
Minutes of the

Alpine Club of Canada – 2006 Annual General Meeting

1:00PM Saturday July 15, 2006
Glacier Park Lodge, Rogers Pass, BC



1 Call to Order and Welcome (Cam Roe)

Cam Roe welcomed everyone to the 100th Annual General Meeting of the Alpine Club of Canada. He called a moment of silence to remember Hans Gmoser and other friends who passed away in the last year.

Mike Mortimer introduced the new ACC postage stamp recently issued by Canada Post. He announced that the stamp launch is to be held on Wednesday July 19th at the Civic Centre in Canmore from 5:00 – 7:00pm.

Mike Mortimer thanked the following people for their ongoing support of the Alpine Club of Canada: Gord Ritchie, Treasurer of the Canadian Avalanche Foundation; Scott Davis, President of the ACMG; Ted Hart and Don Bourdon from the Whyte Museum; Pam Doyle and Gerry Israelson of Parks Canada and Roger Tierney from BC Parks.

Pam Doyle of Parks Canada invited all present to go the Rogers Pass information centre and Glacier House to see the interactive displays. She stated that the Glacier Circle Cabin is currently undergoing a major restoration, and that once the project is complete, there are plans to hand over the operation of the Rogers Pass area cabins to the ACC. She presented a framed picture to Cam Roe of the inside of Glacier Circle Cabin.

Peter Muir thanked those who helped to bring together the Centennial meetings in Winnipeg in March. He presented plaques to: Pam Doyle from Parks Canada; Mark Seland from CP Rail; Mike Mortimer; the staff at the ACC National Office; Bob Sandford; and to “Elizabeth Parker” (played by Laurie Schwartz of Parks Canada).

2 Adoption of the Agenda

Motion by Peter Muir, seconded by Shona Connelly that the agenda of the 2006 Annual General Meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3 Adoption of the Minutes of the 2005 AGM

Motion by Peter Muir, seconded by Jim Tarrant that the minutes of the 2005 Annual General Meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4 Executive Committee Reports

4A Treasurer

Gord Currie reported that through a continuation of careful management in 2005 the Club is in excellent financial shape.

4B Secretary

Peter Muir spoke about the similarities and differences between the Club in its early days compared to the present, including the Club's historical and ongoing connection to Winnipeg. He reviewed highlights of where the Club is today, including its policies for children on trips, an active and committed safety committee, liability insurance to protect its members, its activity in access and environment issues, the nineteen active Sections across the country, a network of backcountry huts and front country facilities, a vibrant mountaineering program and a national office which supports members and Club initiatives. He stated that the founding members of the Club would view today's Club as being very successful.

4C Facilities

Carl Hannigan thanked the members of the Facilities Committee for all of their hard work: Bruce Hardardt, Karen Rollins, Malcolm Talbot and Jerry Auld. He stated that the Facilities Committee continues to look for a site for the Centennial Hut and is awaiting the completion of the BC Parks Roofed Accommodation strategy. He announced that the new Boswell Cabin on the Clubhouse property will open sometime next month and that the Heritage Room at the Canmore Clubhouse will officially open in October. The Energy Waste and Water Management Committee is working with Parks Canada and the University of Calgary to look at alternate energy sources in the backcountry. He said that the new Fay Hut now has a solar powered LED light system. The roof of the Bill Putnam Hut will be replaced this summer, and work has begun to clear the trail to the Bill Putnam Hut of avalanche debris.

4D Activities

Cam Roe presented the Activities report on Roger Laurilla's behalf and thanked various people who have helped over the year including: Masten Brolsma (GMC Committee Chair) and Brad Harrison (GMC Committee Outfitter), Ron Andrews (Winter Camps Committee) and Nancy Hansen (Director, Mountaineering). He welcomed Sandy Walker to her new position of Director of Club Services.

The Club's national trips were not quite as well attended as hoped for in the past year with the exception of the international trips. A second week was added to the Mexico trip for a total of 22 people in attendance. The 2006 GMC is underway and is very well attended with a waiting list that approached 50 people.

The Karl Nagy Memorial Award was given to aspiring guide Matt Reynolds last year. This year it was presented to aspiring amateur leader Bonnie Hamilton.

4E Services

David Zemrau thanked Dave McCormick, Chair of the Safety Committee and David Dornian, Chair of the Competition Ski Committee for their hard work over the year. The Safety

Committee has been updating the policies regarding children on ACC trips. The Club hosted its first competition ski mountaineering race last winter at Sunshine Village ski area in Banff. 39 people participated, and the event was deemed a success.

David Zemrau said that the Alberta Sections continue to work together to support different initiatives and get funding from the Alberta government to support leadership development, the Canadian Avalanche Association, and the Banff Mountain Festival. The ACC will be hosting the UIAA's General Assembly in Banff in October.

4F Mountain Culture

Bob Sandford thanked Mark Seland and the Canadian Pacific Railway for the train ride they provided for ACC members to travel from Field to the AGM at Rogers Pass. He introduced members of the Mountain Culture Committee and welcomed new Committee members Jen Crompton and Jeanette Fish. He thanked Bev Bendell and Bruce Keith for their help with the ACC centennial postage stamp which was recently launched by Canada Post. Bob Sandford said that the Committee is proud of the 100th anniversary edition of the Gazette which was issued in March of 2006. He thanked editor Geoff Powter for his good work on the 2006 CAJ, and also for his financial donation towards this year's edition. Bob Sandford said that the CAJ digitization project will be completed later this year and that the Committee is working on the next issue of the Summit Series. He announced that John Wheeler will be the patron of the Centennial Ball, the ACC will host a Climate Change workshop in October and the Committee's next big writing project will be the centennial edition of the CAJ which will come out in the spring of 2007. He thanked Mike Mortimer, Bruce Keith and Suzan Chamney for all their help and support.

4G Access and Environment

Isabelle Daigneault reviewed the work of the National Access and Environment Coordinating Committee (NAECC) over the past year. The Committee took a leadership role in forming a climber's coalition against the Jumbo Resort development in BC, reached an agreement with the NCC for climbers in Gatineau Park, Ontario, gave input to the Ghost-Waiparous preserve management plan, and worked with the FQME on maintaining ACC climbers access in Quebec. The committee is currently working at elaborating on a statement of values to use as a framework for stating what the Club stands for and to ensure the sustainability of our access privileges. The Committee also oversees the Club's Environment Fund. This year, funds were given out for trail maintenance projects, alpine research projects and other scientific projects of interest to the Club.

Motion by Rod Plasman to adopt the Executive Committee reports as read. Seconded by Marj Hind.

CARRIED

5 Section Representatives

Section representatives of the Board of Directors introduced themselves.

6 National Office Report

Bruce Keith said that the national office is working towards being able to offer online membership renewals and facilities bookings. He thanked all of the national office staff for their ongoing dedication and hard work. He said that Nancy Hansen has returned to the ACC to work for the summer and that Dan Verrall has stepped down after 22 years as Facilities Maintenance Manager. A retirement party will be held in the fall for Dan.

7 Awards

Cam Roe, on behalf of the ACC Awards Committee, read into the record the names of the 2006 ACC Volunteer Award recipients. The awards were previously handed out at the Board Meeting in Winnipeg in March, 2006:

Distinguished Service Award

Nikki Hipkin, Saskatchewan
Deny Gravel, St. Boniface

Don Forest Service Awards

Anne Anderson, Edmonton
David Foster, Ottawa
Martyne Laliberté, St. Boniface
Eric Lepage, Montréal
David Moe, Rocky Mountain
Heiki Pauli, Unaffiliated
Mike Rogers, Montréal
Wayne Vibert, Edmonton
Don Wighton, Montréal

Additionally, the following awards were presented at the AGM:

the Distinguished Service Award was presented to Bruce Hardardt
a 35-year Heritage Award was presented to Evelyn Matthews
an Honorary Membership was presented to John O. Wheeler

John thanked the Alpine Club of Canada for the honour, and reminisced about his personal and other historical experiences.

Mike Mortimer thanked Tanya Ritchie with her help in the organization of the centennial events. He presented Mark Seland of the Canadian Pacific Railway with a signed copy of "The Great Glacier and its House".

Mark Seland presented the ACC with a station clock on behalf of the CPR to commemorate the Club's centennial.

8 Approval of Audited Financial Statements for 2005

Motion by Gord Currie, seconded by Ken Hewitt that the Alpine Club of Canada's financial year 2005 audited financial statements, as prepared by Czechowsky and Graham, Chartered Accountants of Calgary, Alberta be approved as presented.

CARRIED

9 Appointment of Auditors for 2006

Motion by Gord Currie, seconded by David Vallance that the accounting firm Czechowsky and Graham, Chartered Accountants of Calgary, Alberta be appointed as the Alpine Club of Canada's auditors for the 2006 financial year.

CARRIED

10 Other Business

No other business was brought forward.

11 Conclusion

Motion by Peter Muir, seconded by Isabelle Daigneault that the 2006 Annual General Meeting be concluded.

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 2:50pm.

Following the meeting, those in attendance enjoyed Bob and Vi Sandford's slide show on the origins of the Club and Laurie Schwartz's portrayal of the "Elizabeth Parker Play". In addition, excellent presentations were made by:

Bill Putnam – his exploration of the Rogers Pass area in the 1940s

Bruce Fraser – 1956 GMC at Rogers Pass

Henry Vaux Jr. – Vaux family involvement in researching and photographing glacial movement at Rogers Pass