

ACC Vancouver Section Annual General Meeting

Minutes – November 23, 2004

Floral Hall – Van Dusen Gardens

Chaired by: Liz Scremin; Election of New Executive Chaired by: Irene Goldstone

AGENDA

Liz Scremin called the formal meeting to order about 7:45 PM.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liz opened the meeting with some general announcements, including a welcome to new and prospective members, some news on the Section activities and awards. Liz outlined the agenda for the AGM, starting with Position Reports, and concluding with election of the next executive.

II. REPORTS:

- 1. Secretary (Tony Knight):** The Secretary's duties include writing the minutes for Executive meetings, managing correspondence, and acting custodian for the Section's satellite phone. The sat phone was rented a total of 8 weeks this past year. Overall, it has cost the Section about \$200 since it was purchased 3 years ago. Tony also coordinates the Email notification for the electronic version of the Avalanche Echoes. This saves the Section printing and postage, and the PDF version is available sooner and in colour. Anyone wishing to download the newsletter in PDF format on the Internet should email to accvanem@telus.net to be added to the notification list.
- 2. Treasurer (Rob Brusse):** Rob presented a short summary of the Section finances. More detailed financial statements for the year ended 31 Oct 2004 will be published in an upcoming Echoes newsletter. Overall Section finances are in good health, but the Section did not post a surplus in its general account this year. Membership revenue increased slightly from the previous year with the fee increases. Tantalus Lake Lovelywater Hut revenues were down compared to last year due to loss of some bookings in poor weather near the end of summer, and some expenses assisting BC Parks in constructing a new bridge near the cabin. Three grants were awarded from the Section Endowment Fund, of which 2 were actually funded. The fund distributed \$3,000 to the Jim Haberl Hut fund and \$500 to the Climbers Access committee. The Jim Haberl Hut fund saw substantial work begin on prefabrication of the new cabin. Since inception of the Haberl Hut fund, about \$34,300 has been laid out on hut construction in progress, and the Hut fund increased its equity by about \$18,500 through additional contributions this year.
- 3. Membership (Susan D'Aloisio):** Vancouver Section membership declined slightly from last year and has leveled off around 450 individual and family memberships, equivalent to about 550 people overall.
- 4. Echoes (Helen Habgood/Gerard Cheong):** Helen and Gerard were co-editors for the Avalanche Echoes newsletter this past year. Helen reported that the Section is looking for a new printing company, hopefully to improve the printing quality and speed of the mail-out of the newsletter. The Editors are always looking for trip reports and articles to publish. A third co-editor is also being sought to help with editing and producing content.
- 5. Climbing Chair (Margaret Hanson):** Margaret gave a summary of Section trips this past year. The Section averaged about 9 trips per month through the winter and spring, lessening to about 6 trips per month in the summer. The climbing and trips schedule is in good shape for the upcoming period from November to the end of February. Margaret thanked all who organized trips and workshops this past year, and the volunteers who helped phone the membership for trip organizers.
- 6. Camps (Richard Keltie):** Richard served as Section camps coordinator this year, helping to promote camp activities and find camp organizers. This past year, the Section ran six camps including 3 spring camps: a 2-week ski traverse in the Mt. Waddington area (Hans Veiel), 2-week ski traverse on the Lillooet Icefields (Liz Scremin), and Spearheads traverse (Tony Knight). Summer mountaineering camps included Tantalus Lake Lovelywater (organized by Peter Woodsworth, now it's 7th year), one week at Roger's Pass and one week at Lake O'Hara (both organized by Rob Brusse). Several camps are already planned for 2005 including a ski week at the ACC Fairy Meadows cabin and another Roger's Pass and Lake O'Hara summer mountaineering camp. Plans are also underway already for camps in 2006 to celebrate the centennial year for the National ACC organization.

- 7. FMCBC Rep (Richard Keltie):** Richard also served this year as the Vancouver Section Rep at the Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC. The FMCBC role continues to be advocacy in protecting the backcountry environment and access for non-motorized recreation. The FMCBC is now self-funded through member club contributions, including the Vancouver Section. The FMCBC has hired an Executive Director to oversee operations. Richard also reported on some on-going issues of interest such as plans for the Smoke Bluffs climbing area, currently owned by the FMCBC. The FMCBC is also active in on-going efforts to advocate provincial government adoption of the Sharing Accord that was drafted by the Sea-to-Sky Backcountry Winter Recreation Forum among the motorized and non-motorized user groups. Land and Water BC, the crown corporation responsible for land use tenures, has failed to recognize this important agreement, and continues to award commercial tenures in areas designated for non-motorized use. Finally, the FMCBC have been active in ensuring continued trailhead access during and following improvements to the Sea-to-Sky Highway between Vancouver and Whistler.
- 8. Skills Development (Sue Baldwin):** The Section organized a number of skills development courses and workshops this past year, including telemark ski clinics, winter camping, winter navigation and a CWMS Avalanche course. Indoor workshops included map & compass and leadership development. This spring and summer, a rock-climbing refresher and mountaineering essentials were organized, and this fall included the St. John Ambulance Wilderness First Aid course, and a very successful introduction to ice climbing in October. Plans are underway for courses and workshops in 2005, and the Section is always looking for volunteers to organize an event on a wilderness topic of interest.
- 9. Program (Susan Higginbottom):** Susan reported on this year's social program, which included some interesting slide shows of local trips and international destinations. Susan indicated she will carry on in the position, and is always looking for interesting speakers and slide shows for the monthly socials.
- 10. Access & Environment (Liz for Henny Coates):** Liz briefly reported on Access and Environment issues over the past year. One important issue this year was the proposed gondola on the Stawamus Chief. The Vancouver Section wrote to Provincial Government officials opposing this project on the basis of the negative impact it would have on hiking and rock climbing in this popular area. The proposal was later defeated in public hearings.
- 11. National Club Rep (Fern Hietkamp):** Fern represents the Vancouver Section at the National level of the Alpine Club of Canada. This includes attending National Board meetings twice a year in Canmore, and communicating with the National Executive on a number of topics ranging from liability insurance for the Club to National programs and awards.
- 12. Promotion (Jay MacArthur):** Jay reported on the promotion of the Vancouver Section at various film events in town such as the Banff Mountain Festival and the Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival. The Section is also interested in organizing a slide show on the ACC Vancouver Section for presentation at forums such as the outdoor evening programs at Mountain Equipment Co-op.
- 13. Chairperson's Report (Liz Scremin):** Liz provided a short summary report as Chair of the Section. Liz thanked all the volunteers who have helped organize trips, camps, and workshops and generally keep the Section busy with many events. On the Jim Haberl Memorial Hut, Liz reported that prefabrication was completed this year with the assistance of the 192nd Airfield Engineers at Abbotsford. Plans are now ready to erect the cabin on-site in the summer of 2005. Liz recognized some of the awards presented this year including Distinguished Service Awards to Mary Rode and Chris Bradley, and a 50-year member recognition to Pat Duffy. Liz indicated that she is stepping down after 5 years as Chair of the Section, but will be carrying on as Co-Chair of the Jim Haberl Hut Committee and the Archives Committee. Liz then called on Irene Goldstone to chair the last portion of the AGM.

III. ELECTION OF NEW EXECUTIVE:

14. **New/Ongoing Executive Members (Irene Goldstone):** Irene rose to chair the election of the new Executive. Irene thanked Liz for her 5 years of dedicated service to the ACC Vancouver Section. Irene then reported that the following members have agreed to stand for election. The positions and nominees are as follows:

- (a) Chair – Tony Knight
- (b) Secretary – vacant
- (c) Treasurer – Rob Brusse
- (d) Membership – vacant
- (e) Socials – vacant
- (f) Echoes Editors – Helen Habgood and Gerard Cheong
- (g) National Club Rep – Fern Hietkamp
- (h) FMCBC Rep – Richard Keltie
- (i) Program Coordinator – Susan Higginbottom
- (j) Climbing/Trip Schedule – Ian McGillivray and Mike Thompson
- (k) Camps – Richard Keltie
- (l) Skills Development – Sue Baldwin
- (m) Access and Environment – Henny Coates
- (n) Promotion – Jay MacArthur

There being no further nominations, it was moved and seconded that the above members be elected as the Vancouver Section Executive for the year 2005.

The Annual General Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM. A slide show on skiing the Haute Route from Chamonix to Zermatt was presented by Shirley Howdle and Andre Zimmerman.