

North Shore Hikers Society Annual General Meeting
November 05, 2015

Sunrise Community Centre, 1950 Windermere Street, Vancouver BC

Executive and Officials Present:

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| Beth Kitts | Donna Nyberg |
| Cristina Jacob | Alastair Ferries |
| Lesley Bohm | Shari Laszlo |
| Anne Leatham | Ling Chan |

Absent:

Katy Poon, Irene Miller and Siegfried Rohdewald

Photo Contest

Before the official meeting began Cristina Jacob explained the rules and regulations of the photo contest and after the meeting, the winner will be decided.

Call to Order:

Beth Kitts called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.
There were approximately 50 members present which constituted a quorum.

Call for New Business to be added to the Agenda:

- Membership fees – proposal to reduce annually fees
- Honorarium to slideshow presenters
- Mid- week Activities placed on-line
- Workshops for the year
- Xmas Party – need for volunteers

Approval of the Agenda:

Moved by Alastair Ferries and seconded by Beth Kitts that the Agenda be approved.

Carried

Approval of AGM minutes – Nov.7, 2014

Moved by Beth Kitts and seconded by Ann Leatham that the minutes of the AGM of November 7, 2014 be approved.

Carried

Beth Kitts –Summary of Events: 2014-2015

- This year that there was no one in the position of President. As a result the existing Executive has had a lot of work to do to keep the Club functioning. Thanks to Jill Blair, Anne Leatham; Cristina Jacob, Donna Nyberg, Bill Myrtle; Alastair Ferries; Ling Chan; Renee Madhavi, and Siegfried Rohdewald for all their hard work.

- Vacancies requiring volunteers: President, Vice President, Mid Week Activity Planner, and Auditor.
- We did organize a Communication Workshop for members to learn how to use social media and to write items for the website news page.

A question to ask: What new directions could the Club pursue if we had a full Executive team?

Director's Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Shari Lazlo

North Shore Hikers Society Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets For the Period Ended SEPTEMBER 30, 2015.

| Revenue | 2015 | 2014 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Membership Dues | 10,740 | 10,950 |
| Donation Revenue | 5,500 | - |
| Additional Membership Dues | 125 | 105 |
| Misc. Income | <u>207</u> | <u>134</u> |
| | 16,572 | 11,189 |
| Expenses | | |
| FMCBC Membership | 3,580 | 3,650 |
| Insurance | 3,006 | 3,271 |
| Slideshows/Socials | 1,232 | 982 |
| Bank/Paypal Charges | 456 | 9 |
| Business and Office Expenses | 1,039 | 669 |
| Honoraria to members | 300 | - |
| Wilderness First Aid/ SARS | <u>-</u> | <u>140</u> |
| | 9,613 | 8,721 |
| Excess Of Revenue Over Expenses | 6,959 | 2,468 |
| Net Assets, Beginning | <u>22,302</u> | <u>22,302</u> |
| Net Assets | <u>29,261</u> | <u>22,302</u> |
| Number of Members | 358 | 365 |

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| | 2015 | 2014 |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <u>ASSETS</u> | | |
| Current | | |
| Cash at Bank | 19,405 | 11,782 |
| Term Deposit | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Receivable from <i>PayPal</i> | 231 | - |
| Prepaid Expenses | <u>1,277</u> | <u>3,970</u> |
| | 30,913 | 25,752 |
| Capital Assets | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> |
| | <u>\$ 30,914</u> | <u>\$ 25,753</u> |

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| <u>LIABILITIES</u> | | |
| Current | | |
| Prepaid Membership Dues | 810 | 2,763 |
| Dues to FMCBC | <u>843</u> | <u>688</u> |
| | 1,653 | 3,451 |

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Net Assets | | |
| Unrestricted Funds | <u>29,261</u> | <u>22,302</u> |
| | <u>\$ 30,914</u> | <u>\$ 25,753</u> |

Financial forecast at September 2015

| Assumptions | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|---|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Number of members | 350 | 325 | 300 |
| Membership revenue/person \$ | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| No. members getting paper <i>Raven</i> | 25 | 23 | 20 |
| Paper Raven revenue/ person (25 members) | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Misc revenue - interest on \$10k GIC at .5% : | <u>\$ 50</u> | <u>50</u> | <u>50</u> |
| <i>FMCBC</i> membership fee | \$ 10 | 10 | 10 |
| <i>FMCBC</i> insurance per person | \$ 7 | 7 | 7 |
| Slide shows/ 3 year average in 2015: | \$ 1,000 | 1,110 | 1,210 |
| <i>PayPal</i> charges per person | \$ 1.17 | 1.17 | 1.17 |
| Bank charges - \$10 per mo - new | \$ 120 | 120 | 120 |
| Business expenses - 3 year average : | \$ 750 | 825 | 908 |
| Search & rescue support | \$ 200 | 200 | 200 |
| Opening cash at October 1 | \$ 19,500 | 20,000 | 20,140 |
| Revenues: | | | |
| Membership dues | \$ 8,750 | 8,125 | 7,500 |
| Additional membership fee (<i>Raven</i>) | \$ 125 | 115 | 100 |
| Miscellaneous (GIC interest) | \$ 50 | 50 | 50 |
| Total revenue | <u>\$ 8,925</u> | <u>8,290</u> | <u>7,650</u> |

| | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <u>Expenses</u> | | | |
| FCMBC membership fee | \$ 3,500 | 3,250 | 3,000 |
| FCMBC insurance | \$ 2,450 | 2,275 | 2,100 |
| Slide shows/socials | \$ 1,000 | 1,100 | 1,210 |
| PayPal charges | \$ 410 | 380 | 351 |
| Bank charges | \$ 120 | 120 | 120 |
| Business expenses | \$ 750 | 825 | 908 |
| Search and rescue support | \$ 200 | 200 | 200 |
| Total expenses | \$ 8,430 | 8,150 | 7,889 |
| Net profit (loss) | \$ 500 | 141 | 241 |
| Closing cash at September 30 | \$ 20,000 | 20,140 | 19,900 |

Approval of the Treasurer's Report:

Moved by Donna Nyberg and Seconded by Julia Baker that the Treasurer's Report be approved.
Carried

Discussion – a discussion took place about reducing our membership fee.

Moved By Shari Laszlo and Seconded Glen Stedham that membership fees be reduced to \$25.00 for the fiscal year 2016/2017.
Carried

Secretary's Report - Donna Nyberg:

Minutes were taken at the four executive meeting held during the year - I was out of the country for one of them and Beth Kitts kindly filled in for me.

Membership Secretary: Beth Kitts

- I am completing my first year in this position and it has been a pleasure to “talk” with perspective new members as they email with questions about joining the club.
- We have had about 64 new members this year and our total membership is 358. This is a 2% drop from 2013-2014.
- Payment of membership is primarily by **PayPal**.
- - Note: As a result of the new Website Security/Privacy Requirements in Nov 2015, new members' email addresses cannot be shared with FCMBC. The “Cloudburst” newsletter is available on the NSH website.
- As of Sept/15, with the Executive's approval, the Membership Secretary will be able to issue a refund for a good reason.
- Membership Benefit: **Alpine Start Outfitters** continues to offer a 12% discount to NSH members.
- A question to ask: **How can the Club stimulate an increase in membership?**
- Discussion ensued: Bill Myrtle suggested that the Club should make this clear to members on the Club Website and indicate how to contact the FCMBC.

Planning Coordinator's Report – Alastair

51 members have led trips in 2015 – the club desperately needs people to take on the vacant executive positions. It is serious and if people do not do so, the club will probably fold in the next couple of years.

Webmaster – Ling Chan:

I began to look after our web site in April. A lot of time was spent to learn about the basic architecture of the site, even before April. My focus so far has been on the day-to-day running of the site. There have been no major changes to the site.

The site has generally run well. There have been a few disruptions but it was almost always due to our web hosting service provider.

Trip Report summary: Nov 1, 2014-Oct 30, 2015 – Beth Kitts

| <u>Activity</u> | <u># Completed</u> | <u>2014</u> | <u>Attendance</u> | <u>2014</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------|
| A Hikes | 35 | (42) | 190 | (369) |
| B Hikes | 38 | (46) | 250 | (448) |
| C Hikes | 22 | (13) | 108 | (126) |
| D hikes | 14 | (8) | 82 | (62) |
| Cycling | 28 | (19) | 137 | (82) |
| Skiing | 5 | (12) | 20 | (40) |
| Backpacking | 3 | (?) | 8 | |
| Mid Week | 31 | (43) | 203 | (226) |
| Summer Camp | 19 | | 147 | (188) |
| Total: | 192 | (208) | 1130 | (1353) |
| Total Guests: | | | 94 | (161) |
| Total Cancelled trips: | | | 32 | (48) |

- Number of trips have decreased except for cycling and C and D hikes.
- Attendance to trips has decreased except for cycling and C and D hikes.
- Our membership has dropped by 2% but participation in activities has dropped by 26%
- El Nino affects: no snow, rain and wind warnings, extreme heat
- New trip leaders are needed and a wider variety of locations may need to be explored

Delegate to FMCBC - Cristina Jacob

- The Federation has now 34 clubs and more than 5000 members
- Cristina Jacob is your Federation director (Mack Skinner recently retired from his co-director position. He is currently the FMCBC Secretary, a position that he held for several years
- The Federation President is Bob St John from Comox. He is affiliated with the **Friends of Strathcona Park and Comox District Mountaineering Club**

- Jodi Appleton is now an Executive Director, a new position that was instated to strengthen the Federation's activity. Alanna Mahr has been hired in Jodi's old position as an Administrative Assistant
- Financial position of the Federation is very strong with a \$114,000 cash balance
- *Grants for the Clubs Program* has continued successfully in its second year with all eight clubs applying for grants receiving full or partial funding. 2015 fund for grants was about \$8,000 which is all coming from donations. Cristina Jacob was part of the Grants Committee.
- The cost of membership to the Federation is currently \$10/person. Insurance cost is \$7.50/person and it may go down to \$7.00 due to increased membership
- 2015 AGM was held in Comox. Next year's AGM will be hosted by BCMC in Vancouver. They expect a hand with billeting.
- Jodi will prepare a FMCBC Club Handbook to be available on line
- The most important role of the Federation is to act as an advocate for the non-motorized recreationists in the province of BC.
- Other topics addressed formally by various directors and Committee members were: Singing Pass trail in Whistler, underfunding of the Provincial parks, snowmobiles at Rainbow Lake.
- Recent news from the Federation are that the ORV (off road vehicles) registration is now mandatory, that the Parks Ski Resorts policy has been adopted by the province without taking into consideration our comments, and that there is a call for information gathering on trails that need repairs.
- Information on the Federation, including monthly newsletters and the *Cloudburst*, can be found on our club website.
- 2015 Annual report can be found here:<http://mountainclubs.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/FMCBC-Annual-Report1.pdf>

Also all the letters the Federation sent can be viewed in the attachment to the minutes
<http://mountainclubs.org/programs/advocacy/correspondence/>

New Business:

Vacant Executive Positions

Beth gave a brief description of each of the positions which are now vacant – five members volunteered to fill the various vacancies.

- **President:** may chair the Executive Meetings and AGM, helps with decision making in the committee - maybe involved in socials and other events.
- **Vice President:** carries out duties of the President when absent. Assists with decision making within the committee. Communicates with the FMCBC re: insurance issues

Positions that have been filled by Volunteers

- **Raven Editor:** Adele Tremblay
- **C Hike Planner:** Siegfried Rohdewald
- **Trip Report Secretary:** Dianne Allison
- **Web-site:** Roy Smyth will work with Ling Chan to manage the complexities of the website.

Vacant Positions:

- **Mid Week Activities Planner:** responsible for soliciting for volunteers to lead trips between Mon and Fri. Is not expected to lead trips every week.

- **Auditor:** a person with accounting skills to review the financial statements as prepared by the Treasurer.

Election of Executive:

President:

Moved by Beth Kitts and seconded by Cristina that Brent Ehrl be elected President for a 2 year term

Carried

Vice-President – Brent will ask Carol if she would be willing to run as Vice-President.

Secretary:

Moved by Beth Kitts and seconded by Anne that Donna Nyberg be elected Secretary for a two year.

Carried

Planning Coordinator :

Andrew Wong: was appointed prior to the AGM. Motion and election was omitted during the meeting. Error to be corrected at the next AGM.

Appointments:

- **Trip Recording Secretary** - Diane Allison
- **C Hike Planner** – Siegfried Rohdewald
- **Raven Editor** - Adele Tremblay
- **Mid Week Activities Planner** – tabled the discussion about this position to an Executive Meeting

Anne Leathem will continue to help find presenters for the socials and all the other positions will have the same working members as the last year.

At present, we do not have an auditor – if anyone knows an accountant who might volunteer to review our finances, please do let one of the executive know.

Other Items of New Business:

Proposal to provide an honoraria for presenters of slideshows:

Moved by Beth Kitts and seconded by Christina Jacobs that a \$25.00 honorarium of cash or gift be offered to slide show presenters.

Carried – 2 opposed

Survey of members re: where Mid Week Activities are best announced:

After a brief discussion – it was decided to table this item for further discussion in Board meetings.

Discussion re: programs to be offered to members: volunteers?

- Julia Baker suggested beginners backpack
- Ye Chu would like to see Avalanche training

- Using a GPS was also suggested

Volunteers for Xmas party planning:

Anyone interested in helping with the Christmas Party scheduled for Thursday December 10th, please see Jill Blair after the meeting.

Summer Camp:

The location of the summer camp has yet to be decided, however, it will be announced as soon as a decision has been made.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Trip Leaders Draw Prize:

The winners of the Annual draw for trip leaders were Sheila Sakich, Barry Brisebois, Ye Chu and Hedi Amendt – (MEC – \$25.00 gift certificate)

Photo Contest:

During the break between the meeting and the slide show everyone had the opportunity to vote on the photos displayed on the four tables. The four winners were:

- Bill Myrtle – Animal Category “Grizzly Yearling”
- Bengul Kurtar – People Category – “Snack Time”
- Patricia Morris – Plant Category “Fungus”
- Yvonne Price- – “Larches in the Mist” In the Scenery Category there was a tie
- Bill Myrtle - “Into the Cloud”
- The winners will receive \$100 each (the tied winners will split the prize) and their photos will be featured on our Facebook. All participants to the contest will be recognized at our club's Christmas party on December 10, when a slide show will be run to showcase all the pictures entered in the contest.
- Based on the enthusiasm that the photo contest created in the club we will consider running it again next year. For this year's contest we had 12 participants, hopefully next year we will have even more. Check our website for future announcements and keep taking those cameras on the club's hikes.

Cristina Jacob **The Slideshow: Summer Camp 2015 in the Canadian Rockies:**

Renee Mahdavi did a wonderful job showing us the great time that was had by all during the summer camp at Castle Mountains – Many thanks Renee for a job well-done.

Submitted by Donna Nyberg - Secretary

Attachment to the Minutes of the NSH AGM Nov 05 2015

LIST of formal letters FMBC <http://mountainclubs.org/programs/advocacy/correspondence/>

| Date | To Whom | Regarding | FMCBC Letter | Response Received |
|------------|--|---|--|-------------------|
| 2015-07-31 | Engineering Department – City of Langford | Westshore Parkway Extension | Letter requesting consultation on the proposed road extension as it impacts trails | |
| 2015-07-22 | Hon. Mary Polak – Minister of Environment | Jumbo Glacier Resort Not Substantially Started Determination | Letter congratulating the Minister on the decision to allow the Environmental Assessment Certificate to expire. The Federation opposes the Resort | |
| 2015-06-22 | Chris Hamilton- Executive Project Director- Environmental Assessment Office | Comments on Misrepresentation of Consultation with the FMCBC on the GAS project | Letter the Federation has concerns with the insufficient buffer zone to the Garibaldi Provincial Park Boundaries and the displacement of snowmobilers Federation opposes GAS project | |
| 2015-06-22 | Chris Hamilton- Executive Project Director- Environmental Assessment Office | Comments on Garibaldi at Squamish Supplemental Application | Letter see above | |
| 2015-05-16 | Hon. Steve Thomson – Minister of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations | Sea to Sky Land Resources Management Plan | Letter the Federation is requesting the province to address the “unresolved” areas in the Sea-to Sky MP of 2009. Snowmobiling is now taking place in the Roe Creek area and Powder Mountain Cat skiing wants to expand operation in the unresolved area | Response |
| 2015-04-21 | Jennie Aikman - Regional Director South Coast | BC Parks Draft Ski Resort Policy | Letter the Federation is critical of the policy on several points: a 60-year lease considered too long, lack of public consultation on operational decisions by the operator (read parking restrictions) and heavy bias towards operators’ viability as opposed to park’s use and access by the public. | Response |
| 2015-01-21 | Malissa Smith- Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations | Powder Mountain Cat skiing Tenure Expansion Application | Letter the federation opposes the application as it is currently submitted | Response |
| 2014-11-28 | Vicki Haberl- BC Parks Planning Section Head | Pinecone Burke Park Management Planning | Letter the federation provides input to the consultation process | Response |
| 2014-10-07 | Hon. Christy Clark – Premier of British Columbia | Jumbo Glacier | The Federation opposes the development of the ski resort- it should be kept pristine as a wilderness area | |

