

ACC Vancouver Island Section
2022 Annual General Meeting: Draft Minutes

7.00 pm Wednesday 11th February 2022

Online meeting in the time of Covid-19

Participants: 40+

1. Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm
2. Adoption of the Agenda: Moved: Mike Hubbard; Second Cedric Zala. Carried.
3. Approval of 2021 AGM Minutes: Moved: Mike Hubbard; Second Garth Stewart. Carried.
4. **Reports**

a) Chair: Catrin Brown

The theme of this year's AGM was to be an appreciation party for the volunteers who make the club function, but circumstances have forced it to be virtual.

Reviewing the past year, in the first half COVID severely limited activity, but in the second half (until Omicron arrived) more was possible.

January to June 2021: Many activities were cancelled or replaced with virtual substitutes, such as the Zoom slideshows. The 2020 Bushwhacker Annual was published, long with a map showing Indigenous names for many Island mountains. The hut was closed during this period, which did allow several maintenance items to be done. An Island ski traverse was completed by Stefan Gessinger and others.

July to December: Activities started up again and reconnections were made, although the heat dome and forest fires caused some cancellations. Despite those issues, the hut re-opened July 1st, and a successful summer camp was held at Griswold Pass, with 57 attendees over the 4-week camp. Trip reports from the summer are on Discourse. John Relyea-Voss earned the Island Qualifier award (the 44th one to date) and Geoff Bennett received the Don Forest Service Award. Nick Noble completed his VI Trail Memorial Fund project. Slide shows at Swan Lake restarted (with a virtual component as well) and the summer barbecue was also held there. Back country access issues continued but were alleviated somewhat by the Comox Lake access agreement.

The members of the 2021 executive, volunteer coordinators and trip leaders were recognized and thanked.

b) Treasurer: Garth Stewart

Financial statements for the past year and the budget for 2022 (attached at the end) were presented. The section had a financially healthy year, despite lower revenue from the Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival because reduced expenses due to COVID restrictions.

Two questions from the floor were raised: “If the summer camp has a surplus, what is done with it?” and “What is the value of the club equipment inventory?”

The section has an existing policy that refunds camp surpluses if they are sufficiently large (> 10%). The value of the club equipment inventory has not been assessed, and an accurate estimate would be difficult to make.

Motion: That the financial statements for 2021 and the 2022 budget be accepted. Moved: Garth Stewart; Second: Mike Hubbard. Carried.

c) Membership: Josh Slatkoff reported that section membership has held steady at 700 or just under for the past 4 years. 68% of the membership is south of Duncan. The age breakdown from National was not available.

d) National: Christine Fordham reported that the Code of Conduct has been adopted. There are 24 ACC sections across Canada (Vancouver Island is one of the top 5 for membership). The national club has many camps and programs beyond the GMC, such as the North Face leadership camps; applications for summer 2022 are now open. (North Face gives discounts on equipment purchases to ACC members; instructions on how to claim are on the website.) The national club also publishes the State of the Mountains report, as well as the Gazette and Dispatch.

e) Education: Iain Sou reported that the education program has been doing well, considering the constraints from COVID issues. Workshops on rock climbing and back country skiing have been held, and there are plans for several more in the coming year. Please let Iain know of any workshops you would like to see held, and the committee is also looking for presenters to facilitate them.

f) Bushwhacker Newsletter and High Points: Janelle Curtis

The Bushwhacker now comes out 4 times per year. Some new columns have been added in addition to the usual upcoming events listings, etc. Trip reports should now go to the Bushwhacker annual address and to Discourse.

g) Access and Environment: Barb Baker

ACCESS & ENVIRONMENT tries to monitor accesses & environmental concerns around the Island & to maintain contact with the entities (companies/government agencies) who manage these. Any reports or issues will be investigated if possible.

1. MOSAIC GATE ACCESS: Go to <https://www.mosaicforests.com/access> to find the link to Mosaic gate map which updates each Friday. For those who are interested there is a brief explanation of these gates, their locations & some of the factors influencing same on Discourse ACCVI.

This past year has seen gates to the most inviting regional parks Arrowsmith Ski Park on Mt. Cokley & Mt. Arrowsmith Massif Park CLOSED all summer and for the past month or more in the middle of winter recreation. In fact, these closures, attributed to weather conditions,

applied to many desirable destinations all over the Island where the private land owner controls road access. As a club which is reliant on road access for recreation, we should be doing whatever we can to apply pressure to have public access to park areas made available 24/7.

Most Crown land road access is ungated.

2. ACCESS AGREEMENT: ACCVI signed an access agreement with Mosaic Forest Management in Sep 2020 as a 1-year pilot experiment which was graciously extended to the end of 2021. And it should be added, the permit allowed us to enter Mosaic lands during fire closure.

We have renegotiated for a larger permitted area for the new access permit. This has yet to be signed. Hopefully it will include the Ash Valley as well, a large valley continuous with the Comox Lake Valley, also accessed thru Port Alberni and giving access to the SE corner & south entrances to Strathcona Park at Oshinow & Great Central Lakes.

Comox Main 7km gate at Cumberland gives road access to many destinations between Comox Lake & the east border of Strathcona Park. Access is 24/7 to leaders who have posted the trip & notified the company. All vehicles must carry documentation, keys & radios of which we have purchased 2. For information on using this access go to our web page & click on Information for Leaders.

3. Recreation Sites & Trails of BC RSTBC has evaluated & reported on the Cobalt Lake Trail to Hišim̓yawīł on 5040 Peak. Martin will address this in his Hut report.

The trail is getting high use e.g 34 backpackers coming down on an August Sunday morning and a lot of impact seen at Cobalt Lake from tent campers.

4. Vancouver Island Trail: ACRD Alberni Clayoquot Regional District has earmarked funds for an engineering assessment of the Franklin River crossing.

Trail development has been hampered by gate closures to the privately owned Beauforts but hikers are making their way nevertheless. Not much online information for other districts the trail traverses.

Currently a temporary closure due to harvesting at the south end of Stage 1 is in place.

Englewood Railway 90km from Woss to Beaver Cove has been decommissioned & parts are being used for recreation. There is talk of incorporating some of this line into VIT.

5. Mt. Adder AV Community Forest has been up to work on road access at least twice this past year. They are asking that care be taken to use 4WD & no reworking of their drainages.

6. Mt. Klitsa is accessible from Nahmint Valley Br. 600 but the north approach road has a rockfall so several km road walk to that trail head.

7. RDN Regional District of Nanaimo has no apparent further development of the surveyed connector Horne Lake to Port Alberni.

h) Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival: Laura Darling

Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival - Summary for ACCVI AGM Feb 2022

From Oct 2020 to Oct 2021 – promoted BCMFF’s “best of Banff” videos and Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival videos on-line for home viewing; created just over \$1400 for club (thanks to everyone who purchased!!)

Current and continuing to Oct 2022 – primary focus is on hosting a live, in-person screening event on April 3rd at Farquhar Auditorium at UVic (postponed from Jan 23rd, due to COVID situation); also promoting BCMFF videos on-line for home viewing.

i) Youth program: Derek Sou.

Family Week at the summer camp this year was very successful. There was a hut trip in September as well. Derek is working on getting the program back up to full operation after the pandemic, with a few trips in the near future. He plans to step down in the next year or two.

j) Equipment: Mike Hubbard

I have continued to manage the South Island gear for backpacking and snow activities from Saanichton. Val Wooton and Lindsay Elms have managed two sets of avalanche gear for Up-Island from their home in Courtenay together with 2 radios for access to Mosaic lands and Erich Schellhammer has looked after the ropes and rock-climbing gear from Colwood. In light of the tight financial situation as a result of Covid 19 we have made few new acquisitions save for 2 radios for summer camp and some new climbing helmets. The demand for snowshoes and avalanche gear has continued to be high during the winter season. Income from South Island gear for 2021 came to \$580 and from Up-Island gear \$90. A rough estimate of the value of the club gear is \$6,000.

k) Website: Jane Maduke and Evan Devault

In order to perform edit requests and tasks to maintain the website, it helped to think about the purpose of the website. In order of importance:

1. have members join the club
2. have members participate in outdoor adventures
3. have members connect with the mountaineering community on Vancouver Island
4. communicate with membership

Here is what the webmasters have accomplished over 2021:

- Completed a major reorganization of pages and menus, with Catrin
- Completed minor edits to pages
- Added ACC logo to front-page image

- Started writing a Webmaster Handbook
- Started ACCVI History pages; 1910-1929 complete; ongoing work with Lindsay Elms
- Promoted Discourse as a tool for discussion and sharing
- Created a video to show how to subscribe to New Events through Discourse
- Reviewed Whois data for the site
- Renewed domain
- Implemented Jetpack Backup
- Created a generic donation page
- Added a "Vaccine Mandatory" field to the Create New Event form
- Collaborated on a shared "Leaders" master list (with Leadership)
- Upgraded Funio Webhosting Plan
- Submitted annual budget to Garth, treasurer: \$485/yr for 2022

l) Hut Committee: Martin Hofmann and Colleen Kasting

The hut re-opened July 1st, after being closed for nearly a year. Some COVID protocols are still in place (a maximum of 8 people, and the whole hut must be booked). Some of the solar panels need to be replaced (the new ones are on site, but not yet installed), and the generator system need improvement. Signage has been added to educate users (no fires, camping in designated areas preferred). The trail above Cobalt Lake is eroding badly. We are considering whether to take over bookings from National. The hut finance report is attached.

5. New Business:

A new photo contest category has been added for youth.

The summer camp committee will meet in March to plan the 2022 camp site and schedule; registrations will open in April.

The 2023 edition of the Bushwhacker Annual will be the 50th; as a project to commemorate the anniversary it will feature Vancouver Island mountains then and now. Members are urged to look for old photos and then to take a repeat photo of the area as it is now.

6. Leadership Awards: K T Shum

Only 7 months of 2021 were active, but 45 leaders had 28 trips, there was a 4-week summer camp and 9 slideshows, a level of activity close to pre-pandemic. The list of awards is posted on the website.

7. Nominations Report and Election: Christine Fordham and Josh Slatkoff

Membership has been canvassed for both executive positions and volunteer coordinators via December High Points and membership emails. Existing executive positions have been accepted, and most volunteer coordinators have agreed to stay on. We received several inquiries for participation, and on the basis of the responses received, we propose the following executive for the year, all who have agreed to run. It is not however, too late and we will be asking for any other nominations at the AGM.

A huge “Thank You” to both Anya Reid for her substantial contributions as our awesome ‘High Points’ editor, and Robie Macdonald as our amazing “Island Bushwhacker Editor” ! Both have stepped aside from the executive this year.

We have some new faces to welcome on the executive: Allison Caughey, Dave Suttill and Dylan Gothard.

2022 Nominations

Chair - David Lemon

Secretary - David Suttill

Treasurer - Garth Stewart

Past Chair - Catrin Brown

National rep - Christine Fordham

Hišimýawił - Martin Hofmann

Communication / Schedule - Karun Thanjavur

Communication / Membership - Josh Statkoff

Island Bushwhacker Annual editor - Janelle Curtis

Island Bushwhacker Newsletter editor - Janelle Curtis

High Points Coordinator - Allison Caughey

Access and Environment - Barbara Baker

Education - Dylan Gothard

Equipment - Mike Hubbard

Kids and Youth Program - Derek Sou

Summer Camp - Liz Williams

Library and Archives - Tom Hall

BCMFF - Laura Darling

Website - Evan Devault

Website - Jane Maduke

Leadership Points - KT Shum

Member at Large – Graham Smith

Volunteer Co-ordinators 2022

Memorial Fund + First Nations liaison - Geoff Bennett

Historian - Lindsay Elms

Trail Rider - Caroline Tansley

Swan Lake Slide Shows - Peggy Taylor (till June 22)

Slide Show Technology - Neil Han

Slide Show Hospitality - Dave Suttill (till June 22)

Discussion forum/Discourse - Neil Ernst

Equipment (climbing) - Erich Schellhammer

Equipment North island - Lindsay Elms + Val Wootton
Comox Lake Key Custodian - Val Wootton
Summer Camp Committee - Jeff Beddoes
Education - Iain Sou
Hišimýawił Treasurer - Colleen Kasting
Hišimýawił Access - Gary Croome
Hišimýawił Construction - Chris Ruttan
Hišimýawił Hut Committee - Peter Gilbert
Hišimýawił Hut Committee - Keith Battersby

Nominations from the floor were called; there were none. The new executive was elected by acclamation, as above.

7. Other Business:

Mike Hubbard conveyed a vote of thanks from the section membership to Catrin Brown for her leadership.

The business meeting then adjourned.

Martin Hofmann showed a video of the year at the hut <https://youtube.be/jW4lutwgyfk>

Attachments

Treasurer's Reports

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Accrual Basis

ACC Vancouver Island Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual January through December 2021

	Jan - Dec 21	Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Banff Mountain Film Festival	1,504.82	1,000.00
Donations	1,597.00	0.00
Equipment Rentals	0.00	480.00
GST Rebate	276.33	225.00
Interest Income	0.00	1.20
Investment Funds Income	186.51	1,000.00
Membership Dues	9,093.25	9,200.00
Membership Dues GST	420.60	540.00
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	100.00
Total Income	13,078.51	12,546.20
Expense		
Banff Film Festival	566.66	0.00
Bank Fees	59.30	96.00
Donations (Outgoing)	2,500.00	2,500.00
Education	749.00	5,000.00
Family Camp Bursary	3,115.00	3,500.00
Gifts and Awards	413.50	400.00
GST Paid on Purchases	51.41	0.00
Island Bushwhacker Annual (IBA)	606.11	1,200.00
Leadership Awards	0.00	800.00
Meetings	1,208.31	300.00
Misc. Projects, Events, Meeting	230.40	1,000.00
Newsletter	684.25	420.00
Office & Supplies	57.54	100.00
Social Events	0.00	200.00
Website Maintenance	432.35	160.00
Youth Scholarships (Mem. Fund)	800.00	1,800.00
Total Expense	11,473.83	17,476.00
Net Ordinary Income	1,604.68	-4,929.80
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Accrual Basis

ACC Vancouver Island
Balance Sheet
As of 31 December 2021

	31 Dec 21
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Coast Capital Chequing	26,157.59
Odlum Brown Contingency Fund	
OB Contingency - Cash	3,000.00
OB Contingency - Fixed Income	10,146.55
Total Odlum Brown Contingency Fund	13,146.55
Odlum Brown Memorial Fund	
OB Memorial - Fixed Income	20,642.10
Odlum Brown Memorial Fund - Other	1,000.00
Total Odlum Brown Memorial Fund	21,642.10
Total Chequing/Savings	60,946.24
Total Current Assets	60,946.24
TOTAL ASSETS	60,946.24
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Deferred Revenue	-1,760.00
GST Payable	-478.26
Holding Funds	
Equipment Fund	4,563.37
Total Holding Funds	4,563.37
Total Other Current Liabilities	2,325.11
Total Current Liabilities	2,325.11
Total Liabilities	2,325.11
Equity	
Retained Earnings	57,016.45
Net Income	1,604.68
Total Equity	58,621.13
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	60,946.24

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ACC Vancouver Island Budget 2022

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Accrual Basis

	<u>Jan - Dec 22</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Banff Mountain Film Festival	5,000.00
Donations	0.00
Equipment Rentals	0.00
GST Rebate	1,600.00
Investment Funds Income	1,200.00
Membership Dues	9,000.00
Membership Dues GST	500.00
Miscellaneous Income	100.00
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Total Income	17,400.00
Expense	
Banff Film Festival	750.00
Bank Fees	100.00
Donations (Outgoing)	2,500.00
Education	
ACCVI Education	5,000.00
Leadership Subsidies	1,000.00
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Total Education	6,000.00
Family Camp Bursary	4,500.00
Gifts and Awards	600.00
GST Paid on Purchases	0.00
Island Bushwhacker Annual (IBA)	1,500.00
Leadership Awards	1,000.00
Meetings	
Slide Shows	1,000.00
Summer BBQ, Xmas Party	500.00
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Total Meetings	1,500.00
Misc. Projects, Events, Meeting	750.00
Newsletter	660.00
Office & Supplies	100.00
Social Events	300.00
Website Maintenance	500.00
Youth Scholarships (Mem. Fund)	1,100.00
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Total Expense	21,860.00
Net Ordinary Income	<hr/> -4,460.00
Net Income	<hr/> <hr/> -4,460.00

**ACCVI Summer Camp 2021
Summary Financial Report to AGM
February 11, 2022**

REVENUE

Fees	37,100.00
Family Camp Bursary	3,115.00

TOTAL REVENUE 40,215.00

EXPENSES

BC Ferries July 17	182.65
Blackcomb Helicopters ST July 18	8,697.60
Blackcomb Helicopters ST July 25	6,040.00
Blackcomb Helicopters ST August 8	12,044.20
Blackcomb Helicopters ST August 15	7,374.00
BC Ferries August 15	178.85
Uhaul Trailer Rental	958.40
Satellite Phone Rental	335.92
Taxes Paid on Purchases	2,221.52
Bank fees	16.50
Equipment Fund	1,710.00
Misc. Camp Expenses	263.43
Refund (overpayment)	95.00

TOTAL EXPENSES 40,118.07

NET INCOME 96.93

Report from the Funds manager: Geoff Bennett

CONTINGENCY FUND

This fund currently holds \$13,000 in reserve in case the Section runs into financial difficulties. It invests in high-quality corporate bonds at Odium Brown.

MEMORIAL FUND

This fund currently holds \$23,603 in donations, matching Section contributions and cash. It invests in high-quality, low-risk bonds and equities at Odium Brown. Each year the cash is used to fund a \$1,000 youth grant to undertake alpine expeditions and projects. In 2021, the fund supported an expedition by Nick Noble and his partner to hike the entire length of the Vancouver Island Trail. Since inception in 2009 the Memorial Fund has disbursed \$9,675 to 12 different youth groups in the alpine. This year, the Section would like to thank Albert Hestler and Brett MacDonald for making generous donations to the fund.

At least two applications for the 2022 youth grant are currently in process.

REPORT FROM THE HUT TREASURER: COLLEEN KASTING

Hišimýawił Hut Income and Expense Report Comparing 2020 and 2021

HUT ACCOUNT	2020	2021
Income		
Hut bed night rentals	\$10,121.00	27,249
Reservations		3,720
Donations	\$ 375.00	1,850
Income from 2019 GST rebate	\$ 530.75	482
Other		174
<u>Interest</u>	<u>\$.06</u>	
Total income	\$ 11,026.81	\$33,475
Borrowed from Hut Replacement Fund	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>	
Total income	\$15,026.81	\$33,475
Expenses		
Supplies (hut maintenance and materials for hut completion)	\$ 7,220.30	7,692
GST paid out 2020	\$ 500.72	482
Helicopter and transportation	\$ 2,651.30	2,990
Cleaning and covid related	\$ 378.20	3,001
Hut fuel and heating	\$ <u>572.74</u>	<u>1,500</u>
Total expenses	\$11,323.26	\$15,665
Office and other costs	\$ 24.00	21
Insurance	\$ 1,890.00	3,840
Hut replacement fund (for long term replacement costs)	\$ 1,665.00	4,000
<u>Reservation costs</u>		<u>3,720</u>
Total costs	\$ 14,902.26	\$ 27,246
Difference (Income – expenses)	\$ 124.55	\$6,229
Bank Reconciliation		
In bank account	Dec 31/20 \$ 2,931.65	Dec 31/21 9,161
<u>In bank account</u>	<u>Dec 31/19 \$ 2,807</u>	<u>Dec 31/20 2,932</u>
Difference	\$ 124.65	\$ 6,229

HUT REPLACEMENT ACCOUNT Dec 31, 2021

Total in account \$5665

OTHER INFORMATION Dec 31, 2021

Number of paid hut nights from July 1, 2021 155

Total income is for booking income received to date. Total number of paid hut nights are what actually happened in 2021.

Report from INDIGENOUS LIAISON: Geoff Bennett

The last two years of COVID have prevented any meaningful liaison with First Nations on Vancouver Island. However, we still have a good relationship with Nations surrounding Hišimýawił, notably Ucluelet, Uchucklesaht, Tla-o-qui-aht, Toquaht, Hupačasath and Tseshaht.

An online interactive map of 430+ Vancouver Island Peaks, including 70+ Indigenous names, was uploaded to the ACCVI website in early 2021. This work in progress was created by Mary Sanseverino, Geoff Bennett and Lindsay Elms, in support of an initiative by students at Ecole Victor Brodeur in Esquimalt.

- [ACCVI Website – Map of VI Peaks](#)
- [ACCVI Newsletter Spring 2021](#) p. 25

Mary Sanseverino and Geoff Bennett, with input from Chris Jensen, submitted an article entitled “Hišimýawił: A Naming Story” to the ACC for publication in their 2021 “State of the Mountains” report. This article, with photos, describes the history behind the naming of the hut and the official ceremony on October 5th, 2019. This is the first ACC hut in Canada to be gifted with an Indigenous name.

- [ACC State of the Mountains 2021](#)

In the two years since the naming of Hišimýawił, several Indigenous groups have visited the hut. In late July, one of these groups was hosted by hut custodians Mary Sanseverino and Geoff Bennett. Several frank but fruitful discussions resulted in recommendations to the Hut Committee on November 8th, 2021. Action items include further discussions with local First Nations, when appropriate, regarding Indigenous tradespersons, signage and vocabulary; generation of a hut handbook, wall map and panorama photo; and a search for persons who would be willing to lead hikes and offer alpine instruction.

- “First Nations at Hišimýawił” in [ACCVI Newsletter Autumn 2021](#) p. 12