Minutes: ACC – VI Executive Meeting

Monday 19 October 2020 7.00 pm

Zoom meeting in the time of Covid 19

*Present: Catrin Brown, David Lemon, Mike Hubbard, Christine Fordham, Barb Baker, Martin Hofmann, Chris Jensen, Robie Macdonald, Laura Darling, Garth Stewart, Josh Slatkoff, Derek Sou, Alois Schonenberger, Janelle Curtis, Neil Ernst*

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm

**1**. **Adoption of the agenda**

Motion: Mike Hubbard; Second: Garth Stewart. Carried

**2. Adoption of the minutes of the executive meeting 12 May 2020**

Motion: Christine Fordham; Second: Janelle Curtis. Carried

**3. Finance update** *Garth*

1. Membership revenues are holding steady at present; the major financial uncertainty is how much will be realized from the Banff Mountain Film Festival this year. The pandemic situation has also led to expense reductions: no family camp subsidies, barbecue or Christmas party, reduced education costs, less Swan Lake rental, the Bushwhacker going on-line with contribution for printed version. The 2021 budget will not be finalized until we know better what receipts from this year’s BMFF will be.
2. *Donations to other organizations for 2020*: Discussion whether to stay with the budgeted envelope of $5,600 (based on receipts from last year’s BMFF; $200 already sent to CAJ) or to reduce it because of the uncertainty about upcoming finances. Decision postponed to next meeting; in the meantime we will contact last year’s recipients to find out what use they made of our donation and what their plans for this year are. Suggestions for additions to the laist to be sent to Catrin.

**4.Matters Arising**

1. *Hišimy̓awiƛ:* *Chris* The hut has re-opened , with the first guests arriving last weekend. It survived the 160 km/hr windstorm with no damage. The helicopter resupply has been done, building up the inventories there. The helicopter costs and insurance payment have used up most of the remaining budget, but revenue is starting to come in again. The weather station is up and working, and Martin is working on getting the data ready for distribution to the school networks. The Safe Operating Plan (SOP) for the hut is in place, with many COVID signs posted. Keith Battersby has joined the hut committee. Chris is planning to step down from the general manager’s role, so we will need a replacement. Given the workload for that position, an honorarium may be appropriate.
2. *Trip schedule*: *Catrin* The trip leaders meeting was held October 5th, with 20 to 30 attendees. More trips are needed along with promotion of more trip leading.
3. *Island Bushwhacker Annual 2020*: *Rob, Josh*

The template for authors is done and has been kept simple. The deadline for submissions is the end of January 2021; there may be fewer than usual because of the pandemic travel restrictions.

**5***.* **National Club Update** *Christine*

The next meeting(virtual) is on October 31st. Send input to Christine. Chelsea Lindsay is returning to the national club staff. Manufacturer discounts: OR is not adding to lists; North face – all have 50% off, details in High Points.

**6. Access and environment** *Barb*

The Mosaic agreement for Comox Lake Main access has been signed. Barb is working on getting a better map of the road network from Mosaic. Details of how to use the access are on the website under *Information for Trip Leaders*.

Leave No Trace promotion: Trip leaders are to remind participants of the concept; guidelines for the website are being developed.

**7. Education** *Alois*

There will not be an ACC-VI specific AST course this year, as there will not be an in-person AGM. Club members can get a 15% discount on AST courses offered by Island Alpine Guides as an alternative. The club will offer a Wilderness First Aid course and a risk management course is under consideration. Alois will step down after this year, so a new education coordinator (perhaps more than 1) will be needed.

**8. Banff Mountain Film Festival**  *Laura*

The full festival is available for viewing on the BMFF website at a cost of $150. The touring version (Best of BMFF) will be accessed via a host link from ACC-VI to VIMEO, who are operating the tour for BMFF. Their fees are all in US$. The cost to view via the link is $15. After the first 16, the next 84 would return $2.80 to ACC-VI; 101 to 300 return $3.35, beyond 300 $4.68. 1000 on-line tickets would generate about $4000; in comparison, last year’s event sold ~1000 seats at a return of $15 each for a total of about $15,000. To make the on-line festival as successful as possible, we will need someone to do promotion via social media, etc.

**9.**  **Communications: web and social media** *Catrin, Neil*

It would be good to have something other than Facebook, so that ACC-VI would have more control over content. The Discourse platform has been selected, although the Facebook page will continue to exist. There could be privacy issues as it has US server storage. The club would only have public club information on it; the issue would be with what members could post as individuals. It is designed as a sharing platform for discussion rather than a place where information is stored (such as newsletters, etc.). Posts on Discourse are sortable and searchable and can be archived. Martin and Neil are working on integrating it with the main website. The Terms of Service for Discourse are written in US terms; Mike will send the necessary corrections to make it Canadian oriented to Neil.

**10. Planning Ahead** *Catrin*

* The 2020 photo contest will be held October 29th and the prizes will be $50 gift certificates from Valhalla
* On-line slide shows for November and December have been lined up; after that, more are needed. Catrin would like someone to take over coordinating the on-line shows.
* The AGM will be virtual, probably in early to mid-February. Mike Hubbard will look after nominations.

**11.**  **Next Meeting:** December 7th. Invite possible new executive members as observers?