

**BULKLEY VALLEY BACKPACKERS
Meeting**

2014.09.23

Stork's Nest

Present Roye Lovgren, Jay Gilden, Steve Willis, Ann Greene, Wolfgang Loschberger, Dina Hanson

Treasurer's Report-report by Jay, in Steve L's absence

- we received \$600 from RSTBC (Trails Agreement)
- 2013 Income Tax return has been filed
- Steve enquired about the 2013 GST return

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES AND NEW BUSINESS

MEMBERSHIP-Dina reported

- 81 current members, 60 of which will expire on 2014.12.31
- in renewal notice, we will describe benefits: memberships support trail maintenance and members will receive notices of changes in schedule, events and warnings
- Ann** will include membership forms in SPOT kit
- Kathleen** will post notice about renewals on In the Loop
- sign to go up at Valhalla, Outdoor Essentials and other postings, re: renewals
- e-mail renewal notice to go out end of November to all members with expiring memberships

OUTINGS-Ann reported

- numbers of trips on current schedule: July-16. 6. 13. 5; Aug-4. 11. 10; Sept-23, 10, 4
- hike on Sept 28 to McCabe to be cancelled due to conflict with World Rivers Day
- Oct hikes to Goat Mtn, Frog Hills and Eagle Pass
- Winter Schedule-Nov sched to go out soon with newsletter; Dec/Jan to be delivered end of Nov

TRAIL PARTNERSHIP REPORT-Steve W reported

- agreement signed for BVBS to clear and maintain 3 trails (Elliot, Caribou N, Silvern Lakes) in 2014
- gas receipts to be submitted to Steve

MALKOW LOOKOUT TRAIL STATUS-Jay reported

- legal agreement for the trail is being pursued
- from RSTBC learned that there can be a Return to Crown Land
- if this agreement can be reached, RSTBC/BVBS will contact land-owners

LYONS CREEK HORSE USE-Jay reported

- discussion as to whether the BVBS should enter into discussion with the BVBackcountry Horsemen to discuss damage to the trail caused by horse hoofprints; since no consensus was reached, no further action will be taken at this time

UNOFFICIAL TRAIL USE-Dina brought forward this issue

- to raise this matter, for thoughtful consideration and further discussion: What should the Backpackers do about scheduling treks into new trails (some of which are legitimately on crown land; others of which may come close to Park boundaries)?

BC TIMBER SALES AGREEMENT-Jay reported

- agreed to send annual harvesting plans; have sent proposed logging blocks for 2015 but none near current trails
- Daryl, Evi, Mel, Jay** and **Dina** to look at maps for west side of Hungry Hill
- Jay** will talk with Ben H to see if we can obtain referrals of logging proposals for all plans

CARIBOU RECOVERY IN TELKWAS-Dina reported

- Voluntary Recreational Access Management Group met, after hiatus of 4 years, with strong representation from both motorized and non-motorized groups
- Terms of Reference draft has been sent to members
- population of herd stands at a minimum of 16
- MoE has installed more collars
- monitoring by metal detectors, infrared and cameras
- Seniors requesting annual quad access to Starr Creek; majority of group supported this proposal to have Starr Creek Cabin accessed in alternate years by skiers and snowmobilers; **Jay** to follow-up
- issue of legislated closure was discussed by group; this will require further consideration

AGM-Jay reported

- set for Thur Nov 6, 2014 at 7pm
- Jay** to contact BVInsurance for venue
- Kathleen** to serve as Nominating Committee and contact current Directors
- Dina** to contact several prospective candidates for the board

WETZIN'KWA GRANT STATUS-Jay reported

- we did not receive a grant this year
- exploring Morgan's Storybook format; **Jay** to see if RSTBC and/or BVCU might have grants to allow us to do this
- Steve** to look into feasibility of incorporating hot links for the trail maps on the BVBS web site

AUSTRIA TRIP-Wolfgang reported

- group of BV Backpackers stayed at one base camp and spent 4 days in hut-to-hut treks
- did 7 long moderate/difficult hikes and went on several cultural excursions, due to weather

SPATSIZI TRIP-Steve W reported

- 3 local Backpackers joined others, staying in cabins and did easy, moderate and difficult hikes

Next Meeting: AGM on Thur, Nov 6, 7:00 pm

Minutes recorded, typed and distributed by Dina Hanson