Draft Minutes: ACC – VI Executive Meeting

Thursday 28 February 2019 7:00pm

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_1228 Montrose Ave., Victoria (chez David Lemon)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Present: Catrin Brown, Mike Hubbard, Tom Hall, David Lemon, Mary Sanseverino, Chris Jensen,* *Robie Macdonald, Derek Sou*

*Geoff Bennett*

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

Meeting called to order at 7:17pm.

1. **Adoption of the agenda**

Motion: Mary Sanseverino; Second:. Mike Hubbard Carried

1. **Adoption of the minutes** of the executive meeting of 10 December 2018

Motion: Mike Hubbard; Second: Robie Macdonald. Carried.

1. **Brief Summary of AGM Nominations and Executive Structure** *Catrin*

The executive still numbers 20 (slightly reduced from last year) plus 12 volunteer coordinators. Russ Moir and Sean McIntyre have stepped down; the section has given them MEC gift certificates in appreciation of their work. Colin Mann has negotiated a discount for ACCVI members at Ski-Tak in Courtenay.

1. **Treasurer’s Report:** *Clarke*

See attached statements (balance sheet, profit & loss budget vs. actual).

There is $31,000 in the bank account at present, and expenses are coming in at expected levels (the Bushwhacker mailing costs are not reconciled yet but are about $1500: $5 a copy). The summer camp committee will manage collecting fees and will send the final amount to Clarke.

1. **FMCBC Update** *Anya*

Anya has been collecting information on the status of the FMCBC and what benefits ACCVI realizes from its membership. She met with Mark Latham who has been working on improving the transparency and accountability of the FMCBC. Even if ACCVI does not need the insurance that FMCBC provides, Mark thinks the section should stay in and help improve the Federation. Anya also spoke with James Spencer, the FMCBC treasurer, who provided some additional information by email, which Anya has circulated, along with the response from Barry Janyk to our letter. FMCBC has not been very involved with our access issues here on the Island, but perhaps because we haven’t directly asked for it. Currently, only 3 of the 6 ACC sections in BC belong to FMCBC.

Clarke reported that the costs of FMCBC membership have been budgeted at $3,300, but with the current membership numbers the fee is $5150, which makes it a significant item, representing 55% of section membership fees, comparable to the Bushwhacker or education amounts. (Note that number is based on a membership of ~500, which may be too high, as some may be the UVIC group members.) The current invoice, for the balance owing this March, is more than $2,000. The national ACC may reduce the money returned to sections if they adopt rescue insurance. We are committed to membership for 2018/2019 and must pay the balance by March 31st; Catrin and Martin to verify membership numbers for Clarke before he pays the invoice.

What should the process be for deciding on membership; should it be an executive decision or a membership vote? The focus should be on whether we get useful support from the Federation: the main activity is advocacy; could we do our own as effectively?

A notice will be placed in the newsletter and on the Facebook page soliciting input from the membership.

1. **Hut Committee Update** *Chris*

The first booking was January 11th; weekends have been fully booked and there have been some midweek bookings as well. The skiing in the area has been good, and user feedback has been favourable. The structure has survived the winter OK. There have been some minor operational issues with heating and the outhouse, which have now been resolved.

The planned Section hut camp in August needs a coordinator, and a decision about the fee to charge and the maximum number of participants (the hut holds 12, but how many to allow in tents?). Catrin is willing to coordinate.

The committee is opening donations again for wind turbine installation, to reduce generator use. We still need a facilities manager, a communications manager and an access manager for the operating committee.

1. **Bushwhacker** *Robie*

The goal for the publication date is the August barbeque. 15 submissions received so far, so some later ones may be accepted. Could we make the hard copies subject to an additional fee to cover the mailing costs?

1. **National Club**  *Christine*

The North Face course deadline is March 27th; interested club members should submit their applications soon.

The Fairy Meadows/Kokanee hut lottery deadline is March 7th; a notice has been sent to qualified leaders, if anyone is interested in leading a camp there.

Respect the Mountains day, June 15th: no leaders have volunteered yet. The best options seem to be the CPR trail to Arrowsmith or the Wesley Ridge trail (both need maintenance) and the Regional District of Nanaimo may be interested in participating. Other candidates are the Mt. Benson trail in conjunction with the Ramblers (Christine would coordinate) and the Inlet trail, which needs work and has permissions in place.

Photo release policy: the national club assumes that permission has been given for any photos that are sent to them. Perhaps participants should be asked at the start of trips if they have any objections to pictures being published; Mary will put a notice to that effect in the newsletter.

1. **Access and Environment**   *Barb*

A report was circulated. Barb will be meeting with Mosaic reps next week and is also giving input on access to the province for revisions to the Forest and Range Practices Act. The resource road safety section of the S. Island forest district will be posting road closures.

Snowmobiles continue to be a problem in Strathcona Park; photo evidence is needed for Parks to prosecute.

Sooke Hills Park will be officially opening in 2020; CRD has asked for input at a public meeting; we will have people there (Alois and others). The CRD is also opposing road development in the Sooke Hills as an alternative to the Malahat.

1. **Youth Group** *Derek*

Derek has drafted a list of qualifications required to lead youth trips. Consent forms and waivers need to be stored by the club (perhaps in the cloud); Derek will contact the webmaster to set that up. The schedule manager should ensure that no unauthorized youth trips are posted in the schedule.

Motion: That the list of requirements for youth trip leadership be approved. Moved: Derek Sou; Second Mike Hubbard. Carried.

1. **Equipment** *Mike*

Bernard has requested rope protectors; agreed to proceed with their purchase. He also will request some replacements and additions soon, but nothing specific yet. He plans to keep an electronic record of equipment usage.

1. **Memorial Fund** *Geoff*

Geoff submitted a report on First Nations relations, specifically the Ucluelet/Tla-o-qui-aht youth program. He proposes that the section form a First Nations relationships subcommittee as a long-term commitment to communicate with the communities, participate in activities and sponsor 5040 Peak hut visits, focusing on the Nuu-cha-nulth region.

Motion: That a subcommittee for First Nations relations and liaison be set up. Moved: Geoff Bennett; Second Derek Sou. Carried.

A notice will be placed in the newsletter asking for volunteers. Geoff will coordinate forming the committee membership.

1. **Advance Planning** *Catrin*

The 2020 AGM may not be able to use the VIMC – booking seeems uncertain. Tentative dates are February 7-9.

The 2019 summer barbeque will be in late August – later confirmed as 29 August at Mike and Colleeen’s home.

Banff Mountain Film Festival for 2019: non-profit booths a possibility.

1. **Other Business**

None.

1. **Next Meeting:** To be determined.
2. Meeting adjourned at 10:06 pm