

# BULKLEY VALLEY BACKPACKERS

## Meeting

2015.01.20

WorkBC

PRESENT Roye Lovgren, Jay Gilden, Steve Willis, Ann Greene, Wolfgang Loschberger, Elizabeth Zweck, Julie Taugher, Eileen Astin, Debbie Courtliff, Mary Broussard, Bill Graham, Kathy Graham, Dina Hanson

TREASURER'S REPORT by Jay, in Stephen L's absence

- no expenses since last report, but 2 grants have been received for the Mapping Project
- rough estimate: \$2800 from previous bank statement + grants + memberships = \$3250

MINUTES of 2014.09.23 MEETING moved by Anne, carried, that we accept the minutes

MEMBERSHIP Dina reported

- most expired 2014.12.31
- e-mails have been sent out several times as reminders of expired memberships
- fees are \$25 for 5 years

MAPPING PROJECT Jay reported

- lists of trails and trailheads needing descriptions were discussed; Jay then showed examples of what is expected for these write-ups for the website

LOGGING PLANS AND TRAILS Jay reported

- BC Timber Sales have notified us of plans for their 2015/2016 logging
- Sandstone Lake was one area of concern for us but a compromise was reached

RSTBC Jay reported

- our input was requested for how logging and other development might affect specific trails in terms of importance to the society (re: scenery, popularity, etc)
- trails, from the list provided, were ranked (A, B, C) by the group

POTLUCK Mary reported

- Mary** will call Josette and Monika to confirm a date
- members will provide photos for a slide show-bring flash drives

TREK SCHEDULE Ann reported

- the Spring schedule and newsletter are complete and have been e-mailed to current member
- Wolfgang** and **Elizabeth** will join the Trek Schedule committee (Mary will be doing the newsletter)
- Dina commented that it is important that any changes to the scheduled trek be passed on to Steve (for a website update) and her (to inform members, even at the last minute, of changes to the scheduled trek due to weather, access, risk, etc).
- Julie asked about protocol when a subgroup wants to go further than the planned trek; we were all directed to the Leader Guidelines on the website, for guidance in these situations

TRAIL MAINTENANCE-Steve reported

- Steve solicited ideas for trails to be maintained during this contract season; this list to be submitted to RSTBC; work parties will be held on alternate weekends in September and October
- Dina contributed metal trail markers
- we have submitted a report to RSTBC on work done during 2014

SOCIETY PROMOTION PLAN-Kathy reported

- Kathy and Bill submitted a report on many of the ideas for club promotion that they learned about at a recent Town of Smithers Recreation training
- Steve** will attend the promotional reception to be hosted by the Chamber of Commerce, Feb. 13
- agenda item for next meeting: discussion of direction of Backpackers Society and development of strategies to support that direction

TELKWA CARIBOU-Jay reported

- ministry has issued reports on caribou locations (two collared animals; one male, one female)
- VRAMG will meet again in April

EINAR'S MEMORIAL-Dina reported

-three proposals were made by members of the BVBS, including:

- a) a bench—this can be purchased from Parks, for \$3000, and would likely be installed near the Joe L'Orsa Cabin
  - b) naming of a peak in the Babines—this proposal can be made to Geographical Place Names, but only after 2 years from date of death and with reactions/comments obtained from persons and agencies including band councils, local historians, outdoor clubs, Parks staff, C.O.s, SaR, etc.
  - c) a sign describing Einar's contributions, likely located on the McCabe side of the Blix Route
- Dina** to approach Barri and the family to ask for their reaction/opinion, with the caution that the Backpackers would need other funding partners if the family were to choose the bench
- after consultation with the family, proposals would need to be submitted to BCParks/Babines

BUDGET for 2015-Steve reported

-tabled till next meeting

Adjournment moved by Debbie at 21:15 h

**Next Meeting:** no date set

Agenda Items:

- a) discussion of direction of Backpacker Society
- b) discussion of Society Promotion Plan
- c) budget for 2015
- d) response from Blix family regarding Memorial in Einar's name
- e) review of current membership list, with potential application to Promotion Plan

Minutes recorded by Eileen Astin

Minutes typed and distributed by Dina Hanson