

BULKLEY VALLEY BACKPACKERS MEETING

2013.06.13

Home of Roye Lovgren

Present Jay Gilden, Sharon Hill, Roye Lovgren, Eileen Astin, Steve Willis, Julie Taugher, Katherine Rogers, Elizabeth Zweck, Dina Hanson; non-board BVBS member Mel Coulson

Guest Mike Buirs

Minutes Minutes of Jan. 14 were not read

Treasurer's Report Reported balance of \$2267.49. We did not move/accept the Treasurer's Report

Directors and Signing Authority

- be it resolved that we remove Wayne Buholzer and Travis Gibson as directors; remaining directors are: Eileen Astin, Jay Gilden, Sharon Hill, Roye Lovgren, Katherine Rogers, Julie Taugher, Steve Willis, Liz Zweck, Dina Hanson; carried
- current directors with cheque-writing authority include: Sharon Hill, Eileen Astin and Julie Taugher; moved Sharon, seconded Dina, carried, that Jay Gilden replace Wayne Buholzer as signing authority

Logging on Trails (Mike Buirs and Katherine Rogers represented BC Timber Sales)

- Mike has requested that BVBS join BCTS to develop plans for logging near trails
- **Jay** will submit our trail maps to BCTS (Glen MacIntosh) and contact Kevin at RSTBC to discuss alternate management plans for logging around trails and to ensure that BVBS is included in the referrals

Trail Maintenance

- **Steve** is willing to continue with maintenance, but needs hikers to report when they encounter trails that need repair

Smithers' 100th Anniversary

- we'll offer 2 hikes: McCabe Trail on Sunday, Aug 4, leaders **Dina** and **Eileen** and Hudson Bay Mountain/Crater Lake/Peak on Saturday, Aug 10, led by **Roye**

Sunday Afternoon Hikes

- in our continuing effort to offer different types of hikes, **Steve** will lead an afternoon hike in September; this will not replace the all-day hike, but be in addition to it

Nanika-Kidprice Canoe Trip

- Steve proposed we consider offering a multi-day canoe trip this summer; left for further discussion

Houston Hikers Website

- check it out at www.houstonhikers.ca

Digital Screen

- Oscar's is mounting a digital screen to show recreational opportunities in the valley; **Roye** will contact Steve to see if there is a way for us to use it to promote the BVBS

Minutes taken by Eileen Astin; typed and distributed by Dina Hanson

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- Mel-described trail through the Quick Hills area (a signed trail) which was logged and the trail degraded; logging proceeded with most of it left on burn piles; the area logged appeared to have little merchantable timber; hiking trails appear to be easy access for logging; three issues-excessive waste, air quality and conditions of trails
- Dina-reported that there had been some give-and-take in discussions with BCTS
- Mike Buirs-BCTS looks for blocks fitting the profile; retain trails; profit made goes to crown; burn piles are not out-of-the-ordinary; there is no sale value for under-sized wood; firewood left for public use
- Jay-trails are now officially recognized by RAMP; BVBS should be a referring body, able to give input to BCTS; asked if selective logging could be used to remove pine beetle wood
- Mike-Glen MacIntosh, BCTS, should be informed of our interest in commentary on logging affecting inventoried trails
- Dina-noted that RAMP trails are included in Rec Sites and Trails BC list of gazetted trails
- Jay-would like to see early notification to BCTS re: gazetted trails and BVBS involvement early in the planning process; debris is a concern, close to roads where it is visible to the public
- Katherine-a waste assessment is done by BCTS
- Roye-asked if damaged trails could be restored
- Mike-BCTS would replace/reroute trails; he gave China Knows as an example where it was assessed and, though no public input was sought, the integrity of the trail was maintained; there is a liability issue for BCTS when a buffer zone is left; has asked Kevin Eskelin, RSTBC, for guidelines for managing harvest activities around trails
- Dina-noted that BCTS consulted the Round Lake Community Association and responded to their concerns regarding the Coulsons' Cleft Trail
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