

**BULKLEY VALLEY BACKPACKERS  
Meeting**

**2014.05.22**

Eileen Astin's home

Present Roye Lovgren, Jay Gilden, Eileen Astin, Steve Willis, Julie Taugher, Ann Greene, Mary Broussard, Wolfgang Loschberger, Elizabeth Zweck, Dina Hanson

Treasurer's Report

- no treasurer's report, but no change since last report
- was our income tax filed? **Jay** to talk with Steve L about this

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES AND NEW BUSINESS**

Outings

- new leaders volunteering; committee prepared list of leaders for next schedule; Ann typed it
- Tuesday's Nuthin' to Prove-popular hiking group; Mary gave written report of numbers of hikers and dogs
- Thursday Middle of the Road biking group, with Jill Dunbar and Sylvie Hutchinson
- Wild Wednesday and Extreme Friday hikes not yet off the ground

Trail Agreement with RSTBC

- If we sign the partnership agreement there is insurance coverage and payment up to \$400/year
- there is a better chance of accessing the fire crew if we sign the agreement
- signage will be provided this year for Elliot Creek, Silvern Lakes and Caribou North (not designated yet)
- m/s Anne/Steve, carried, that we sign the agreement with RSTBC for the 3 trails noted
- 3 Saturdays in September (13th, 20th and 27th) will be on the schedule for trail clearing
- **Steve W** will follow up with Joanne and **Jay** will sign the document when it is ready

Wetzin'Kwa Grant Proposal

- Jay has drafted the proposal, requesting \$3800, including \$300 from RSTBC and \$500 from Tourism Smithers.
- the proposal would fund an electronic map of the Hudson Bay Complex, with detailed panels
- weather-resistant maps at trailheads
- paper maps would be printed for Town Hall and other offices
- creation of 50 "You are here" maps

Newsletter

- Einar Blix started and wrote the newsletter from Spring of 1990 to Spring of 2002 and Dina has edited it since; she will pass on her duties after 3 more issues, bringing the total number of Backpacker Newsletters to 100 issues
- **Mary** suggested that a committee be formed to look into the publication of the newsletter after the Spring, 2015 issue

### Caribou and Telkwas

- caribou numbers are dismally low
- there is federal legislation by which BC will have to comply
- **Dina** and **Jay** to attend the Caribou meeting, representing the Stewardship Group

### Marmot Study

- Rosamund has requested that we notify, along with GPS coordinates, of any sightings
- **Mary** to look into this

### Malkow Lookout Trail

- Tremblays asked if Backpackers were interested in maintaining trail through their property, before they sell
- Jay discussed the matter with RSTBC; Joanne will try to work with the RDBN to ensure that the trail is retained

### Harold Price Cabin

- we do not wish to assume responsibility for the cabin

### SPOT and Walkie-talkies

- Steve noted that the SPOT is not being used; he described the operation of the unit and urged all to use it on treks
- walkie-talkies, one each to lead and sweep, would also be helpful

### Library Wetzin'Kwa Grant Request

- **Dina** to write letter of support for the library proposal for better A/V equipment

Minutes recorded by Eileen Astin

Minutes typed and distributed by Dina Hanson