

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
Alpine Club of Canada  
Vancouver Section  
Tuesday, November 22, 2005 at 7:00 pm  
Floral Hall at VanDusen Gardens West 37<sup>th</sup> and Oak Street Vancouver**

The meeting was brought to order at 7:30 pm by Tony Knight, Vancouver Section Chair

**Minutes of the November 2004** annual general meeting were approved.

**Secretary** – Tony Knight gave the report. Secretary duties were shared by Jay MacArthur, Richard Keltie and Rob Brusse during the year.

**Treasurer**– Rob Brusse

The report was distributed and summarized by Rob and will be published in an upcoming issue of the *Echoes*. The 2005 year ended in the black and on budget. The Endowment Fund distributed \$3,600 to three applicants. Over \$100,000 has been raised to build and maintain the new Haberl Hut in the Tantalus range.

**National Club Representative** - Rob Brusse presented the report, as Andrea Morgan was not available. The minutes of the National club meetings will be made available at future section monthly meetings. A new rule of “90” was introduced for qualification as Life members. National approved the formalization of each sections by-laws. The Hostel at Lake Louise continues to provide revenue for the National Club.

**Climbing** – Ian McGillivray and Mike Thompson

The climbing schedule is in need of volunteers.

**Programs** – Susan Higginbottom

Exciting and challenging presentations were well received by the membership in 2005 and expectations are for an equally interesting group of presentations at the monthly meeting are planned for 2006.

**Skills Development** – Susan Baldwin

Several outdoors workshops were organized in 2005 including a snow/glacier school and introductory ice climbing. Leadership, first aid and navigation skills workshops are planned for 2006.

**Membership** – Richard Keltie

Membership continues to decrease gradually, both for the Section and nationally. The executive is monitoring this trend and continues to discuss options to promote new membership.

**Camps** – Richard Keltie

Camps held in 2005 included:

Fairy Meadows winter ski camp - Jay Straith

Lake Lovely Water – Tantalus summer camp – Peter Woodworth  
Joint Rocky Mountain / Vancouver section at the Lake Lovely Water hut –  
Melinda Straight  
Roger Pass summer camp – Rob Brusse 14 attended  
Lake O’Hara summer climbing and hiking camp - Rob Brusse 16 attended

**FMCBC – Richard Keltie**

The Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC is a advocacy organization for access and environmental protection of the back country in BC. As an ACC Vancouver section member you pay \$12 annually as part of your ACC membership fee to the FMCBC. With those funds the FMCBC pays for an executive director to coordinate activities and committees towards access and environmental issues in BC. There are 26 member clubs across BC with 3000 members.

In the last year the FMCBC has worked on many issues. Here are a few highlights: Improved access to (?) Strathcona Park, Mt Washington and Comox Glacier areas on Vancouver Island; Mt Arrowsmith hiking trails brochure paid for by FMCBC as an advertising strategy to turn this area into a regional park; Lions Bay parking area and trail head rerouting for access to the Lions and Brunswick; Sea to Sky highway trail heads retention at several points along the Squamish highway; Smoke Bluffs climbing crag integration into a regional park supported by the town of Squamish; Cypress Bowl trail access rerouting around Olympic development; prepared policy statement for government on roofed accommodation in parks – when and where appropriate; and Kootenay Mountaineering Club joined and broadened the FMCBC mandate across the province.

**Editor – Helen Habgood**

After many years involved with the *Avalanche Echoes* publishing, Helen is stepping down this year. Gerard Cheong is carrying on as the *Echoes* editor, but additional volunteers are needed to assist him. We also need trip reports and photos for upcoming issues.

**Promotions and Events – Jay MacArthur**

This year the Section supported several film events and sponsored the Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival (VIMFF) Award of \$500 for Best Film on Mountaineering. Centennial celebrations for 2006 were discussed and the membership approved of a Grouse Grind hike followed by a banquet on Grouse Mountain to occur in the fall of 2006.

**Jim Haberl Hut update – Liz Scremin**

Liz provided an overview of the hut status. Last summer, the hut was air lifted in modules to the Serratus-Dione col and erected on-site. By late fall the hut was winterized and closed up for the season. Interior finishing is expected to be finished in spring of 2006, with opening and reservation use following.

**Section Chair - Tony Knight**

Tony thanked all the executive members and volunteers for 2005 for their time and dedication to ensuring that club activities and administration was successful.

**Election of Officers for 2006** – Liz Scremin proposed the names of the executive for 2006 which were approved unanimously by the membership:

Section Chair – Tony Knight  
Secretary – Richard Keltie  
Treasurer – Rob Brusse  
Membership – Marilyn Hunter  
Editor – Gerald Cheong  
Climbing Coordinators – Ian McGillivray and Mike Thompson  
Camps Coordinator – position merged into Climbing Coordinators duties.  
Skills Development – Susan Baldwin  
Socials - Bahareh Sinaki  
Programs – Susan Higginbottom  
Access and Environment – Antje Wahl  
National Rep – Andrea Morgan  
Promotions – Jay MacArthur  
FMCBC Rep – Richard Keltie

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm for a slide presentation by Linda Bily on an expedition to Mt Logan last summer and participation in a dramatic rescue of several stranded climbers.