



**The Alpine Club of Canada
2003 Annual General Meeting Minutes
9:00AM Sunday, May 11, 2003
Westridge Country Inn, Canmore, AB**

1. Call to order

M. Mortimer welcomed everyone to the meeting. He also expressed D. Toole's regrets for not being able to attend this meeting.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion by R. Plasman, seconded by P. Muir: that the Agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of the Minutes of 2002 AGM

Motion by R. Plasman, seconded by C. Roe: that the minutes of the 2002 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. Reports

Treasurer (G. Currie)

G. Currie said that the ACC is currently projecting an operating income loss of \$67,000 this fiscal year. This projected loss is due mainly to: lower revenues from the Canadian Alpine Centre; lower bookings at the huts this past winter; and possibly the general effects on tourism from the war in Iraq and SARS. He advised that we must all exercise some fiscal prudence with regard to upcoming operating and capital expenditures. The situation will be closely monitored over the coming months.

The ACC funds investments are doing well. In addition, G. Currie is developing a Fundraising Committee to assist with a variety of ACC projects.

Secretary's Report (R. Plasman)

R. Plasman spoke to his report, and stated he is working on improving volunteer recruitment. There is now a capability via the bulletin board on the National website by which members can post their volunteer skills and Club "jobs" for volunteers can be posted. He also stated that more national website enhancements are on the way. There have been two new section inquiries, one from Sudbury, Ontario and one from Smithers, BC.

Facilities Report (C. Hannigan)

C. Hannigan spoke to his report, and congratulated N. Hansen on her successful work leading to BC Parks contracting to the ACC to operate of the Kokanee Glacier Cabins

and campground. He also reported that a new policy is in place regarding action on hut “trespassers”. He also spoke about the work he and his volunteers have carried out in identifying up to 4 possible Centennial Hut locations.

Activities Report (C. Roe)

C. Roe spoke to his report, and stated the 2003 GMC is virtually full and summer camps are at or above last year’s registrations. The Alpine Club of Canada now offers a portering service. Activities are generally in a healthy position. Statistics were collected and indicate that half of the participants on ACC national activities reside in Alberta and BC.

V.P Services (D. Zemrau)

D. Zemrau spoke to his report, and reported that the Canadian Alpine Accidents website continues to grow and receives about 1000 visits per month. The UIAA Safety Commission Meeting will be held in Canmore June 11 to 14. The ACC Safety Committee is finalizing a helicopter safety brochure. The Leadership Development Committee is looking into ENEQ's training programs to evaluate their value to the ACC. The Leadership Development Committee is also looking at holding an Eastern Section leadership camp. Competition Climbing Canada now has 67 competitive members. Their name has been changed to the CEC to properly reflect both French and English languages. The Banff Mountain Book and Film Festival's relationship with the ACC appears to be solid and will continue in the future.

VP Mountain Culture (B. Sandford)

B. Sandford spoke to his report, and introduced Lynn Martel. He said he would like to ask for the ACC Section's help with a special initiative to raise \$10,000 to publish Jane Gooch's book of Lake O'Hara. The CAJ will be published as a 2 volume set for the Centennial. A book on "40 years of guiding" will be produced for this year's Mountain Guides Ball.

The “Melting Mountains” brochure prepared by Ian Bruce will be distributed to ACC members with the Fall Gazette. Given this ongoing issue in the future, B. Sandford suggests this club commit itself to the education of our members and the Canadian public regarding the impacts of climate change on our changing alpine.

Access and Environment (P. Muir)

P. Muir spoke to his report, and introduced Stacy Karalash. He also thanked P. Geddes for his service as secretary to the NAECC. Stacy Karalash (Calgary Section) is the new secretary for the NAECC. P. Muir said the last NAECC conference call was held in March and all the NAECC Section members were invited. The frequency of these calls is limited due to the high cost. The next conference call will take place in June.

External Relations (M. Mortimer)

M. Mortimer spoke to his report, and stated that plans are underway for the ACC hosting of a recreational Ski Mountaineering Competition to be held at Sunshine ski area in 2004, with 120-130 people expected to compete. The Mountain Guides Ball patron this year

will be Hans Gmoser. The chair of the MBG Committee, Mike Haden, will be stepping down following the 2003 Ball.

National Office Report (B. Keith)

B. Keith reported that although the National Office is expecting some higher than usual staff turn-over, the staff will do their very best to maintain service as usual.

5. Section Rep Introductions (Section Reps)

All the Section representatives introduced themselves. M. Mortimer thanked them for attending the weekend meetings.

6. Awards (Paul Geddes)

P. Geddes listed the names of the Awards Committee which is made up of 6 members from various Sections: Tom Haslam-Jones (Montreal), Dave McCormick (Saskatchewan), Rod Plasman (Rocky Mountain), Mike Thompson (Vancouver), Gerta Smythe (Vancouver Island), Paul Geddes Committee Chair, (Toronto)

P. Geddes said that 9 awards were approved this year. He proceeded to list the award recipients and gave a brief summary of their contributions.

SILVER ROPE FOR LEADERSHIP

Dave Dornian - Unaffiliated

Doug Nelson - Calgary & Rocky Mountain Sections

ACC LEADER AWARD

Peter Woodsworth - Vancouver Section

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Cyril Shokoples - Edmonton Section

Peter Amann - Jasper/Hinton Section

Liz Scremin - Vancouver Section

Manrico Scremin - Vancouver Section

Dave Cousins - Calgary Section

Bruce Keith – National Office

7. Approval of Audited Financial Statement for 2002 (G. Currie)

Motion by G. Currie, seconded by R. Scholtz: that the audited financial statement for 2002 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

8. Appointment of Auditors for 2003 (G. Currie)

Motion by G. Currie, seconded by David Zemrau: that the accounting firm Czechowsky and Graham Chartered Accountants of Calgary be appointed as the Club's auditors for the 2003 financial year.

CARRIED

9. Other Business

ACC Centennial (M. Mortimer)

M. Mortimer stated he expects that the Centennial fund will have amassed \$120,000 between 2002 and 2006. He reviewed the projects that each portfolio will undertake (as they are known at the time of the AGM):

Activities portfolio:

GMC celebrating 100 years of teaching mountain craft in Canada, Stanley Mitchell Camp and Yukon Camp.

Mountain Culture portfolio:

100th Edition of the CAJ, Electronic Edition of past CAJ's.

Facilities:

Centennial Hut foundation stone to be laid

Meetings & Events:

Executive Meeting in Winnipeg, Mountain Guides Ball in Banff, UIAA General Assembly in Banff.

The ACC is also talking with Canada Post about special (set of) stamp(s) and recognition on Canadian Mint coin(s) for the ACC Centennial. He said there will be many volunteer opportunities, and feedback on the Centennial program would be appreciated.

Motion by C. Roe, seconded by R. Guy that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED (11:06 AM)