

***NOTE: The next scheduled Board Meeting is
May 5 - 6, 2001 in Canmore, Alberta.***

**The Alpine Club of Canada
Board of Directors Meeting
October 28-29, 2000
Canadian Alpine Center, Lake Louise, AB**

PRESENT:

Mike Mortimer, President
David Toole, Secretary/Treasurer
Rod Plasman, VP Services
Cam Roe, VP Activities
Jeffery J. Potter, VP Facilities
Bob Sandford, VP Publications (Saturday)
Joe Turnham, Central Alberta Section
Peter Roginski, Calgary Section Rep (Saturday)
Jackie Clark, Calgary Section Rep (Sunday)
Enid Higham, Edmonton Section Rep
Dave Percival, Montreal Section Rep
John Warren, Okanagan Section Rep
Diana MacGibbon, Ottawa Section Rep
Dave Merritt, Prince George Section Rep
Bev Bendell, Rocky Mountain Section Rep/Awards Committee
Andre Mahe, St-Boniface Section Rep
Dave McCormick, Saskatchewan Section Rep
Frank Pianka, Thunder Bay Section Rep
Willa Harasym, Toronto Section Rep
Fern Hietkamp, Vancouver Section Rep
Gerta Smythe, Vancouver Island Section Rep
Eric Vezeau, Whistler Section Rep

Bruce Keith, Executive Director
Leslie DeMarsh, Programs Director
Nancy Hansen, Facilities Director

Josee Larochelle, Recording Secretary

Guests: Dave Zemrau
Gord Currie (Saturday)
Bruce Hardardt
S. Fedyna (Saturday)
Paul Geddes (Sunday)
Gil Parker (Sunday)
David Jones, AAC Liaison (Saturday)

Regrets: Peter Muir, VP-Access/Environment

Call to Order:

M. Mortimer called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

1. President's Opening Remarks (M. Mortimer)

M. Mortimer welcomed everyone and introduced the special guests attending the meeting. He reviewed plans for the meeting and weekend. Introductions of all attendees were made.

2. Approval of Agenda

M. Mortimer advised that an addition to the agenda was a series of UIAA reports that would be presented by various individuals on Sunday. The Agenda was then approved as amended.

3. Board of Director Meeting May 6-7 2000

a. Minutes

Motion by W. Harasym, seconded by D. Toole, that the Minutes be adopted with minor revisions. CARRIED

b. Business Arising: None

4. Executive Reports

a. President (M. Mortimer)

M. Mortimer reviewed his written report, which summarized the overall success of the year. He recounted the tremendous job everyone did with respect to the Mount Alberta project and thanked all the many hard working volunteers who were involved. He then reviewed the business dealt with and outcome of the September 17, 2000 Executive meeting. M. Mortimer advised that the Club must continue to be careful with its finances but overall everything is going very well.

M. Mortimer spoke about the deaths of Bob Hind and Karl Nagy and asked everyone to join him in a minute of silence to reflect on their lives and contributions to the ACC.

M. Mortimer advised that there have been two changes on the Executive Committee, with Jeffery Potter replacing John Harrop as VP-Facilities and Dave Toole acting as Secretary-Treasurer due to the resignation of Manrico Scremin.

b. Section Reports

All Section Reports that were not previously submitted were circulated for review. All Section Reps spoke to their report and provided highlights from their section.

M. Mortimer thanked everyone for their reports. He commented that he hoped the Leadership program being developed at the National level would help the Sections with their volunteer leaders to ensure the Club stays healthy and strong.

c. Secretary/Treasurer (D. Toole)

D. Toole reported that all membership numbers continue to rise incrementally. He advised that he would send out a year-end membership report with the Minutes of this meeting. D. Toole reviewed the progress that has been made with respect to the Student Outdoor Club program and encouraged all sections to participate. He also thanked all sections for their diligence in ensuring that all participants in section trips sign waivers and asked them to continue do so.

D. Toole provided a brief overview of the financial status of the Club, advising that he would make most of his comments during the budget discussion. He advised that the Club is in a healthy financial position and that the Canadian Alpine Centre continues to make a significant contribution annually. There are plans underway for an extension of the CAC (for staff accommodation) and the Board will be kept posted as these plans proceed.

d. VP Publications (B. Sandford)

B. Sandford reviewed how his Committee has successfully shifted to securing publication partnerships to lessen the ACC's cost and risk, while maintaining Club identification on the published works. He advised that in the last year, the Committee had undertaken the publication of the Members Handbook and "Beyond the Hills, A Celebration of the Adventures of Don Forest", re-printed "A Mountain Life" and "Sketchbook of the Canadian Rockies", and assisted with the publication of "Squamish Select". B. Sandford advised that the Don Forest book was the first in a series of mountaineering biographies that the Committee plans to undertake, which he is launching as the "Summit Series". He also reviewed the plans for the upcoming book about the climbing history and 75th anniversary celebrations of the first ascent of Mt. Alberta. B. Sandford spoke about the \$6000 that was originally invested in the Mt. Alberta project out of the Publications Fund that he hoped would be returned now that the project has been successfully completed.

B. Sandford congratulated Zac Bolan on the inaugural issue of a full color Gazette. He advised that despite increased revenues for advertising in a colour Gazette, there will be extra costs, for which he hopes there will be support for from the Board and Club members. E. Higham commented that we could investigate duplicate mailings to the same address where all members do not require a separate mailing.

ACTION: B. Keith

B. Sandford advised that the Committee is investigating ACC product in the larger tourism market. This type of product will change our image and promotion.

M. Mortimer commented that the success of the Mt. Alberta project was greatly assisted by the key involvement of the Publications Committee since the inception of the project. He stated that good publications are a key element of the Club and that he believes that color publications make ACC look more professional. An \$8000 increase in the budget will be required for The Gazette to be produced in full colour, which is approximately \$1.50 extra per membership per year. A straw vote indicated there was support for The Gazette in colour.

W. Harasym commented that she thought the Summit series was an excellent idea.

F. Hietkamp asked if there was a special publication planned for the 100th Anniversary of the Club in 2006. B. Sandford advised that a Centennial Committee has been formed to deal with this and other possibilities.

e. Honourary President (M. Mortimer)

M. Mortimer noted that Bob Hind had served the ACC as the Honourary President since 1991. He advised that the Executive Committee had addressed the issue of a new Honourary President for the Club and that Peter Fuhrmann had been selected and was willing to serve in this capacity. The Executive Committee had also decided that it was best for the ACC Honourary President to serve for a four year term.

Motion by M. Mortimer, seconded by Dave Toole, that Peter Fuhrmann be appointed as the Honourary President of The Alpine Club of Canada for a term to run until the Spring AGM in 2005.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Sandford offered to create a biography on P. Fuhrmann.

ACTION: B. Sandford

f. VP Access/Environment (P. Muir)

The Comprehensive Access/Environment Policy document was circulated as amended by P. Muir to reflect the input and suggestions he had received from Board members. There was discussion on several issues, in particular how to deal with differing positions on issues by ACC Sections.

Motion by D. Toole, seconded by C. Roe, that the Comprehensive Access/Environment Policy be adopted as presented by P. Muir, with amendments to Section 5, the Fundamental Principles, as outlined by W. Harysm.

The motion was tabled until Sunday morning so that W. Harysm, assisted by N. Hansen and F. Hietkamp, could revise the wording to reflect the discussion regarding potential conflict situations in developing local positions.

g. VP Services Report (R. Plasman)

R. Plasman reviewed the Canadian Competition Climbing Committee (CCCC) restructure and advised that he felt it was important for the ACC to support and encourage Competition Climbing.

R. Plasman reviewed the possibilities of using the Internet to do on-line bookings if high speed wireless access to the Clubhouse becomes a reality. B. Keith advised that on-line bookings would allow the Club to provide better service with less staff involvement, but that phone bookings would also continue to be made available to our members.

h. National Office Report (B. Keith)

B. Keith spoke to his report and outlined the recent staff changes that the Club has experienced, and plans to hire for two new positions (an Assistant Programs Co-ordinator and a part time advertising/public relations position). He emphasized that the Club is dependent on highly capable staff members. There are staff accommodation capacity issues in the national office, which J. Potter will deal with in his Facilities report. B. Keith reported the success of purchasing new

computers for the National Office. He also advised that the area of developing corporate support for the ACC is being worked on by himself and M. Mortimer.

M. Mortimer added that he was involved with developing and expanding corporate support under the \$10,000 level and that the involvement of B. Sanford would be crucial in developing larger relationships. M. Mortimer also acknowledged the tremendous contributions of B. Keith and the national office staff during the last year.

i. Activities Report (C. Roe)

C. Roe spoke to his report. He thanked the office staff for their assistance throughout the year. C. Roe reported on the outcome of the various camps throughout the year and reviewed the statistics for 2000. He also reviewed the five year summary of ACC national activities. C. Roe noted the positive outcomes of TNF, Marmot and Patagonia programs and thanked B. Keith and M. Mortimer for their assistance in arranging these sponsorships. He reviewed the evaluation forms that were circulated for TNF and Marmot programs.

C. Roe encouraged those interested in the GMC to register early as the GMC was sold out by January in 2000. He also encouraged members to propose locations for camps and advised that we would do what we could to arrange to visit these areas.

C. Roe advised that it was necessary to increase the participant fee for TNF courses to \$450 for all future courses. He also provided the Board with the names of all those who had been selected to attend the winter course in January.

C. Roe circulated the draft Volunteer Leadership Development materials that have been developed by Karl Klassen. He explained the background to this document and what he had learned when he had attended the UIAA Training Standards Working Group meeting in June. C. Roe stated that he would like to see the ACC become proactive in developing standards for volunteer leaders before government legislation is created to govern the activities the ACC and other organizations undertake. He believes this is also important to ensure the ACC has highly qualified leaders, especially at the national level, to protect our

liability insurance and reviewed the UIAA Schedule of Progression that has been developed. Various section reps provided their comments and outlined suggestions and concerns their sections had. C. Roe advised that he was very interested in feedback from all sections and asked that this be provided by mid-November. He also advised that an electronic copy of the document would be circulated. M. Mortimer stated that he believed that it would be appropriate for the ACC to set the standards, that this type of process will happen eventually due to liability concerns and the ACC should be involved in the groundwork. B. Keith agreed to investigate and report on the process created by Cross Country Canada, who have developed similar materials.

ACTION: B. Keith

S. Fedyna requested clarification on the process for selecting participants for section trips. B. Keith responded that all sections should choose leaders who plan safe trips and should only allow those who are competent to participate. All participants should be made aware of the risks involved, and only those who sign the ACC waiver form are permitted to participate.

C. Roe provided information on the Custom Guiding program during its first year and advised that the plans were to significantly expand this program by developing relationships with the Colorado Alpine Club, the Japanese Alpine Club, The American Alpine Club and other alpine clubs through our UIAA relationships.

M. Mortimer commented that he thought these were all excellent developments that will contribute positively to the Canadian Centre for Mountaineering.

j. VP Facilities (Jeffery Potter)

J. Potter thanked John Harrop for all of his contributions during his terms and expressed his pleasure that he was able to step in as VP Facilities.

He spoke to his report, reporting on the success of various projects undertaken this year. The Cirque of the Unclimbables project was supported by the Endowment and EWWM Funds and received good publicity for the Club.

J. Potter reviewed the progress made with Clubhouse renovations and advised that John Harrop would be chairing the Clubhouse Committee. He advised that the renovations, including a significant expansion of the national office space, would be completed by April 16th, 2001. J. Potter reviewed the new rates for Clubhouse overnights.

J. Potter provided information on the projects that the Facilities Committee would be concentrating on in 2001 and advised that most of the work would involve improvements to backcountry outhouses.

M. Mortimer thanked the Facilities Committee for all their contributions throughout the year, particularly J. Harrop during his terms.

5. Awards Committee (B. Bendell)

B. Bendell reviewed the process for award nominations and selections. She emphasized that it was important for all Sections to nominate their hardworking volunteers, in particular for the Distinguished Service award.

The Awards Committee report was reviewed. Three nominations were received, two for a Distinguished Service award and one for a Silver Rope.

Motion by B. Bendell, seconded by R. Plasman, that the Awards Committee Report be adopted as present. CARRIED

6. Future AGM Locations (D. Toole)

D. Toole reviewed the process to date regarding selecting the locations for future AGMs. He advised that the 2001 AGM will be held this spring in Canmore. He advised that he would like to form a committee to address this issue. W. Harysm and F. Hietkamp have offered to assist him and D. Zemrau also agreed to help out. This Committee will make its recommendations at the May 2001 Board meeting.

ACTION: D. Toole

7. By-law Amendments (D. Toole)

Motion by D. Toole, seconded by R. Plasman, that the three By-law amendment documents presented at the spring 2000 Board of Directors meeting be accepted (i.e. moving the Annual General Meeting to the spring each year, endorsing the ACC providing Director's Liability Insurance for the Board and accepting the new title of VP Access/Environment).

CARRIED

8. Policies

a. Travel Expenses Reimbursement Policy (D. Toole)

The policy for reimbursement for Travel Expenses to Executive Committee and Board meetings was discussed. Two amendments were suggested:

- (i) to ensure the airline travel was the least expensive option
- (ii) specifically address the use of car rentals.

C. Roe raised the question of childcare expenses. It was agreed not to include this as an allowable expense.

Motion by D. Toole seconded by F. Pianka, to accept the Travel Expenses Reimbursement Policy as revised. CARRIED / ONE ABSENTION

b. Awards Policy (D. Toole)

The new Awards Policy was discussed and accepted.

Motion by D. Toole, seconded by R. Plasman, that the Awards Policy be accepted as presented. CARRIED

c. Expeditions Endorsement (M. Mortimer)

M. Mortimer reviewed the process involved when he asked M. Galbraith, Chair of the Expeditions Committee to create an Expeditions Endorsement policy for the ACC. The policy was reviewed and suggestions were made to change the rates to be charged for providing endorsements. W. Harasym proposed different rates of member \$25 non member for \$75 member for Section B and \$75 non member \$125 for Sections C and D.

Motion by C. Roe, seconded by W. Harasym, that the Expedition Endorsements Policy be accepted as revised. CARRIED

9. Mt. Logan / Trudeau (M. Mortimer)

M. Mortimer reviewed the issues related to the recent renaming of Mt. Logan to Mt. Trudeau and presented a summary of the positions of the ACC and UIAA to date. He then presented a draft motion for consideration as follows:

Be it resolved that The Alpine Club of Canada:

1. write to Prime Minister Chretien and to the Geographical Names Board of Canada to:
 - a. object strongly to the renaming of Mt. Logan, and to the process used to arrive at the proposed name;
 - b. recommend that the "normal" naming process be followed in the future;
 - c. propose to them that Snowdome at the Columbia Icefields be renamed "Mt.Trudeau".
2. issue a press release to the widest possible audience indicating this Alpine Club of Canada position.

Motion made by D. Percival, seconded by B. Bendell, to adopt this resolution as presented.

W. Harysm proposed that the ACC should provide a list of possible mountains, (not just Snowdome) which could be renamed.

Motion by B. Bendell, seconded by W. Harysm, to amend the previous motion to eliminate Section 1. (c).

DEFEATED (In Favour: 3, Opposed: 17, Abstentions: 0)

The original motion was then unanimously carried.

B. Keith was asked to distribute the letter from The Alpine Club of Canada with this motion as widely as possible, including via the website. The UIAA resolution should be included in this distribution.

ACTION: B. Keith

Meeting reconvened at 9:10am Sunday, October 29th, 2000.

10. Comprehensive Access/Environment Policy

N. Hansen advised that P. Muir requires Committee members for the Access/Environment Committee, in particular for a Secretary. Anyone interested was asked to contact N. Hansen as soon as possible.

W. Harysm circulated a one page amendment to the Comprehensive Access/Environment Policy, numbered Section 4.6.

Motion by D. Toole, seconded by C. Roe, that the Comprehensive Access/Environment Policy be adopted as presented on Saturday and revised as per the handout numbered Section 4.6. CARRIED

11. FY 2001 Budget (D. Toole)

D. Toole provided an overview of the Year 2000 financial statements. He advised that there is a projected surplus of \$57,000 in the Operating Budget. D. Toole noted that this was an unusual year as there were over \$100,000 in capital expenses for the year, required from the designated funds.

D. Toole reviewed the Year 2001 budget and advised that, as has been the practice in recent years, no operating surplus is budgeted for the year. D. Toole

explained that membership revenues only account for 10% of the overall revenue and that there is a great deal of cross-subsidization within the Club's operations. He emphasized the extent to which the ACC depends financially on good weather conditions and the annual revenues from Facilities.

Motion by D. Toole, seconded by D. McCormick, that the 2001 Operating and Capital budget be adopted as presented. CARRIED

12. Other

a. Mt. Alberta project (D. Toole)

D. Toole explained the requirement that any use of a year-end surplus be specifically allocated by the Board of Directors.

Motion by M. Mortimer, seconded by D. Toole, that any year-end surplus over \$3,000 in the Mt. Alberta project in the Operating Fund be distributed as follows:

The first \$5,000 to the Huts Fund

The next \$3,000 to Huts Revenue

Any remaining balance to a new Fund to be known as the "Mt. Alberta Fund". CARRIED

b. Member Handbook Fund (D. Toole)

D. Toole advised that there was a \$1900 deficit related to producing the Year 2000 Member's Handbook and that the Fund should to be re-balanced to zero for the end of the fiscal year.

Motion by B. Bendell, seconded by W. Harasym, that any year-end deficit in the Member's Handbook Fund be reduced to zero via a transfer from "members equity". CARRIED

c. Nomination Committee Report (P. Fuhrmann)

P. Fuhrman presented slate of names from the Nomination Committee report as follows.

President	David Toole
Secretary	Rod Plasman
Treasurer	Gord Currie
VP Activities	Cam Roe
VP Facilities	Jeffrey Potter
VP Services	David Zemrau
VP Access/Environment	Peter Muir
VP Publications	Bob Sandford

Motion by P. Fuhrmann, seconded by R. Plasman, that the Nomination Committee report be adopted as presented. CARRIED

d. ACC Centennial (M. Mortimer)

M. Mortimer reviewed the current committee members who have committed to assist with planning for the Club's centennial in 2006. He advised that they would probably be limited only by finances and imagination.

e. Planned Giving (D. Toole)

D. Toole reviewed the progress the Club has made with respect to soliciting for planned giving donations from our members. A mail out request to our Canadian members last June received a good response. The next stage is to contact our U. S. members. In order to provide living US donors the opportunity to claim a donation against their US income a new foundation must be established. The cost associated with this will be approximately \$4,000 US.

f. Life Members (D. Toole)

D. Toole reported on the current life members in the ACC. At present there are approximately 200 members. It is anticipated that this number could expand to

25% of our total membership base over the years because of "baby-boomers". All of these members would also be entitled to receive a complimentary CAJ. It was decided that the National Office should write to current life members to ensure that they wish to continue to receive the CAJ. D. Toole committed to review life member stats and report back to the Board regarding future issues.

ACTION: B. Keith / D. Toole

g. New ACC Pins (J. Potter)

J. Potter advised that he is currently investigating options with Eric Lomas and will report to the Board at the next meeting.

ACTION: J. Potter

h. Banff Centre Conference - June/01 (N. Hansen)

N. Hansen provided information on an upcoming Banff Centre conference on Human Use and Land Zoning, Land Management, and Waste Management. She advised that P. Muir is investigating having the ACC involved in this conference.

ACTION: P. Muir

i. Karl Nagy (C. Roe)

C Roe provided an overview of a proposal to honour the memory of Karl Nagy by creating a mentoring spot at the General Mountaineering Camp, which would be offered to a deserving amateur leader or aspiring ACMG guide annually. Everyone supported this proposal.

Motion by C. Roe, seconded D. Zemreau, that a spot at the General Mountaineering Camp in memory of Karl Nagy be offered annually to a deserving Amateur Leader or ACMG candidate. CARRIED

j. Scouts Canada (B. Keith)

B. Keith provided an overview of a discussion he had with Scouts Canada with respect to an "extreme Scouting" program they are implementing. This will include mountaineering, with the ACC's possible involvement.

k. Mailing List Releases (B. Keith)

B. Keith advised that there had not been any releases of the ACC mailing list in the past six months.

l. Section Newsletters Copying/Forwarding (B. Keith)

B. Keith reviewed a proposal to re-distribute section newsletters automatically by providing mailing labels to sections rather than photocopying/redistributing them. Everyone supported this change. B. Bendell asked all sections to note that the Whyte Museum also needed a copy of their newsletter, as well as other section documents, minutes, etc.

m. Grant Funds/Deadlines Reminder (B. Keith)

B. Keith reminded everyone that the deadlines for all three ACC funds is December 31, 2000.

n. Upcoming Meetings Schedules (D. Toole)

D. Toole reviewed the schedule of upcoming meetings as follows:

Executive Committee Meeting	March 24 (Canmore)
Board of Directors Meeting	May 5-6 (Canmore)
Spring AGM	May 5 (Canmore)

o. Other (M. Mortimer)

i. M. Mortimer presented a UIAA calendar for the year of the Mountains in 2002 for everyone's review and interest. He will provide further details on costs, etc. in the future.

ACTION: M. Mortimer

ii. M. Scremin's considerable volunteer contributions to the ACC were noted.

Motion by Willa Harysm, seconded by F. Hietkamp, that the Board of Directors of the ACC thank Manrico Scremin for his generous contribution to the Club at the National level. CARRIED

M. Mortimer agreed to write to Manrico to express the thanks of the Club for his contributions to date.

ACTION: M. Mortimer

iii. Chic Scott reviewed a proposal for a series of slide shows across Canada for each Section. Most Sections were interested and Chic advised that they could contact him direct by email to make arrangements.

iv. M. Mortimer introduced the guests from UIAA Committees: Ernst Haase, Helmut Microys, Mike Galbraith, and Cam Roe, each of whom provided a report on their work with the UIAA.

Motion by D. Toole, seconded by R. Plasman to adjourn the meeting at 12 noon. CARRIED