

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Alpine Club of Canada
Vancouver Section
Tuesday, November 27, 2007
Floral Hall at VanDusen Gardens West 37th and Oak Street Vancouver**

The meeting was brought to order at 7:45 pm by Tony Knight, Vancouver Section Chair

Minutes of the November 2006 annual general meeting were approved.

POSITION REPORTS

Treasurer– Rob Brusse

Rob briefly summarized that the Section finances are in good shape. The first full year of revenue from the new Haberl hut was recorded in addition to operations at the Tantalus Lake Lovelywater hut. Rob reported that the total huts revenue was down somewhat from last year but covered the expenses with a small surplus. A full financial report will be published in an upcoming issue of the *Echoes*.

National Club Representative - Rob Brusse

Rob also represented the Section at the ACC Board meetings in the spring and fall. At the recent National Board meeting, the ACC National budget was approved with no increase in basic membership fees. The hut fees for the Class “A” ACC huts will increase to \$25 per night. Rob also mentioned that the Section continued to push for one annual waiver of liability, rather than requiring participants to sign a waiver for every trip.

Membership – Tony Knight for Marilyn Hunter

Memberships (families & singles) in the Vancouver Section at the end of October totaled 329, comprising 38 family/couples and 301 single memberships. The total has been fairly steady between 310 and 330 since January 2006. Geographically, 43% of the members reside in Vancouver, 94% within BC. Of the remaining, 4% are outside BC or Canada and 4% are in the USA. Since introduction about a year ago of the “electronic” membership option to receive their *Avalanche Echoes* in PDF format, 31% of the membership has elected the “e-membership” choice, and 69% continue to receive the newsletter in the mail, with the trend increasing towards the electronic option. In the past year, there have been 79 new members. With overall figures remaining steady, this indicates almost a 25% turn-over in the membership.

Climbing/Trips Schedule – Tony Knight for Jay MacArthur and Lynn Erickson.

There were about 55 trips including 5 camps on the schedule since Nov 2006. Statistics for trips that actually did go remain uncertain; only about 15 trip waivers were returned, but more trips went.

Camps – Tony Knight for Mike Thompson.

The Section had 5 camps on the schedule and 4 actually went. Mike Thompson organized a spring ski camp on the Goddard Glacier in April with 14 participants. Rob Brusse led

another two successful “Rogers Pass” camps, one to Lake O’Hara and the second to Rogers Pass. Another camp planned for Grand Teton didn’t go. Jay MacArthur organized a summer climbing camp at the Bugaboos in July

Skills Development – Susan Baldwin

Several outdoors courses went during 2007 including a rock refresher weekend and the very popular Intro to Ice Climbing. Two people were accepted onto The North Face/ACC Winter Leadership course and one went to the Summer Leadership Courses organized by ACC National. The evening Leadership Workshop with Rick Davies was cancelled due to lack of interest.

FMCBC Rep – Tony for Richard Keltie

The FMCBC continues to play an advocacy role for non-motorized recreation on the southwest Coast. Efforts continue on the sale of the Smoke Bluffs property to the Regional District of Squamish for inclusion in a new regional park. The finalization of a Conservation Covenant has taken longer than expected. The FMCBC also continues to promote the Winter Sea-to-Sky Backcountry Recreation Accord reached several years ago among user groups, and has opposed a number of commercial tenure applications on Crown lands that would intrude on areas traditionally used for backcountry skiing and climbing. 3. The FMCBC is restructuring its Board and Committees to provide better accountability of committees and more direct connect between member clubs and the Board of Directors.

Avalanche Echoes newsletter –Anita Leonhard and Martin Naroznik

Anita reported that Martin and her have co-produced the newsletter over the past year using Adobe “InDesign” software. The newsletter continues to be published electronically in colour on the website in PDF files and printed and mailed out in black & white. Anita said that she has to step down from Editor this year, but Martin has agreed to continue as the newsletter editor. Martin could still use help, ideally someone with some experience with InDesign or similar publishing software, or just help in collecting pictures and articles. New articles are always welcome!

Programs – Susan Higginbottom

Susan reported the past year included presentations on climbing in Australia, hiking and climbing in Iceland and Norway, remote expeditions in the Arctic, and Section spring and summer climbing camps.

Access and Environment – Antje Wahl

Antje reported that the Section participated in backcountry access and environmental issues mainly through the FMCBC Rec & Con committee. Issues this past year (as mentioned above) include a number of commercial tenures that have been granted for motorized recreation in areas currently used for non-motorized climbing and skiing.

Promotions and Events – Jay MacArthur

The Section again supported the Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival (VIMFF) Award of \$500 for Best Film on Mountaineering and supports the Best of Banff films in late fall.

Jim Haberl and Tantalus Lake Lovelywater Hut Operations – Liz Scremin

Liz reported that the Haberl Hut has just completed the first full year of operations, and the Lake Lovelywater cabin continued operations. Total number of visits was down due to poor weather this past summer. Total person-nights were ????. Ron Royston has acted as the custodian for Lake Lovelywater and as booking coordinator for both huts.

Section Chair - Tony Knight

Tony thanked all the executive members and volunteers for their time and dedication to the Section.

Election of Officers for 2008 – Former Chair, Liz Scremin conducted election of the new executive for 2008. The following were proposed and approved unanimously by the membership:

Section Chair – Rob Brusse
Secretary – Richard Keltie
Treasurer – Dave Henwood
Climbing Co-Chairs – Jay MacArthur & Lynn Erickson
Camps Coordinator – Mike Thompson
Membership – Tony Knight
Echoes Editor – Martin Naroznik
Skills Development – <vacant>
National ACC Rep – Rob Brusse
FMCBC Rep – Paul Geddes
Access and Environment – Antje Wahl
Program – Susan Higginbottom
Socials – Olga Turok
Quartermaster – Bill Sims
Promotions – Jay MacArthur
Webmaster – Richard Keltie

The formal meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm. This was followed by a slide presentation by Vancouver Section member Sue Baldwin on trekking in Peru.