund:** for Contingencies if needed. As well, at the 2016 AGM, the membership voted to put aside \$15,000 for a possible Vancouver Island Hut. Of this amount, \$14,000 was put into the Contingency Fund to maximize fund income while the hut idea was further developed.

The Summer Camp Fund, referred to in the 2015 AGM financials, has been dissolved into the general organizational account in 2016. All purchases, for summer camp or otherwise, are now part of ongoing organizational equipment expenses.

ACC VI Actuals to Budget 2016: Jan 1, 2016 to Dec 31, 2016

Operating Account

Income	Budget 2016	Actuals	Budget 2017
Banff Film Festival	17,000	18,478	18,000
Contributions and Advertising	150		50
Equipment Rentals	500	485	500
HST/GST recoverable for 2016	1,000	723	750
GST Rebate from 2015		136	
Investment Income	450	669	450
Transfer in from the Memorial fund	1,000		
VI Section membership dues	5,800	7,005	7,000
Course fees	3,000	250	1000
Interest	25	12	15
Donations Memorial Fund	200	200	200
Misc income		170	200
Summer camp Lake O'Hara		151	
Total	29,125	28,279	28,250
Expenses			
Banff Film Festival	3,000	2,829	3,000
Bushwacker Publication	4,000	3,842	4,000
Leadership	1,000	712	1000
Special Projects		78	150
Education	4,000	894	4,000
Course subsidies	5,000	1,718	3,000
Donations to other organizations	2,300	2,100	2,300
Donations to the memorial fund	400	400	400
Equipment Purchases	600	5,644	800

Misc projects and events	1,500	399	1,500
Postage and Delivery	225	28	200
AGM, Banquet and BBQ & Xmas party	1,000	690	1,000
Slide shows and meetings	750	752	800
Youth Grant Payouts	1,000	1,400	1,500
FMCBC	3,000	3300	3,300
Camps contingencies	300	-	300
Website and maintenance	250	-	200
Up-island events	800	510	800
TOTAL	29,125	25,326	28,250
Difference		2,953	

Notes to Operating Account: Camps and trips aim to be income neutral and therefore, generally not shown on the balance sheet. ie. The costs to participants should equal costs of the trips.

ACC Vancouver Island

Balance Sheet Summary (all accounts)

As of 31 December 2016

ASSETS

Current Assets 20,646

Chequing Savings Account 20,646

Accts Receivable

GST 723

Contingency fund interest 219

Total Accts Rec: 942

Total 21,588

Other Assets 2017 Ski Camp (to be paid to club) 9,578

Memorial Fund 20,619

Contingency Fund	10,548
Hut Fund (invested)	14,000
<u>*Hut Fund (general account)</u>	<u>1,192</u>
Total Assets	77,526

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Accounts payable	967
Fees over output for AGM 2017 <u>1,755</u>	
Total Liabilities	2,722
<u>**Equity</u>	<u>74,804</u>
Total liabilities and Equity	77,526

Notes to Balance Sheet:***Hut Fund general Account**

Income	\$1650
Expenses	<u>\$458</u>
Difference	\$1192

****Equity:**

Equity	Details	Total
Memorial Fund	Interest from this fund is used for annual grants to youth under 30 years old and based on application. Total available for 2017 is \$389	20,619
Contingency Fund	Annual interest on this account is transferred to Operating Account	10,548
Hut Fund (Odlum Brown)	To be used for Hut costs	14,000
Operating Surplus/Deficiency	This includes the difference between income and expenses over the years	17,106
Fees to be paid back	2017 Ski Camp (to be recovered by participants)	9,578
Operating Surplus 2016	Income over expenses	2,953
Total		74,804

Geoff Bennett Youth memorial fund report

- Year end 2016 balance \$20,619
- Total donations and matching section contributions since 2009: \$20,230
- **Available for disbursement in 2017: \$389**
- Total disbursements since 2009: \$5,875 on 6 projects
- Total investment return since 2009: \$6,264.50

I was disappointed with the fund return last year. Bonds were not very good. Equities were great of course but we're not planning to invest in anything risky.

So we don't have much to offer applicants this year. I've received one application so far: from Neil Warrington of Nanaimo to climb Mt Logan and paraglide off the summit. There is a possibility that we may also get an application to send First Nations Youth to the Nanaimo climbing wall. The application deadline is Jan 31.

Barb Baker Access and environment report

ACCVI Access Environment Report Jan 2017

Access issues mostly dependent on forest companies plans. Island Timberlands ... gates on more & more accesses including the most popular & well used industrial roads i.e. Cameron Main going to Arrowsmith/Cokely/Moriarity & Comox Trail/Ash Valley approach to the Beauforts. These gates are now strictly controlled on weekends plus now no week day use of any of their roads allowed according to their blog (updated each Thurs one hopes, for the coming weekend). Safty is sited as the reason for enforcing this policy.

Do not go thru any open gates unless you have consulted opening hours on the blog. People getting locked in are required to call Security to have a tow truck dispatched who will charge a fee to use his assigned keys.

IT has a new head of Security & an Access Committee working on an access issues. We have had input, making arguments for climbing & skiing trips.

Vandalism including fuel thefts are the reasons given for increasing control. Please report anything suspicious to

SafetyNet Security 250-830-8343 or 250-755-9623

Strathcona Park needs to be made aware of the closures accessing south end of the park: Oshinow Lake & Red Pillar. Letter to Andy Smith Jan 27.

Timberwest is logging & has closed the lower portion of CPR (Old Arrowsmith Trail) altho people are getting thru about which company is not happy. RDN negotiates every 3 years now to lease access thru these lands from the companies & in the above case, obviously access needs to be controlled while harvesting is ongoing.

TW continues to control access to Strathcona Park on the Comox Lake side altho CDMC sez they abandoned their strict control & opened Comox Lake this summer thru the weekend. Any reports from users this summer?

These two privately owned companies are denying public access to or thru their lands including accesses to major provincial or regional parks. Andrew Weaver of the Green Party is apparently bringing this issue to parliament in a private member's bill. ACCVI is planning to contact his office with our concerns.

Western Forest Products...logging over Runners Trail east of Alberni Inlet (part of the VISTA Route).

BC Timber Sales MFLNRO have been very cooperative with locals in contacting us, meeting & responding to incidents (here referring to their rapid response to recent rock slide/washout of Marion Main FSR*).

*Parking is being plowed out.

Logging blocks current or pending will impact Br 600 (south approach to Klitsa)

Alberni Valley Community Forest ...Locals have built some nice loops incorporating Weinan Creek.

Specific areas:

Mount Arrowsmith Massif Park: Maintenance is definitely needed particularly Judge's Route. Meeting with RDN staff including new superintendent is being planned for Feb 3. The hope is to use data collected by their trail tech back in 2015 to prepare a trail management plan for which RDN would take responsibility & which could serve as guidance for other work teams as well.

Alberni Inlet Trail Stage I & II ...logging by IT going on now over the south end of Stage 1 above China Creek Haul Rd. Blocks pending over this stage at Br. 10 high above Ship's Creek parking. No developments yet on bridging Franklin River as the south end of Stage II...locals are trying to press ACRD to pursue funding. Currently the decommissioned bridge is still in place & useful for foot traffic.

Further out...some access Oyster River during hunting season. Ditto east side approach to Beauforts.

Chemainus Main... pilot project ongoing with others for use of an electronic key system. No info given from IT.

Liz Williams Summer camp committee report

Summer Camp Committee Report for the ACCVI AGM January 28, 2017

1. Who is the SCC and what does it do?

a) 2016: Peggy Taylor, Jeff Beddoes, Martin Davis, Liz Williams.

2017: Peggy, Jeff and Liz will continue. The SCC is looking for a new member, so if you're interested we'd love to hear from you!

b) What do we do? See the Terms of Reference on the ACC-VI website, Executive minutes, June 2014:

- ☐ Maintain and update an inventory of equipment, including current state of repair and location;
- ☐ Estimate costs per person for summer camp participation, based largely on anticipated helicopter costs plus materials;
- ☐ Planning and logistics, including picking a location;
- ☐ Policy recommendations to Executive as needed.

c) In 2016, we met five times as a committee; did much work via email; and sorted and cleaned gear with valuable help from other members.

2. The Alava Bate summer camp:

☐ Two consecutive weeks were held from July 31st to August 7th 2016;

☐ 30 members attended, all from the VI section;

☐ Good weather but Week 1 had high winds which destroyed the older space station tent;

☐ See upcoming FEBRUARY 9th SLIDE SHOW!!

☐ Costs were \$500 pp but final costs exceeded revenue (see below).

3. Other inventory / equipment items:

☐ Bear box lids were modified to be more functional and durable.

☐ All the gear (about 1200 lbs) was transferred from Cedric and Lissa's garage in October to a purpose-built shed at Tom and Pam Hall's house. Many thanks to Cedric and Lissa for the use of their space for so long. And thanks to Tom for building a new shed specifically for the gear!

☐ A new space station tent was purchased.

☐ New tires were purchased for Cedric's trailer.

4. 2017 Summer Camps: Two camps will be held in 2017:

Hut camp at Mt Assiniboine Provincial Park. Two huts (16 places) have been booked for August 20-27. Jeff Beddoes is organizing this camp. The places are already subscribed but a wait-list will be taken in the event of any cancellations.

A heli-fly-in camp will be organized by the SCC for the South Chilcotins. The SCC hopes to have information and registration available early in February.

2016 Alava Bate Summer Camp Expenses

Revenue: \$15,000.00

Helicopter costs: \$15,624.00

Consumables including sat phone rental: \$1181.52

Other SCC expenditures, 2016

Bear Box Lids: Cedric's trailer:

Total: \$16,805.52

\$864.10 \$250.00 \$1676.00

New Space Station tent: (total tent cost was \$4570 with \$2893 from the ACC equipment budget)

Total: \$2790.10

Karun Thanjuvar Trip schedule

First of all, my sincere thanks to Christine and members of the leadership committee for their untiring support and encouragement to new and currently active trip leaders. Their efforts have been instrumental in maintaining a slow but steady trickle to trips to keep the schedule in reasonable shape.

It has also been encouraging to see new members stepping up to lead trips. Individual members like Scott and Peggy have also taken great initiatives to offer frequent, easy to organize local hikes to bring new members into the club, as well as to provide opportunities for members to meet and plan bigger outings.

There has also been some discussion regarding the direction the current online trip schedule itself is to take to reflect the changes in the ways members plan trips at present. Increasingly, Facebook and other social media are becoming the (preferred?) platforms for announcing and planning trips. Quite often these are not propagated to the online trip schedule, leaving members not befriended on social media out of the loop altogether. This is reminiscent of the days when the club moved from a printed trip schedule snail mailed to members every six months to the online version. Perhaps a similar transition has to be discussed and implemented.

A step in this direction has already been initiated by Neil and Martin, who can perhaps give a summary of their ideas and (any) discussions so far.

2015 & 2016 IBA Production

2015

- 34 articles, 84 pages total
- 375 copies printed
- Adobe software leasing (two months): \$225.63 (\$114.58 + \$111.05)
- Printing: \$2159.01
- Labels and envelopes: \$78.63
- Mailing: \$1478.58
- ~80 copies delivered by hand (at the May slideshow, drive-around)
- Total production and distribution cost: \$3941.85

2016

- Handing over production of 2016 issue to Sean McIntyre; had transition meeting January 15 and provided him with read access to files for the 2015 issue along with full access to the 2016 submissions
- Only 16 submissions for 2016 received to date (Jan 21); may be a very lean year

Cedric Zala Lake O'Hara Summer Camp

- 23 participants (out of 24 registered – a possible health issue (false alarm) prevented one from coming (funds just permitted reimbursement of non-wilderness pass fees)
- One night in Whiskey Jack hostel, 7 nights in Elizabeth Parker hut
- Ascents of Yukness Mountain, Walter Feuz Peak, Mt. Schaeffer
- Recce up Mt Lefroy via Abbot Pass
- Multiple hikes along alpine ledges routes (Huber, Yukness and All Souls), and valley routes (Opabin Plateau, Lake MacArthur and Cathedral Basin)
- Great to have the Stewart family along, with Sandy, Darlene, Callum (10) and Andrew (8). Youth rocks!
- Broke even with a small profit (~\$150)

Executive summary of nominations report January 2017

Proposed new executive

Chair: Catrin Brown

Secretary: Lise Gagnon

Treasurer: Clarke Gourlay

National representative: Christine Fordham

Education coordinator: Colin Mann and Alois Schonenberger

Communications team: Martin Hofmann, Karun Thanjuvar,
to include: schedule, Jes Scott, Kathy Kutzer
membership, webmaster,
social media

Bushwhacker annual editor: Sean McIntyre

Assistant editor: Robie Macdonald

FMCBC representative: Caroline Tansley / Russ Moir

Safety representative: Walter Moar

Hut: Chris Jensen

Gear manager: Mike Hubbard

Librarian/archives: Tom Hall

Summer camp coordinator: Liz Williams

BMFF coordinator: Krista Zala

Members at large: Brianna Coates, David Lemon

Proposed non-executive coordinators

Evening events coordinator: Peggy Taylor

Access and environment: Barb Baker

Monthly newsletter editor: Mary Sanseverino

Youth memorial fund: Geoff Bennett

Kids and Youth program coordinator: Derek Sou

Club historian: Lindsay Elms