

## **BULKLEY VALLEY BACKPACKERS MEETING**

**2013.01.14**

Home of Eileen Astin

Present Jay Gilden, Sharon Hill, Roye Lovgren, Eileen Astin, Steve Willis, Julie Taugher, Travis Gibson, Liz Zweck, Dina Hanson

Minutes Moved and carried, that we accept the minutes of the Nov. 13, 2012 meeting

Treasurer's Report Reported balance of \$2540.96; Sharon circulated a list of budget items from 2012 and clarified the balance sheet from the AGM; moved and carried, that we accept the Treasurer's Report

### **Old Business**

#### Membership

- membership stands at 80 individuals/families; **Sharon** will contact Kathleen to determine when these memberships expire, in order to calculate potential membership income for this year

#### Summer RAMP

- is proceeding, with the Draft Principles expected this month; these will be mailed out for comment

#### Schedule (Spring)

- committee will continue to try to include Saturdays, overnights and alternate easy/difficult treks in the quarterly schedules

#### January Social

- set for Saturday, Jan. 26 at the Aspen; social, with no-host bar-5:00 and buffet dinner-6:00; reservations must be made by Jan. 23, contacting Monika Ziegler; cost is \$33 per person, including taxes and gratuities
- moved and carried, that the BVBS pay the \$57.50 room rental fee

#### Starr Creek

- Notice of Closure has been publicized; signs will be mounted at the Starr Creek cabin and at the crossing of the Telkwa River

#### Protocol for Trip Coordinators and Participants

- Steve recommended, after some discussion, that we not have participants sign waivers, but rely, instead, upon the wording at the top of the schedule, which is, "Please note that participants on BVBS tours must assume responsibility for their own safety and comfort and participate at their own risk" and similar wording on the website
- moved and carried, that the Coordinator's and Participant's Guidelines be adopted as BVBS policy, including changes submitted within the week to Steve

#### Hiking Outreach/Schedule Diversity

- **Roye** to arrange a session at the Library (Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, if possible) for members of the BVBS to host an introduction to hiking and winter recreation to local destinations; the presentation we made last year, under the library's In Our Backyard series, drew 35 people

## **New Business**

### **Spirit of the Mountains Festival**

- **Steve** and **Eileen** will lead trek to Canyon Creek Trails on Saturday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>; **Eileen** to contact Festival organizers to inform them of our club's event

### **Liability**

- Dina reported on a conversation with Kevin Eskelin, Rec Sites and Trails BC, who indicated that, when hiking trails in the valley have been gazetted by RSTBC (some time in the near future) through the RAMP (Recreational Access Management Plan) process, the BVBS could enter into partnerships with them, and would then be covered by the government's liability insurance (\$2 million); this insurance would be site-specific, depending on risk associated with each trail
- in the future, RSTBC hopes to also have personal injury insurance for sites and trails

### **Fiscal Year**

- moved and carried, that the fiscal year be October 1 to September 30 and that the Spending Priorities Budget be in line with this fiscal year
- moved and carried, that we open a reserve account for unspent equipment funds
- moved and carried, that the budget for Oct 1, 2012 to Sept. 30, 2013 be:

Office/administration	\$200	
New equipment	\$100	
Trail Maintenance	\$200	
Social	\$100	
Donations (Canyon Cr, Tye Mtn)	\$200	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$800</b>