

BULKLEY VALLEY BACKPACKERS

Meeting

2015.04.07

Hanson home, Quick

PRESENT Roye Lovgren, Julie Taugher, Jay Gilden, Ann Greene, Elizabeth Zweck, Eileen Astin, Debbie Courtliff, Mary Broussard, Dina Hanson

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

-March 1 balance of \$3,653.00

-does not include expenses for potluck, annual report and \$799 owed to Morgan for mapping

-does not include income of \$600 from BVCU grant

MINUTES of 2015.01.20 MEETING moved, carried, that we accept the minutes

MEMBERSHIP-Dina reported

-57 paid-up members; 19 previous members have not yet renewed

-**Roye** to include membership forms in the SPOT kit

-**Steve** to include a note on the website, re: how to join the society

OUTINGS-Ann reported

-Coulsons not able to do their scheduled Apr 19 trek; **Mary** will coordinate this hike

-May to July sched is in place and some volunteers for Aug and Sept hikes

-payment to drivers discussed; **Mary** to add reminder on schedule and in newsletter for passengers to pay drivers (and drivers to accept) \$5 for shorter distances and \$10 for longer (30 minutes or longer)

-**Steve** (or **Mary**, in Steve's absence) to inform all members, by e-mail and through the website, of any changes to schedule; this should be done after checking on the subsequent schedule to ensure there is no duplication of trail/destination within a short period of time

SOCIETY PROMOTION PLAN-Jay reported

-Grahams have resigned from the Board, but the promotion plan could still be considered

-**Jay** could look at outreach to promote the club

-2 on-line local calendars exist: one available at kiosk at Visitors' Center and one at Bugwood Bean

-**Jay, Mary** and **Elizabeth** to form a committee to discuss club direction that will guide the development of a promotion plan and bring this back to the Directors for discussion

AMATEUR SPORTS NEWS ARTICLE-Dina reported

-**Dina** to write this, with history, activities, photos; to be distributed free in BC and Alberta

NEWSLETTER-Mary reported

-**Mary** has taken over as publisher of the newsletter and has the next issue assembled

BUDGET-Jay reported for Steve W

- a proposed budget (same figures as previous year) was presented
- Dina suggested that Stephen L may be willing to pass on the treasurer's duties to Elizabeth (who is willing to assume this task); **Jay** to speak with Stephen about this
- as we have not had detailed financial statements recently, it was decided that we'd await these before discussing, and passing, a budget

TELKWA CARIBOU-Dina reported

- Dina talked about the problems of the Hunter's Basin Caribou herd recover
- Jay** and **Ann** will modify Jay's draft letter to the minister--FLNRO

HAROLD PRICE CABIN-Jay reported

- Pat Becker and friends are exploring options to find a new club to sponsor the cabin; they are still willing to be responsible for maintenance of the cabin
- Jay** to follow up on liability insurance and Licence of Occupation before a decision is made to assume ownership of the cabin

EINAR'S MEMORIAL-Dina reported

- Barri and family prefer the naming of a peak in the Babines to be the memorial to Einar and suggest that it be named the 'Einar Blix Peak'
- we can apply for this designation in Dec of 2016
- Dina** to speak with Parks to determine if there is anything that should be done in advance of that date

MAPPING PROJECT-Jay reported

- group very pleased with the latest improvements to trail info, on the website
- Jay demonstrated Morgan's new trail mapping system

WINTER TERRAIN EVALUATION COURSE-Elizabeth reported

- 22 people attended, giving positive reports
- there may be interest in a winter route-finding field session, to be held in the fall

LOGGING AND TRAILS-Jay reported

- no logging will occur on, near or affecting trails and areas used by Backpackers in the lower Bulkley area
- logging is planned for Grouse Mountain
- members will meet with Frank MacDonald to discuss preservation of trails on Barrett Hat

TRAILS AGREEMENT WITH RSTBC

- Steve** and **Jay** will draft a list of trails that the club will work on this season

Minutes recorded by Eileen Astin

Minutes typed and distributed to Directors by Dina Hanson