Draft Minutes: ACC – VI Executive Meeting

Tuesday 9 June 2020 7.00 pm

Zoom meeting in the time of Covid 19

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

Meeting called to order at 7:07pm

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

Motion: Mike Hubbard; Second: Barb Baker. Carried

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

Minutes amended to include email authorization to purchase annual Zoom licence.

Motion: Mike Hubbard; Second: Garth Stewart. Carried

**3. Finances update** *Garth*

No significant changes in financial status since last month. Current balance in the account is $23,729.99; a refund cheque from Swan Lake for unused rental evenings is expected shortly.

**4.Discussion and decisions re club activities from 15 June** *Catrin*

1. Summer Camp: See attachment from the camp committee summarizing the issues to be considered. Discussion concluded that the camp cannot meet the provincial Phase 2 guidelines at the site. Also, as the main club has cancelled camps for this year, proceeding with an ACC-VI section camp would not be consistent with the image the section should have as an outdoor leadership organization.

**Motion:** That the 2020 summer camp at Griswold Pass be cancelled in light of provincial Covid-19 guidelines. Moved: Lura Darling; Second: Christine Fordham. Carried.

The summer camp committee will notify all registrants that the camp is cancelled, and issue full refunds. This year’s registrants will be given priority to register for the 2021 camp, which will be at Griswold Pass.

1. Hišimy̓awiƛ hut: The hut is currently officially closed until June 15th. The national club will re-open huts when new COVID compliance guidelines are developed. All existing hut reservations will be cancelled. Options for re-opening Hišimy̓awiƛ were discussed, but the consensus was that re-opening this summer would be a great deal of work for a very limited number of possible users. Therefore, the hut will remain closed until the fall when the situation will be re-assessed. Custodians will be present in the summer, and the time will be used for volunteer work parties to do maintenance and improvements.

1. Education: The crevasse rescue course has been delayed until further notice. The introduction to rock climbing course has been postponed to early August, if it can be operated in compliance with pandemic guidelines.
2. Regular trip schedule: Encourage people to put day trips for groups of up to 6 on the schedule. Trips to conform with provincial guidelines in effect, and to use the new waiver form.
3. Summer barbecue: Not feasible under the provincial Phase 2 guidelines, but may be in Phase 3, so it is on hold for the time being.
4. Slide shows: The first Zoom slide show was a success, so they will carry on through the summer.

**5***.* **Access and environment** *Barb*

 **T**he FMCBC has organized a joint meeting with Right to Roam and ACC-VI to prepare for a meeting with Mosaic in late June. Other access talks are also in progress with the province. The Mt Klitsa north side access is open now. The Oshinow Lake road is to be allowed to fall into disrepair and become a walk-in trail. At present it is still open to vehicular traffic. Some Mosaic gates are now open for longer hours, up to 9:00pm.

**6. Island Bushwhacker Annual** *Rob*

Hard copy options for the annual are black & white at ~$6/copy (~$3000 for a full run) or colour at ~$18/copy (~$10,000 for a full run). The budget has $5200 allocated for printing, but finances may be constrained if the Banff Mountain Film Festival can’t be held. After discussion, the consensus was to propose printing colour copies for those who want them, with a charge of $15, which is about 50% of the print and postage cost per copy, payment to be in advance by e-transfer or cheque to the treasurer. Josh will send out a survey to assess interest in this approach, with a deadline to order of June 30th.

**7. Sharing Information and communications** *Catrin*

Nothing to report.

**8.**  **Other Business**  *Catrin*

Two section members have earned national ACC awards:

**Barb Baker** has been given the Don Forrest award for her work on access

**Jes Scott** has been given the Don Forrest award for her work in rebuilding the section website after its crash

**10.**  **Next Meeting:** TBA**,** late August.

**Attachment**

**DECISION ON ACCVI GRIZWOLD PASS SUMMER CAMP**

**ISSUE:**

During the Covid-19 pandemic, it was decided that ACCVI Executive will make the decision of whether or not to hold the Summer Camp as planned.

**BACKGROUND:**

* The Grizwold Pass Summer Camp is fully subscribed, with an extensive waitlist, for four weeks, July 11 – August 9, with 15-20 people each week.
* Travel to the staging area will require car-pooling, handling of others’ luggage, off-island ferry transport, grocery shopping, etc. Masks may be required for helicopter travel.
* **Once in base camp, NO COVID-19 provisions would be expected or enforced.**
* Usual camp procedures include the use of hand sanitizer, kitchen bleach, etc.
* As usual, two people will cook dinner for the full group each night (there is not enough time, fuel, or space for individuals or groups to cook and clean up dinner for themselves).
* Neither the cook tent nor the ‘social tent’ will allow physical distancing. Both are necessary for food prep and clean-up, meals, and in the event of bad weather.
* Equipment (sat phone, radios, climbing gear, log-book, First-Aid, etc.) is shared.
* Members may need to assist others in the case of injury or evacuation.

**DISCUSSION:**

* With regard to ‘Mass gatherings’, the May 22nd legal order under the Public Health Act requires Covid-19 guidelines to be applied by “persons who…occupy, operate or are otherwise responsible for an indoor or outdoor place including…a campsite or any other outdoor place”. However, it does ***not apply*** “to…individuals at a campsite, in a park or at any other outside location when not attending an event.” **The question is whether the planned ACCVI summer camp is considered an event.**
* The May 29th legal order under the Public Health Act states “**No person may operate an overnight camp for children and youth.”**
* **Both Orders state:** **If you fail to comply with this Order, I have the authority to take enforcement action against you under Part 4, Division 6 of the Public Health Act. Neither Order has an expiry date.**
* Provincial Guidelines for Phase 2 include: Only get together in small groups of 2 to 6 people outside your bubble. Keep a physical distance and limit your time together.
* As of May 7, ACC National canceled the Mt Mummery GMC; as of June 1, they cancelled all existing hut registrations prior to developing new Covid-19 procedures.
* Similarly, the Association of Canadian Mountain Guides (ACMG) has provided extensive Covid-19 guidance, including maximum group size of six for day-hiking and four for backpacking.
* A risk assessment (personal risk and risk of transmission) can be made using the diagram below. The camp setting would involve close contact for an extended (though intermittent) period of time, thus we’d place the summer camp on the Y axis in the High range. On the X axis the summer camp would have a low number of contacts (relative to a group size of 50) but high relative to the recommended bubble of six, and so would be Medium. (The arrows for Modification Potential refer to the Covid-19 guidelines which we are not proposing.) Therefore the Summer Camp Committee suggests risk overall would be in the Medium to High range.



**OPTIONS:**

1. Hold the Summer Camp as planned:
	* Risks on Vancouver Island are low, and thus low to Vancouver Islanders if precautions are followed while travelling;
	* Would contravene legal order for Family Week;
	* Could contravene legal order for events;
	* Public image of ACCVI needs to be considered.
2. Hold the Summer Camp without the Family Week:
* Less risk of contravening legal orders;
* Public image of ACCVI needs to be considered.
1. Hold the Summer Camp with Covid-19 guidelines in place:
	* Not considered practicable;
	* Could contravene legal orders;
	* Public image of ACCVI needs to be considered.
2. Defer the Summer Camp until 2021
* Disappoints many people;
* Avoids legal risk;
* Supports public image of ACCVI and is consistent with ACC National and other organizations at this time.

Prepared by the Summer Camp Committee, June 8, 2020