

**BULKLEY VALLEY BACKPACKERS**  
**Annual General Meeting**

**2013.11.07**

Board Room, Bulkley Valley Insurance

Present Jay Gilden, Eileen Astin, Steve Willis, Julie Taugher, Monika Mueller, Ann Greene, Monika Ziegler, Mel Coulson, Mary Broussard, Thomas Wunderlin, Wolfgang Loschberger, Daryl and Dina Hanson, Stephen Lockwood

Call to Order Jay welcomed all; as former Vice-president, he has now assumed President's duties since previous president, Wayne Buholzer, has moved away

Minutes of the 2012.11.13 AGM were m/s by Eileen/Steve, carried, as circulated by e-mail

Treasurer's Report

Steve Lockwood presented the Financial Statement for the fiscal year 2012/2013, as of Nov. 7, 2013

Opening balance:	\$2671.60
Expenditures:	(\$718.36)
Revenue:	\$287.72
Closing balance:	<b>\$2240.96</b>

M/s Steve W/Mel, carried, that we accept the financial report.

M/s Steve W/Mel, carried, that we purchase a \$50 gift certificate for Sharon Hill (who resigned as treasurer) from a nearby sporting goods store; Wayne B will be asked to arrange this.

Memberships

Stand at 80 (either individuals or families); approximately 60 of these will be due for renewal in Dec 2014

Steve W's Year-in-Review

- Provided a table summary of trek participation, from 2008-2013
- Reported details about visits to the Backpacker website; "Guidelines for Trip Coordinators and Participants" is now available on our website, which SteveW maintains
- Described trail maintenance work done this year: Sackungen, Dahlie Creek, Ptarmigan Ridge, Hankin Backcountry Area; work is still needed on Silvern Lakes Trail, for which, in the past, we have assumed maintenance duties through the Adopt-a-Trail program; Directors will discuss how trails are to be identified for maintenance
- Listed new trek destinations from this past year: 3-Pass Traverse, Opal Ridge, Glacis Peak and Thoen Ridge
- Noted that he and Jay had taken the Chainsaw Training, thru RSTBC; insurance is available for work on gazetted trails, if sponsored by RSTBC
- Reported on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Library Presentation which was attended by about 20 participants, some of whom came on subsequent Backpacker treks

Newsletter

- due to occasional absences of Scheduling Committee members and newsletter Editor, full schedules are not always available at start of new season; this is handled with partial scheds and late newsletters (easily done, with on-line distribution)
- Mel suggested that we compile Favorite Hikes into a booklet; to be discussed further

Election of Officers

President-Jay Gilden  
Vice-president-Roye Lovgren  
Treasurer-Stephen Lockwood  
Secretary-Eileen Astin

Members at large:

Julie Taugher, Dina Hanson, Steve Willis, Elizabeth Zweck, Mary Broussard, Ann Greene, Wolfgang Loschberger

M/s, SteveW/Julie, carried, that the slate be accepted by acclamation, for the 2013/2014 year

M/s, Eileen/Dina, carried, that WayneB and SharonH be removed as signers and Stephen Lockwood be added, in his capacity as Treasurer, with signing authority for all Society accounts at the Bulkley Valley Credit Union

#### New Business

1) Slide Shows Jay suggested that these could be used to attract new members; perhaps under the auspices of the BVNaturalists, as they have access to NWCCollege

2) Potluck Chez Josette, this Saturday; bring 5-minute slide presentation, as jpegs or on sticks

3) List people on the BVBS Website who can be contacted to lead hikes, outside of the regular schedule; **SteveW** will assemble a list

4) Parks and Cronin/Higgins Trails BVBackcountry Horsemen have met with John Howard, BCParks, to discuss possible upgrading of the Cronin/Higgins Trail; Parks is assessing the interests of other groups; recommended that we meet with John to discuss our interest and concerns

5) Sustainable Forestry Jay reported that Anderson Assuah, University of Manitoba, is doing research and would like to meet with community groups to discuss the Wetzinkwa Community Forest

6) Multi-day Treks Dina introduced topic, to determine if there is interest in this type of trip, organized by the BVBS (eg. Spatsizi); SteveL suggested establishing a specific trip that would be hosted annually, to the same destination; Wolfgang prefers more flexibility; need to check on Society liability

7) Trips/Schedule Monika Z is retiring from Scheduling Committee, after serving on it for many years; Ann and Mary offered to serve on the committee

8) Directors' Meetings Jay suggested holding these meetings ahead of new schedules, to enlist and organize coordinators

9) Trek Coordinators Suggestions that we have 2 co-coordinators (more awkward than 2 co-leaders!) in order to urge new members to lead; slower/shorter versions of the same trek could be offered; some easy hikes should be offered

10) RAMP Process was completed last year, but has not yet been signed in Cabinet

11) Telkwa Mountains There are few access routes (Glacis Peak being one, but it doesn't readily take hikers into Hunter's Basin). **Jay** will talk with Kevin Eskelin to see who to contact about future access.

12) European Hike Wolfgang and Monika plan to hike 2 or 3 weeks in September in Austria and the Eastern Alps and have offered to coordinate if other BVBS members would like to join

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Date for next meeting was not set

Minutes recorded by Eileen Astin

Minutes typed and distributed by Dina Hanson