

Minutes: ACC – VI Executive Meeting

Monday 18 January 2021 7.00 pm

Zoom meeting in the time of Covid 19

Present: Catrin Brown, David Lemon, Mike Hubbard, Christine Fordham, Barb Baker, Martin Hofmann, Laura Darling, Garth Stewart, Josh Slatkoff, Janelle Curtis, Liz Williams, Derek Sou, Alois Schonenberger, Anya Reid, Kathy Kutzer

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

1. Adoption of the agenda

Summer camp 2021 added

Motion: Mike Hubbard; Second: Barb Baker. Carried

2. Adoption of the minutes of the executive meeting 7 December 2020

Corrected Item 6 to note that more than 1 month's hut revenue collected.

Motion: Mike Hubbard; Second: Liz Williams. Carried

3. Matters Arising

Catrin, Martin

- Donations: Letters of thanks received from recipients of 2020 donations are attached.
- Fairy Meadows deposit: National ACC has given deferrals for December 2020 and January 2021 bookings, but for later bookings is only offering a 50% refund. At present, ACC-VI has neither. The Fairy Meadows hut has been empty for most of the winter so far. A meeting was held with the leaders of other groups having Fairy Meadows and Kokanee hut bookings to discuss ideas for getting a better deal from National.

Motion: That Catrin send a letter on behalf of the ACC-VI executive to Lawrence White, with cc to ACC board members, stating that the section is not happy with the booking policy for the Fairy Meadows and Kokanee huts, and requesting a full refund of the deposit.

Moved: Martin Hofmann; Second: Garth Stewart. Carried.

- Discourse software: An ACC-VI executive group has been created there for document sharing. Files can be uploaded to it, but at present only by Catrin. A notification option is available for members to be alerted when documents are added.

4. Island Bushwhacker:

Rob is not present, but has said that more submissions are needed for the 2020 edition, and because of the limited number of trips in 2020, there will be a hindsight section for which articles about previous years that were not reported can be submitted.

5. National Club Update

Christine

The North Face course will be offered for summer 2021 and is open for applications. Josh will circulate a reminder notice to the membership. The Gazette is looking for articles.

6. Access and Environment

Barb

Insurance for Comox Lake access has been renewed effective 1 January 2021 to 21 September 2021. It will be renewed again in September 2021.

There was a meeting with RSTBC to discuss the damage and sanitation issues occurring at Cobalt Lake from traffic and camping. Working on a proposal for installing counters to measure traffic and to install a portable toilet; Gary will send the draft proposal. RSTBC is willing to help (and have a toilet available), but have little funds, although year-end money may appear. The Marion

FSR upgrade should be completed by 20 January, including expanded parking areas. How should Rockstar be thanked for the additional work; perhaps some free hut time in the summer? Mosaic gate updates are presently distributed by email. The information is on the Mosaic website, and a note on how to access it will be put on Discourse, but the email notifications will be continued.

7. Hišimýawiž

Martin

Parking space has been added at the highway end, at the helicopter staging area and at the bottom of 8 km hill (the limit of 2WD access; a sign should perhaps be put there to say 4WD only beyond that point). Getting a count of the road and trail use would be useful. The hut is now closed, and all bookings up to 5 February have been cancelled. Later bookings are on hold pending the review of the provincial health order February 5th. Hoping to be able to open the hut for the spring and summer.

The solar panels have sustained some damage and may need to be replaced. There are some other maintenance jobs to do, as snow is getting in in some places. The insurance provided through National had expired; many thanks to Colleen Kastner who found a new broker and replaced the coverage. The hut funds are now near zero; money will be needed to improve the power supply there, so being able to re-open and generate revenue through bookings is important.

8. BMFF

Laura

There have been 162 sales to date, and the rate of uptake has fallen in January. Revenue from sales to date is about \$800. Most other sellers have had even fewer than we have, including the Vancouver ACC section. A new program will come out in April, so we need to work out how to promote it more. We still have gift coupons for the initial series; the Indigenous youth group we offered them to declined due to COVID restrictions. Perhaps they could be used for leadership prizes or as thanks to the road crew?

9. Finance

Garth

The balance sheet and Budget vs. Actual for 2020 are attached. Revenue in 2020 was about \$12,000, and there is ~\$22,500 in the chequing account and ~\$10,00 in the contingency fund account. Estimated revenue for 2021 is about \$9,000.

A draft budget and draft division of expenses into essential and discretionary (attached) were presented and discussion ensued as to how much cash on hand should be drawn down to maintain activities given the expected low revenue. Christine is looking for someone to take over the leadership recognition contest if it is decided to keep it, given the restricted level of activity. It is to be kept in the budget, but the contest details will be removed from the website for now.

It is not clear if Summer Camp will be possible in 2021, but the family week subsidy will be kept in the budget in case it is. Last year's registrants will be polled for interest in a possible 2021 camp at the same location, Griswold Pass. Given that the memorial fund has generated sufficient income in the past year that no top-up is required from the section. No matching donation will be made either this year.

Motion: In light of the current situation of financial restrictions due to the pandemic, and that it was not included in the 2020 budget, that no matching donation be made to the memorial fund for 2020. Moved: Mike Hubbard; Second: Christine Fordham. Carried.

Garth will prepare a revised budget and circulate it to the executive for approval next week, anticipating drawing down the cash on hand by up to \$7,000.

Policy decisions on approaches to leadership and education will be postponed to the first meeting of the new executive after the AGM when the duration and extent of the Provincial Health Order may be clearer.

10. AGM Planning (Wednesday 3 February 7:00 pm)

Catrin

- The AGM will be virtual (Zoom), which could mean low attendance, however the quorum of 20 should be reached without difficulty.
- Catrin will solicit reports in written form and post them to Discourse, brief reports are encouraged at the meeting.
- Mike Hubbard has nominations sufficient to fill almost all the executive positions.
- Garth will circulate the revised 2021 budget for approval in the next day or so.
- Next meeting – TBD by new executive after AGM

11. Any other business

None; meeting adjourned.

Attachments (next page)

11:17 AM

2021-01-21

Accrual Basis

ACC Vancouver Island
Balance Sheet
As of 31 December 2020

	<u>31 Dec 20</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Coast Capital Chequing	21,833.25
Odlum Brown Contingency Fund	
OB Contingency - Fixed Income	<u>10,146.55</u>
Total Odlum Brown Contingency Fund	10,146.55
Odlum Brown Memorial Fund	
OB Memorial - Fixed Income	<u>20,642.10</u>
Total Odlum Brown Memorial Fund	<u>20,642.10</u>
Total Chequing/Savings	52,621.90
Other Current Assets	
Prepaid expenses	<u>4,155.28</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>4,155.28</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>56,777.18</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>56,777.18</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Deferred Revenue	675.00
GST Payable	-478.26
Holding Funds	
Equipment Fund	2,060.85
Summer Camp 2019	<u>230.00</u>
Total Holding Funds	<u>2,290.85</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>2,487.59</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>2,487.59</u>
Total Liabilities	2,487.59
Equity	
Retained Earnings	57,463.13
Net Income	<u>-3,173.54</u>
Total Equity	<u>54,289.59</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>56,777.18</u>

11:16 AM

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Accrual Basis

ACC Vancouver Island
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
January through December 2020

	Jan - Dec 20	Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Banff Mountain Film Festival	0.00	20,000.00
Course Fees	150.00	0.00
Donations	1,400.00	
Equipment Rentals	0.00	3,000.00
GST Rebate	-530.75	1,300.00
Interest Income	2.29	20.00
Investment Funds Income	0.00	1,000.00
Membership Dues	9,120.00	9,400.00
Membership Dues GST	458.80	
Miscellaneous Income	1,386.12	
Swag, Books, Misc.	0.00	100.00
Total Income	11,986.46	34,820.00
Expense		
Banff Film Festival	0.00	3,500.00
Bank Fees	57.00	120.00
Donations (Outgoing)	6,600.00	5,600.00
Education	2,376.58	6,600.00
Family Camp Bursary	0.00	3,500.00
Gifts and Awards	368.38	900.00
GST Paid on Purchases	260.32	0.00
Island Bushwhacker Annual (IBA)	761.06	5,200.00
Leadership Awards	1,204.60	1,200.00
Meetings	1,688.78	4,300.00
Misc. Projects, Events, Meeting	1,018.18	1,500.00
Newsletter	545.51	600.00
Office & Supplies	0.00	100.00
Rental Equipment	0.00	600.00
Website Maintenance	279.59	200.00
Youth Scholarships (Mem. Fund)	0.00	900.00
Total Expense	15,160.00	34,820.00
Net Ordinary Income	-3,173.54	0.00
Net Income	-3,173.54	0.00

ACCVI 2021 Budget Planning

Essentials:

Bank fees	96
Island Bushwhacker Annual (before colour version prepayments)	1,200
Meetings: Swan Lake, seminars, etc.	300
Miscellaneous, Projects, Meetings (including zoom subscription) ¹	700
Newsletter	420
Office supplies etc.	100
Web hosting and software costs	160
TOTAL	2,976

“Nice to have” items that may have to be cut or reduced:

(amounts indicated are based on 2019 and 2020 Actual Expenses)

Donations	5,600
Equipment Fund (in 2019, 1,920 contributed from summer camp)	0
Family week summer camp bursaries	3,500
Gifts & Awards	900
Leadership Awards	1,200
Socials - bbq, Christmas parties (could do pot luck or charge eg. \$5 pp)	4,000
Subsidising education courses for leaders (75%)	4,100
Subsidising education courses for members	2,500
Topping up memorial fund to \$1000 ²	0
TOTAL	21,800

¹ In 2020, this line item included 500 for Timber West Access and 200 for Annual Zoom Subscription

² Matching donations to the Memorial Fund subject to Executive approval. In 2020, ACCVI received a 1,000 donation to the memorial fund.

December 2020 responses from organisations re decision to donate

Copied and pasted as received

Vancouver Island Trail Association \$1500

Awesome news Catrin. Thank you so much. We at VITA really appreciate your continued support.

I look forward to meeting you in the New Year.

I'll share the good news now with our board. Cheers and thanks again. Happy Christmas to you and yours and all the very best for 2021.

Liz Bicknell

Vancouver Island Avalanche Centre \$1650

Wonderful Catrin,

This is absolutely wonderful news. Thank you ACC - VI for your continued support and generosity during this difficult time.

Yes, we are building a relationship with Martin and another VI associate and we are quite happy with the possibilities of growing the awareness of the backcountry skiing opportunities around the 5040 hut all the while growing backcountry safety and avalanche awareness for that region. Thank you once again, I will share the news with the board and they will surely be excited!

Thanks again Catrin!

Ryan Shelly

Owner - Summit Avalanche Consulting

www.summitavalancheconsulting.com

Vancouver Island Marmot Recovery Foundation \$1000

Hi Catrin,

Thank you so much for your support! We'll add the chair@accvi.ca address to the update list. I expect there'll be one in the New Year when the Final Report is ready, and then likely the next will be after field season starts in the late spring.

Regarding a presentation, yes! We'd be happy to do a presentation for ACCVI – either myself or our Field Coordinator Cheyney Jackson or both. I'd like to get Cheyney involved so she can pick your members' brains about specific sites. January and February are generally pretty good times for us to do presentation. Once we reach April, we are swamped until the winter arrives again. Just let us know if there is a time in there that would work.

Thank you again for supporting our work with the marmots. Especially in during the pandemic, it makes a huge difference to our ability to recover this species.

Happy holidays! Adam Taylor

Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC \$750

Happy Christmas indeed Catrin!

Many thoughtful thanks for the generosity and continued support that you, Barb and the ACC-VI contributed to the Fed in 2020 and now 2021! I can assure you the funds you are providing us will go a long way in the Fed as we are a pretty frugal ship and will help us achieve our immediate goal of raising \$10,000! We're now at around 70% of that mark so we're going well!

We're going to continue to bang away at Right to Roam initiative next year and are keenly anticipating the results of the Nicola Valley Fish & Game Club vs the Douglas Lake Cattle Company appeal. Interesting to note that on December 9th Vancouver Sun reporter Douglas Todd won a Webster award for Excellence in Legal Journalism The Jack Webster Foundation - recognizing outstanding journalism in British Columbia for over 25 years for this piece: <https://vancouversun.com/opinion/columnists/douglas-todd-british-columbians-fight-u-s-billionaire-for-the-right-to-roam-in-the-wild>

Now whether that story – and its accompanying award - results in a successful court of appeal case is anyone's guess! Likely some way into the new year before we know the decision and then, of course, it's not unreasonable to expect that a man with Stan Kroenke's billions and litigious reputation will find some avenue to try and appeal to the federal Supreme Court. So we soldier on!

My sincere thanks *again* to everyone in the ACC over there and my very best to you all for a happy, safe and snowy Christmas!

Salud!

Barry J Janyk

Executive Director

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Advocating for the backcountry and ensuring it stays healthy is more critical than ever! Please support our hard work by donating here <https://mountainclubs.org/donate> Help us to meet our \$10,000 fundraising goal! As a registered Canadian charity you'll immediately receive a tax-deductible receipt.

Soyons réalistes, nous allons rêver l'impossible!

Ancient Forest Alliance \$300

Hi Catrin,

That is fantastic news! Thank you so much for supporting the Ancient Forest Alliance again. This has undoubtedly been a trying year on many levels, and we applaud the ACC-VI for continuing to support local organizations as best as possible despite the obstacles. We are in this together, and together our voices are most impactful, especially when it comes to protecting BC's endangered ancient forests. We have much to be hopeful for in 2021 and beyond.

Sincerely wishing you and your team a wonderful holiday season. We'll be sure to let you know of specific ways you may contribute to the ancient forest campaign.

Please note, our office will be closed Dec. 24 to Jan. 3 as our staff enjoy some downtime. If there's anything we can assist with before then, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Tiara and the AFA

~Administration & Development