

Summary Minutes of the ACC Saskatchewan Section Annual General Meeting:  
February 27, 2011

Present:

Steve Whittington, Wren Rabut, Bob Hawboldt, Ivan Hitchings, Steve Zdunich, Joel Bruneau, Don Chodzicki, Kea Archibold, Jeff Dmytrowich, Howard Hemingson, Glen Phillips, Kendrick Hamilton, Angela Spence, J. R. Simpson, Mark Rosin, Shelley Ballard-McKinlay, Myrene Mollison

Bob Hawboldt welcomed everyone, and noted that this is actually the annual general meeting for 2010, delayed. The minutes of the previous two general meetings were reviewed and approved, and we moved on to Officer Reports.

Banff Mountain Film Festival (B MFF): the festival was very well received this year, and we had the highest attendance to date—994 tickets were taken by TCU Place staff, which means that with non-ticketed attendance (children, displayers, volunteers) there were over 1000 people there. We're halfway to filling the theatre, which seats 2003. The variety of films was good, and the ad hoc feedback has been very positive. The tour stop and theatre are booked for 2012 (January 16) with tentative bookings for 2013 (January 21).

The Treasurer indicated we are in good financial position. After discussion it was decided to update club gear. There were a number of reports on various activities as follows:

- i) Summer Camps. Joel reported there were 23 participants at the 2010 summer camp at the Stanley Mitchell hut. Despite the electrical storm on one day it was a good camp and everything went well. In 2011 the camp will be at Peyto, a smaller hut, and is currently full with 18 participants registered and 4 or 5 on the wait list.
- ii) Thrashers. Don reported that there were 27 participants at the last Thrashers; snow shortened Day 1, but Day 2 was a full day. Next year we'll try to book the separate dining room at the Drake to accommodate our numbers. There were some problems with the club harnesses as they have no belay loops; Shelley indicated the gear is designed for ice/alpine climbing rather than rock climbing—discussion was deferred to New Business. For 2011, Thrashers is full at 32 registrants with 3 on the wait list. The Bell and Boswell cabins have been booked.
- iii) Choppers. Don said 20 people participated. The planned location at Klein Creek was not available so Day 1 was held at the Balfour wall where there

was no wind and good sun so it went well despite the temperature (-25). Day 2 was at Two O'clock Falls, and also went well although it was cold and in shade.

- iv) Ski Trip. Joel reported on this trip held out of Canmore. Led by Betty Boechler, Day 1 was to Bow Summit, Day 2 to Bristol (in a snowstorm), and Day 3 to Black Prince. Joel indicated that although rentals as MEC were slow, the gear was better than what's available at the U of C. Also MEC provides gear at no rental charge for anyone taking an avalanche course.
- v) Leadership Manual. Shelley reported that the sub-committee (Shelley, Joel and Mark) did some work on revisions to the manual. Joel has offered to chair the Activities Committee and will continue with the manual review.

Membership Services: Ivan distributed a report indicating we have 93 memberships with 114 members (the difference being for family memberships) under the following breakdown: Saskatoon 52, Regina 13, Moose Jaw 2, other Saskatchewan locations 14, Alberta 9, British Columbia 1, South Dakota 1, and New Mexico 1. We also have a new club t-shirt design (with thanks for a great deal of support from Deanna Miller). We received a thank-you from Sask Tourism for our part in promoting the Trail Survey.

Bob reported that there has been little activity. The need is for the committee to develop new leaders in a focused way, to identify new talent then develop their skills. Other sections offer courses that we should look at for our potential leaders to attend. We need to develop a plan. He also reported that his focus as Chair was to develop some structure for the section, while not setting in anything rigid, while making provision to streamline meeting organization and define the roles and responsibilities of volunteers. Bob distributed a structure proposal for discussion as below.

Under the proposed structure the executive would look after administrative and financial/budget issues while a number of committees do the work that keeps the organization going. The intent is to make sure no one person is overburdened, and there is opportunity to develop individuals to fill both committee and the section chair positions. The structure comprised an Executive Committee to which four committees report, each chaired by a Coordinator position. The Executive Committee comprises the Section Chair, the Secretary/Treasurer (one position), the Activities Coordinator, the Membership Coordinator, the Leadership Coordinator, the Events/Fund Raising Coordinator, and the Past Section Chair. The committees include: Activities, with a Coordinator, the Leadership Committee Coordinator, and two members; Leadership, with a Coordinator, the Activities Committee Coordinator, and two members; Events/Fund Raising, with a Coordinator, a Film Festival (sub) Committee Coordinator,

and two members; and Membership Services, with a Coordinator, the Equipment Manager, the Web Master, and one member. The Section Chair will be an ex officio member of all committees.

After group discussion a motion was made and carried to adopt the proposed structure for purposes of elections, with bylaw amendments reflective of the above changes to be made at a later date. The positions adopted were filled as follows.

- a) Section Chair: Ivan Hitchings, by acclamation
- b) Secretary/Treasurer: Myrene Mollison, by acclamation
- c) Events Committee Coordinator: open until the next meeting, or appointment by the Executive Committee. *(Subsequent to the meeting Don Chodzicki was appointed as Events Committee Coordinator)*
- d) Activities Committee Coordinator: Joel Bruneau, by acclamation
- e) Leadership Committee Coordinator: Don Chodzicki, by acclamation. *(Subsequent to the meeting Don stepped down and Angela Spence was appointed as Leadership Committee Coordinator)*
- f) Membership Services Coordinator: Jeff Dmytrowich, by acclamation

A number of information items were discussed as follows.

- BMFF. The BMFF committee recommends keeping the prices of admission the same for next year; all present agreed. Myrene indicated the committee will look at advertising a group rate for youth groups organized for ages 18 and under; again, all agreed with this direction.
- Urban Adventure Race 2011. Howard reported that there were 55 entrants and some very positive feedback on the 2010 race. However, it was very time consuming for him as organizer, and he will not be able to devote as much volunteer time in future. Howard suggested looking at expanding, maybe with the orienteering group; he'll look at developing a proposal to present to the

Activities Committee for funding support to continue and/or expand the race, with reference to the Events/Fund Raising Committee.

- Photo Contest. Don did not run a contest in 2010 but may do so again in 2011, possibly in conjunction with the BMFF promotions. He'll go through the Activities Committee to find a volunteer to take over.

There were New Business items discussed also.

- Library. Drew has the library but no one has used it in some time. Kea suggested we could donate the materials to the public library; no decision made so the issue will go to the Membership Services Committee. Jeff will look at ideas for developing an electronic library accessible to members through our website.
  - The policy on donations was discussed, and a motion made and carried to donate between \$0 and \$1000 to each of the Canadian Alpine Journal, the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society Saskatchewan, TABVAR, and the Canadian Avalanche Foundation at the discretion of the executive.
- Bylaws. The section bylaws will be reviewed by the Executive Committee and brought to a later meeting for membership review as moved in adopting the section structure above.

The next meeting was set for Sunday, October 16, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. (15:00 hours).