Draft Minutes: ACC – VI Executive Meeting

Thursday 1 November 2018 7:00pm

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_3449 Blue Sky Place, Victoria V9C 3N5 (chez Catrin)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Present: Catrin Brown, Mike Hubbard, David Lemon, Jes Scott, Liz Williams, Colleen Kasting*

*Skype: Clarke Gourlay,* *Barb Baker, Christine Fordham, Anya Reid, Kathy Kutzer*

Meeting called to order at 7:20pm.

1. **Adoption of the agenda**

Motion: Mike Hubbard; Second: Liz Williams. Carried

1. **Adoption of the minutes** of the executive meeting of 27 August 2018

Motion: Mike Hubbard; Second: Jes Scott. Carried.

1. **Treasurer’s Report:** *Clarke*

Camp income and expenses have been included in the Profit & Loss statement, for information only, as it is a self-financing activity. The one-time hut donation puts finances slightly in the negative, but that will be rectified shortly by the proceeds from the Banff Mountain Film Festival. The GST entries have not been updated and should be ignored. The balance sheet is in good condition; there are some amounts owing from prepaid camps and the hut loan. The hut does not appear on the balance sheet, as it is a national club asset. Revenue ands expenses from operating the hut will be handled through a separate bank account, as has been done during the construction phase. See attached documents for details.

Donations, budgeted at $2300, will need to be decided by the end of the year.

**Motion:** That donations be made the same as last year, with the donation to Westcoast Island SAR to be determined. Moved: Clarke Gourlay; Second: Catrin Brown. Carried.

Clarke suggests setting up an equipment fund to accumulate the yearly equipment budget, rental fee revenue, and summer camp equipment usage fees to fund repairs, replacements, etc. This approach is compatible with the decision to set money aside within the camp budget, but adds the rental revenue.

It was noted that at present there is no way for members to make donations to the section, as only National can issue tax receipts, and the only existing option on the national website is the hut fund. If we wish to have section donations available, the national club will have to create that option.

Currently we pay $10/member to FMCBC for our affiliation, which is half of the amount rebated by to the section by the national club from membership fees; is the value we receive in advocacy, etc. worth that amount? Membership fees are likely to rise by about $12 if, as is likely, the national club adopts rescue insurance. Should we drop FMCBC membership (as several other sections have) to keep our fees relatively constant? Barb and Anya will collect information on what the FMCBC does, and Catrin will write to its executive to ask what they do with the ACCVI contribution, so we can assess the value of continuing membership.

Summer camp equipment usage fee is perhaps too low at $20.

**Motion**: That $30 per person per week be charged for club equipment usage at summer camp. Moved: Mike Hubbard; Second: Liz Williams. Carried.

1. **Matters Arising**

1. Hut Committee update: The opening was great, with about 80 attending. Construction entailed between 8000 and 8200 hours of volunteer labour. The construction costs essentially matched the funds available of $292,000. Some construction details remain to be completed, but the transition to operations is now under way. A weather station is being installed at the hut. Reservations will be taken for dates starting 11 January 2019. Caretakers for the hut have not yet been decided. The website will need to say that access to the hut is difficult, especially in winter. Three weeks are to be set aside each year for maintenance and ACCVI use. The possibility of a summer hut camp there in late August for ACCVI will be explored.
2. Summit registers: Jes reported that the website now has a list of summit registers for noting where maintenance is needed (e.g. new books or containers, etc.). Martin has a supply of new register books.
3. BC Parks grant: Jes has spoken with Charles He and the program is looking very promising. Karun will be the main organizer for trips with the Inter Cultural Association (ICA) for refugee and new immigrant youth.
4. Summer camp 2018: There were many sign-ups from outside the section (or from those who took out section memberships only for the camp) which made it difficult for long-time members to get space. After discussion, a possible solution is to give registration priority to ACCVI members who live on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands. Other ACC members to be taken in order of request after the priority period. Some spots should also be reserved for trip leaders. Details are to be worked out in time for the 2019 camp announcement, which will be in late February or early March.

Transportation of group equipment to the camp staging area in future should be done by rental truck or van.

Options for the 2019 camp location will be examined by a small group while Liz is away for the next while.

Additions to the camp guidelines should be made to clarify that family camp subsidies are not paid for by the camp participants, but are from the section budget, and that assistance before and after the camp with preparation and cleanup is expected from participants.

1. **National Club** *Christine*

See the attached report. Many congratulations on the completion of the 5040 hut. ACC huts are in enormous demand and generally overbooked; a 13-month lead time is required in many cases to get a reservation. Parks Canada has stabilized the Abbott Pass hut, and reservations will re-open in the spring. The proposal for rescue insurance will likely go through.

1. **Access & Environment**  *Barb*

See attached report.

1. **Island Bushwhacker 2017**   *Catrin*

The Bushwhacker for last year has not appeared yet, and Sean has not been in touch for a while. Most of the material is with Sean; perhaps we should consider having it returned at finding someone else to complete production. Eventually, we may have to switch to electronic publication only.

1. **Leadership** *Catrin for Natasha*

Proposal to give experienced trip leaders direct access to the schedule was approved, with review of entries by Karun.

1. **Upcoming Events** *Catrin*

* Banff Mountain Film Festival sold out within a few days. Would it be worth adding another day? Consider possibility for when tour returns in March?
* Christmas party for up-Island is 24 November; Victoria area is 14 December at Tom Hall’s.
* The AGM will be held February 1 – 3 at Mt. Washington. Colin & Natasha will handle the reservations, and have booked a second site.

1. **Education and Leadership** *Catrin for Alois & Colin*

The website content has been updated; review and comment.

1. **Other Business**

Further discussion on a section hut summer camp: as most other huts are likely already booked, consider setting aside a week in late August at the 5040 hut, maximum 20 people.

1. **Next Meeting:** Monday, December 3, 2018. (*later changed to Monday 10 December*).

**9:45 pm:** Meeting adjourned.