

British Columbia Mountaineering Club
Annual General Meeting Draft Minutes
12 November 2019
ANZA Club (8th and Ontario), Vancouver, BC

Executive Present: Chris Ludwig (Chair), Mohammad Parbod (Farbod), David Scanlon, Paul Kubik, Bill Maurer, Paul Olynek, Oudi Cherfi, Winifred Swatschek, Susanne Postill, Terry Wong, Brian Sheffield, Brian Wood, Rosemary Coupe (secretary)

Regrets: Wayne Pattern, Michelle Roy

Note: Copies of the agenda and of the 2018 AGM draft minutes were available to members at the front.

CALL TO ORDER: President Chris Ludwig called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

QUORUM: The membership desk confirmed a quorum of 40 members.

RULES OF ORDER: Adoption of Roberts' Rules of Order was moved by Celia Quigley seconded by Murray Lashmar. Carried.

AGENDA: Approval of the agenda as circulated was moved by Jay MacArthur seconded by Marcus Dell. Carried.

MINUTES OF 2018 AGM: Approval of the Draft Minutes of the 13 November 2018 AGM was moved by David Scanlon seconded by Martin. Carried.

REPORT OF THE BOARD

President's Report presented by Chris Ludwig

In December 2018 I put forward a vision for the year for the BCMC. Many of those ideas have been realized, some are in progress, and some additional new ideas came forward throughout the year.

The credit for this year's long list of accomplishments does not go to any one person, but rather to this year's hard working board of directors and the many wonderful volunteers that assist them.

A Bigger Board of Directors: With a bigger club (1,200 members), we now have a bigger board that meets at a much bigger space. At the start of 2019, we moved our Board meetings from the Anza Attic to the Cedar Cottage Pub (at no cost), which accommodates our board of 15 as well as numerous guests. Despite being double the size of previous year, this year's board works well, completes tasks, and makes decisions well.

Budgeting: We began the year by creating budgets for each BCMC Director. This was an important change in how we operate and a learning experience for the board (including myself), and a procedure we shall continue to refine and improve upon.

The BC Mountain Foundation – This charitable foundation became a reality this year. The BCMF now has its own Board of Directors, has raised money, and has executed its first projects (including the Watersprite Lake Trailhead Outhouse). I built the BCMF's website as a volunteer effort.

The 2019 BC Mountaineer – This publication was overdue and there were problems that needed to be resolved. We were able to resolve the issues and publish the 2019 *BC Mountaineer* this fall with an updated look and feel. Going forward, we finally have talented volunteers in place to get our publications back on track. Thank you Alex and Bill!

2019 October Legends Banquet – Thanks to David Scanlon and the Banquet Committee, this year's Grouse Mountain Banquet was an enjoyable success. It was great to see the restoration of this BCMC tradition.

Policy and Best Practices Committee – The Committee worked very hard and completed a new draft BCMC Policy Manual at the end of the summer (2019). The BCMC Board of Directors has nearly completed ratifying the new Policy Manual (nearly double the size of the old policy manual). Next year, the committee will begin drafting the new BCMC Best Practices document and work on succession planning.

2019 Equipment Acquisition and Rental Program – This is a work in progress. Rental gear has been purchased and rental policies drafted (thank you Winifred!). I am in the process of creating a clone (second porthole) of our Cabin Booking Software to use to create an online calendar based system for our Equipment Rental Program. I understand the need and desirability for this program and system, but as they say, Rome wasn't built in a day.

BCMC Trips and Climbing Committee – has been vital in supporting the club's mission of mountaineering and climbing. We have connected with the different mountain guiding schools to increase the course offerings to our membership, started to develop a mentorship program, and enhanced our trip organizer incentive programs. While our trips and courses have been successful and numerous this year, there is always more to do in supporting our membership, valued trip organizers and volunteer course instructors.

BCMC Marketing – the BCMC engaged in and is engaging in prominent marketing events including the recent BCMC – VIMFF night at the Centennial Theater which was sold out. The BCMC will be hosting a BCMC - VIMFF Amateur Film Festival in 2020.

Spearhead Huts – David Scanlon and I continue to volunteer heavily for the Spearhead Huts Project and to represent the BCMC. This year I co-chaired the Spearhead Hut's Operation Committee, and David served as our Director and Representative on their Board of Directors (which I also attend monthly). The BCMC Board of Directors also elected to make a donation this year to the Spearhead Huts Society. The BCMC's continued and longstanding involvement in this project has secured advanced booking privileges and discounts for the BCMC membership in perpetuity.

A New BCMC Website? – This did not happen. It is a mighty job that we did not have the time to execute this year. We did however (thanks to Bill) stabilize the existing website on a new and powerful virtual server, and tended to many bug fixes.

I did find the time to perform some upgrades on the Backcountry BC Website including implementing internal PDF Document search ability, as well as adding dozens of new mapping layers.

Trail Building – As usual I led a couple volunteer trail crews, built some bridges and boardwalk, and obliterated offensive vegetation. I also took part in the new outhouse's concrete foundation construction, and the splitting and bagging of 15,000 lbs of firewood for the Watersprite Lake Cabin this year.

Advocacy – It was yet another year of meetings with governments and stakeholders, filing numerous Freedom of Information Requests, performing radio and newspaper interviews, and spending far too

much time on the phone and social media. Next year, I would like to spread out the workload by resurrecting the BCMC Recreation and Conservation Committee and recruiting new volunteers into Backcountry Recreation and Conservation Advocacy.

In closing, I would like to say that as BCMC President, I am extremely fortunate and grateful to have such a talented and hard working group of directors and volunteers, and am pleased that all but two will be running again for next year's Board of Directors. The BCMC is a great club with a long history, due to its wonderful ongoing spirit of volunteerism.

Treasurer's Report presented by Mohammad Pahrbod

Farbod summarized the Club's finances. As of September 30, the HSBC and PayPal accounts stood at \$60,000, and investments for specific purposes stood at \$90,000. With depreciation factored in, the Watersprite Cabin is valued at \$52,000 and Mountain Lake at \$29,000. Including prepaid assets, the Club's assets total \$266,000. Liabilities including deferred membership dues total \$51,000.

The income statement includes cabin revenue (\$20,000), membership dues (\$50,000 for approximately 1200 members), and income from volunteer-led programs (\$7,500). The main expense was insurance. The Club made a profit of \$30,000.

The budgets for individual directors which were introduced this year gave a framework to monitor and control expenses. The Club is in a healthy financial position overall.

A detailed financial statement will be posted with these minutes.

Please see Appendix to these minutes for other Directors' reports.

ELECTIONS

President Chris Ludwig conducted the election of officers to serve on the executive for 2019/20. The positions were filled as follows.

Chris Ludwig ran for President and was uncontested

Susanne Postill ran for Vice-President 1 and was uncontested.

Terry Wong ran for Vice-President 2 and was uncontested

Polina Andreychenko ran for Secretary and was uncontested

Mohammad Pahrbod ran for Treasurer and was uncontested

The remaining positions were uncontested and were voted collectively.

President	Chris Ludwig
Vice President 1	Susanne Postill
Vice-President 2	Terry Wong
Secretary	Polina Andreychenko
Treasurer	Mohammad Pahrbod
Technical Trips	Wayne Pattern

Hiking and Organizer Rewards	Michelle Roy
Courses	Oudina Cherfi
Camps	Brian Sheffield
Cabins and Trails	Paul Kubik
Equipment	Winifred Swatschek
Memberships and Volunteer Coordinator	Paul Olynek
Editor	Alexandra Piros
Webmaster	Bill Maurer
Recreation and Conservation	Brian Wood
Past President (position not requiring a vote)	David Scanlon

ADJOURNMENT: Silke Gumplinger seconded by Margaret Ellis moved to adjourn at 8:17 pm.

APPENDIX: DIRECTORS' REPORTS

1. Past President's Report prepared by Dave Scanlon

- I am the Chairperson of the British Columbia Mountain Foundation. Worked towards getting grants for projects.

Many trips to Squamish representing the club on the Spearhead Huts Society and other board meetings.

- Tenth year representing the BCMC on the Spearhead Huts Society. Am now the BCMC board member representing the club on the SHS.

- Am on the Operations and Maintenance Committee of the Kees and Claire Hut.

- Am on the planning committee representing the BCMC on the second Spearhead hut, the MacBeth hut.

- Am the BCMC liaison between the BCMC and VIMFF, organizing volunteers.

- Coordinating the VIMFF BCMC amateur video night for the main VIMFF week next year.

- Chaired the just past BCMC Legends and Legacy banquet committee.

- Spent many many days at the Watersprite Lake Cabin as the club's custodian on duty. Installed 2 solar panels, replaced 18 of the wood burning stove fire bricks. All of the other odds and ends: replacing hand sanitizers, cleaning up fire pits, installing signage, changing door codes, changing batteries as needed in the smoke alarms, the outhouse, Co2 devices, the security camera, the cabin door locking mechanism, building platforms at the tenting overflow area. In the spring time replacing signage as needed and making sure all signage is still upright. Built another custodian sleeping platform and storage area. Installed privacy curtains for the custodians.

- Cleaned out and burned odds and ends of left over wood from the basement

- Extended the boardwalk across the back of the cabin adding non slip as well.

- Built boardwalk at the tenting area.

- Built 1 tenting platform; and 2 gravel tenting areas in the tenting overflow area

- Did some trail clearing on the main trail as well as adding more boardwalk.

- Flagged a new route from the cabin up to Demon ridge.

- Worked on the new Watersprite trail head outhouse.

- Helped build a new North Creek Cabin outhouse.
- Gave advice when asked by executive members.
- Kept up relationships with local government officials: hydro electric projects on the Mamquam for example, Front Counter BC, BC Parks, Rec Sites and Trails BC.
- Kept up the club's relationship with Black Tusk Helicopters.

2. Vice-President's Report prepared by Paul Olynek:

Unfortunately I did not have a very productive year as the club's Vice-President [VP]... unlike my previous years on the Board of Directors. Simple truth is I made a decision in early 2019 to get more involved in two important work-related committees that would later take on increased importance and require more time and energy than I'd originally anticipated. As such, about two months ago I informed our club President (Chris) that I would not offer to renew my role as VP.

My primary objective as VP was to work on the development of a new BCMC website. To that end, no significant work was accomplished beyond a rough set of notes detailing basic website requirements. I will forward those notes to whoever volunteers, and the BOD approves, to restart the new website project in 2020.

My secondary objectives for the year included: (a) helping Chris review and revise the BCMC Policy Manual, (b) looking after Membership issues, and (c) helping with minor website issues. Of the three, looking after Membership issues took the most time. Pretty much every day I would check new memberships for accuracy and security (removing spammers), and double-check Membership renewals to ensure those renewing late received the full amount of time. I also responded to Membership issues whenever our "First Responders" were unable to provide a quick solution. I've enjoying looking after Membership issues and have offered to continue doing so next year.

3. Courses Report presented by Oudi Cherfi

The existing Course Reimbursement Fund ended September 31 2019. We used only half of the allocated budget of \$4000. Course organizers and assistants who have organized a course received a 50% discount on guided instructional courses. The recipients are Winifred Swatschek, Cliff Eschner (Assist), Barnard Foo (Assist), Bryant Lim (Assist), Jack Poyut Casey (Assist), Oudina Cherfi (Assist), Claire Tallon, Lisa Quattrocchi and Wayne Pattern. Trip organizers who have organized 4 or more trips receive a 25% discount on guided instructional courses. Recipients are Henry deJong, Shashiraj Shanbhag and Shannon Healy.

-We have all winter courses posted for the 2019-2020 season.

-We are working on starting the mentorship program this coming winter. We are still finalizing the selection process of mentors and mentees.

-I am working on finalizing a partnership with Canada West Mountain School and Mountain Skills Academy and Adventures. This will really make a difference for more advanced teaching curriculums.

-Phil Alma is taking the lead on Intro to Backcountry Skiing. In addition, Barnard Foo is hosting the Snowshelter workshop this winter again.

-The policy manual for the Course Reimbursement Fund has been updated. We are trying to retain our course instructors so that we have a continuity in volunteer-run courses.

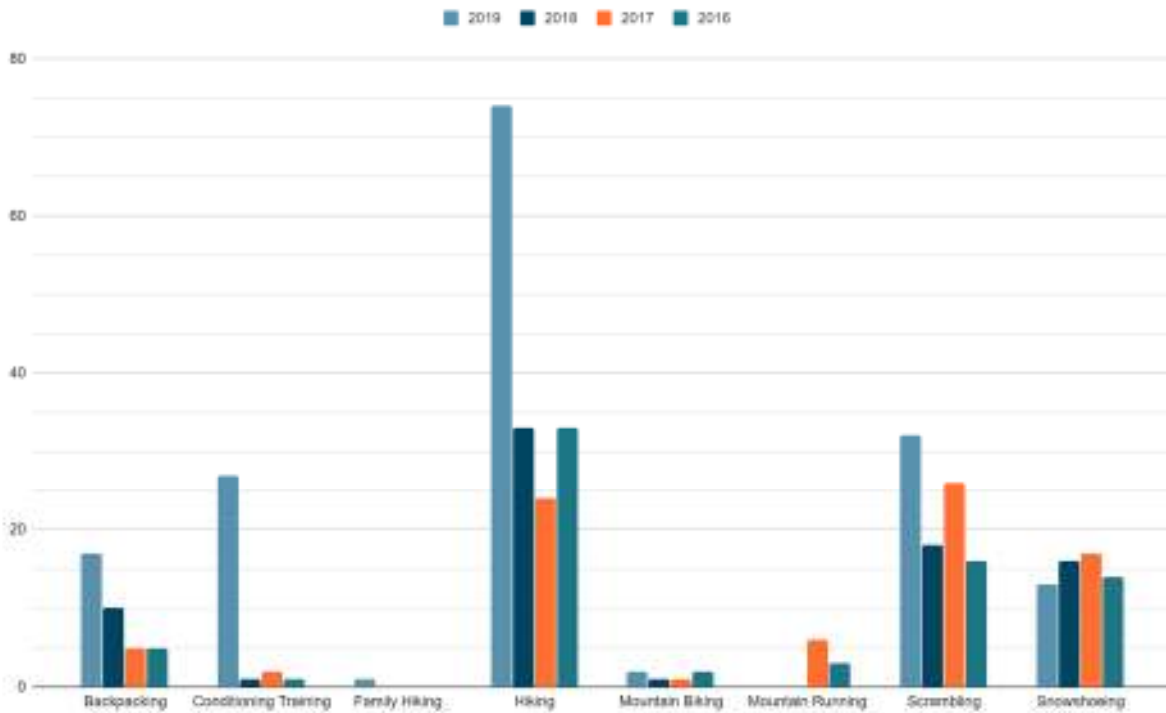
-I am pleased to announce that we have accumulated \$7495 in volunteer-run courses. Part of this amount will be used for the Course Reimbursement Fund for 2019-2020.

-I did a survey at the beginning of the year and collected 135 responses. There seems to be great interest in trail building, guided and non guided instruction, practice sessions, backcountry skiing and summer mountaineering. There seems to be no interest in family friendly trips, mixed-dry climbing and ice climbing. This will help me craft a better curriculum for this coming 2019-2020 season.

4. Hiking / Non-Technical Trips and Organizer Incentives Report prepared by Michelle Roy

Trips

Non-technical trip activity grew significantly this year across backpacking, hiking, scrambling and conditioning.



- **Backpacking** had the most trips posted in a year, from 2016 through to present
 - 17 trips posted, up from 10 trips the previous year (up 70%)
- **Conditioning** had the most trips posted in a year, from 2016 through to present
 - 27 trips posted, up from 1 trips the previous year (up 2600%)
- **Hikes** had the most trips posted in a year, from 2016 through to present
 - 74 trips posted, up from 33 trips the previous year (up 124.24%)
- **Scrambling** also had the most trips posted in a year, from 2016 through to present
 - 32 trips posted, up from 18 trips the previous year (up 77.78%)
- **Snowshoes** had a decrease in trips posted over last year
 - 13 trips posted, down from 16 trips the previous year (down 18.75%)
- Family hiking, mountain biking and mountain running remained low on activity 2016-2019.

How to organize courses

Both Trips Chairs (Wayne Pattern, Technical Trips and myself, Hiking/Non-Technical Trips) took over running the program from Chris Ludwig. The How To Organize BCMC Trips course was offered 8 times in total throughout the year, running 7 times for 42 Members (of which I hosted for 28 members, Wayne 38). This was similar to the previous year, which ran 6 times for 44 members.

Organizer Challenge

This was a very successful year for the Organizer Challenge contest!

Highlights

- 2 more Organizer Challenge awards handed out this year over last (a total of 12)
- This year all the awards were earned, and well before year end (by July)
- 14 Members organized 6 or more trips that qualified for the contest this fiscal year
- This year's Organizer Challenge organizers ran a total of 147 trips for the club
An incredible increase of 67.05% compared to last year's 88 trips!

Organizer Challenge

Year Over Year Comparison



Other activities

Collaboration on Member surveys to help gather feedback and adjusting trip rating system.

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5. Editor's Report presented by Bill Maurer

Reintroduced the newsletter in its traditional format both online and printable. We produced 3 newsletters this year and hope to return to a frequency of 10 newsletters per year next year.

We also published a 120 page *Mountaineer* which is available for purchase for \$15. We normally publish *Mountaineers* every 2nd year on even years. We ran into some difficulties getting this one out so you

can expect another one in 2020. Send in your articles and photos to editor@bcmc.ca. Thanks to Alex Piros for getting this one out.

Historic newsletters now available on the club's website going back to the original series produced by Don Munday in 1923. There are some gaps but we're working towards making the complete collection available online in the News - Media section of the website. Old *Mountaineers* are also available online.

6. Webmaster Report presented by Bill Maurer

The club's email transition to gsuite is working well and all primary contact accounts are now using the bcmc.ca domain. The website was moved to a higher end server in early October which has eliminated the Resource Limit Exceeded messages and flaky behaviour we were occasionally getting with our previous provider. We are hosting bcmc.ca, bcmountainfoundation.ca, and backcountrybc.ca on the new server.

Website improvements:

- Simplified the trip grades to a single letter and number which represents the hardest grade of the trip to give people a clear idea of what they're getting into.
- Improved display of linked files
- Improved site security
- Increased visibility of Status, Stats, and Website Profile columns on events to all club members
- Added online webmail buttons for inter-member email.
- Increased functionality on past trips so that Participants List could be printed and Organizers can be altered after a trip has started.

7. Recreation and Conservation Report presented by Bill Maurer

Earlier this year we learned that Whistler Blackcomb is required to provide a backcountry access corridor from the bottom of Blackcomb to the Spearhead Range in their master development agreement with the province. We wrote some letters which resulted in a meeting being scheduled between Mountain Resorts Branch, BC Parks, and a number of stakeholders in April.

Shortly after this meeting it was determined that the safest route from the bottom of the mountain to the park is via Gondola Road and Sunset Blvd which reaches the base of 7th Heaven. This is least impacted by avalanche clearing operations and has good sight lines for both downhill and uphill skiers.

A conference call was scheduled for July. In preparation for the meeting we made it clear that we expected this issue to be resolved in time for the coming ski season. We also requested the name of the project manager they would be using and what steps they were taking to implement the corridor. It rapidly became clear that neither Vail nor MRB were taking this situation seriously and felt that just holding meetings was good enough. MRB subsequently cancelled the conference call and indicated they would form a different stakeholder group in the future.

So we are at an impasse. The MDA requires Blackcomb to provide a corridor through the resort to the park, Vail is refusing to designate a corridor, and Mountain Resorts Branch is refusing to enforce the terms of the MDA.

My recommendation would be to simply start using the corridor. If MRB wants to re-open talks, or Vale wants to discuss implementation details we're available to do that. In the meantime there's nothing that the mountain needs to do other than stop blocking the access that is required of them.

8. Cabins and Trails Report prepared by Paul Kubik

The spending summary is broken out by major project:

Project	Spent
Watersprite Hut	\$5,593.25
Watersprite Lake trail improvements	\$2,596.62
Watersprite signage	\$600.00
Crawford Hut	\$2,136.80
Watersprite Lake trailhead outhouse	\$12,560.30
North Creek Trail	\$8,297.23
Howe Sound Crest Trail North extension	\$616.37
Furry Creek trail to Mountain Lake	\$189.00
Sigurd/Rose Trail clearing	\$354.33
Cabin custodian mileage reimbursement	\$405.00
Coquihalla hut survey	\$204.00
Miscellaneous	\$825.60
Total	\$34,378.50

The total spent for fiscal 2019 was \$34,378. It represents a decrease of \$22,000 from 2018 when we spent \$56,643. But, in 2018 we spent \$21,000 to upgrade and protect Mountain Lake hut.

We are only able to sustain this amount of spend due to the enormous contributions from club members. That seems to be the situation we're in today. The province is fostering partnership agreements with not-for-profit organizations such as the BCMC. This direction is coming from the Minister of Forests and his senior director of Recreation Sites and Trails BC (RSTBC). Robert van der Zalm the acting director says, Most of the recreational opportunities could only be delivered through partnerships with volunteer groups and local governments, and we will continue to support our partners in providing these opportunities...

We currently have one partnership agreement with RSTBC for Watersprite Lake trail. As of this summer, we have one with BC Parks for Sigurd/Estevan Conservancy and Tantalus Provincial Park. We will perhaps have additional agreements in the next couple of years.

The challenge for us as a club is to keep and reward this impressive group of volunteers. Right now, the club is shouldering an unfair burden of trail maintenance. We need to motivate the general public to support us financially through the B.C. Mountain Foundation and eventually offload some of our work to contracted resources or a much larger volunteer base. As a side note, the board of directors invited Scouts Canada to our monthly meeting to discuss skills training and trail maintenance. So, we are already moving in the direction of establishing strategic alliances with other not-for-profits.

Watersprite Lake Hut

We spend a lot of money on the hut but it makes a lot more money than it costs. We plow the revenue back into hut and trail work. Last year, revenue was almost \$20,000.

We added basement venting to address a mold problem including two solar panels, custodian quarters, maintenance, mileage subsidy, flight costs. The boardwalk to the outhouse was extended. Dave Scanlon continues as our primary cabin custodian and keeps everything humming. Gordon Esplin provided expertise on the solar panel set up and installed them. We had a work party at the hut but it was cut short by bad weather. Terry Wong and Su Postill provided some excellent food for the starving workers.

Watersprite Lake trail improvements

The trail to the lake was cleared of deadfall and brushed out top to bottom. Boardwalk was added between Skullhead #2 and Demon #2. Chris Ludwig was trail boss, once again.

An information kiosk was erected at KM 5 (the Prow) and awaits signage. It was built primarily from discarded and recycled construction material.

Improvements to the trail around the lake were not done as bad weather prevented it.

Additional tent pads were built at the campsite. RSTBC repaired the tent pads and bear caches that were damaged by snow load last winter.

A hiking route was flagged from the cabin up to Demon Ridge to the north of the lake.

Watersprite Signage

We're trying to resolve conflicts with the motorized sector at Watersprite Lake. Chris Ludwig, Dave Scanlon and Paul Kubik met in spring in Squamish with RSTBC and three Sea to Sky snowmobile clubs to come to an understanding.

We developed signage with Recreation Sites and Trails BC and the Black Tusk Snowmobile Club to designate Watersprite Lake as a primary non-motorized area. Two signs were erected at the high cols between Watersprite and Martin lakes and Crawford Creek and Martin Lake. Additional signs will be installed on the winter route to Watersprite Lake along the edge of the road at the swamp.

Crawford Creek hut survey

We submitted an application for a hut in Crawford Creek near the edge of Pinecone Burke Provincial Park. We received comments from RSTBC and BC Parks which we are in the process of addressing. The approval is being affected by the park master planning process going on for Pinecone Burke. Chris Ludwig, Dave Scanlon and Paul Kubik met with BC Parks in August to further understand the issues. We continue to have an open communication channel to the park planner, Regan Kohlhardt based in Squamish.

We visited the proposed hut site in August with SLA Architects to do further planning work. The architects are interested in producing a design for a hut that we would then consider for the site.

Watersprite Lake trailhead outhouse

We received funding from RSTBC and the newly created B.C. Mountain Foundation to construct an outhouse at the trailhead. It went into operation in August. Mike Knudson spearheaded the project with a marvelous design using a foot pedal to actuate a conveyor belt that removes the solid waste to a drum. Liquid waste is separated and drains into the gravel.

North Creek trail and hut

We have a wonderful cabin in North Creek but no one can get to it in summer. The approach trail is through extensive slide alder and there are major creek crossings that can be dangerous. Our goal is to build a decent trail with safe creek crossings to permit summer access. With the loss of road bridges in Macparlon Creek, the Pebble hut custodians now prefer to access the Pebble hut from North Creek.

North Creek saw several trail work parties and a 5-day camp in July this year. We're still working on the Section 57 application for the trail. It has required several site surveys to locate a suitable crossing point of North Creek. Ed Zenger and Gordon Esplin have been spearheading this effort. We also did trail maintenance and firewood restocking. Thanks to Brian Sheffield for the heavy chainsaw work. The stove

pipe was assessed and while corroded we decided not to replace it this year as we may buy a more fuel-efficient stove for 2020. Dave Scanlon led the crew that built a new outhouse. We brought in a falling specialist from Pemberton to cut a dangerous leaning tree that was threatening the cabin. Cali Vindeirinho worked with the various crews. Wayne Dalzell did some caulking on the roof as it was reportedly leaking.

Howe Sound Crest Trail northern extension

We are extending the trail between Mountain Lake and Shannon Creek. The BC Mountain Foundation received a grant of \$9,000 from Sea to Sky Gondola to make it happen. We have authorization from RSTBC to proceed. We surveyed the trail location in July but were unable to get back in to construct the trail due to bad weather in September and early October.

Furry Creek trail to Mountain Lake

We want to increase usage of Mountain Lake hut. The club is pursuing two strategies to make it happen. The first is to make the trail from Shannon Creek to facilitate access from Sea to Sky Gondola. The second is to further improve access from Furry Creek.

Sigurd/Crooked/Rose trail maintenance

We now have a volunteer partnership agreement with BC Parks to maintain our three trails in Sigurd Creek—Sigurd/Crooked Falls/Rose. Andrew Wong and I had been working on getting the agreement approved for several years. This summer, Kara Palangio, senior park ranger based in Squamish, was able to get the agreement signed by the province.

Over about five or six work parties, we cleared major blowdown on the Sigurd, Rose and Crooked Falls trails.

Cabin custodian mileage reimbursement

We support cabin custodians by subsidizing mileage.

Coquihalla hut survey

Henry Dejong is spearheading the site surveys of a potential shelter or cabin in the Coq. His report was recently posted internally to the cabins and trails committee.

9. Socials Report prepared by Susanne Postill and Terry Wong

We had a very fun and successful year of socials! We had a wide variety of presenters from film screenings, a first-time short film, creative photography tips, nature advocacy and various club member adventures from around the globe.

Thank you so much to everyone who helped us throughout the year with the socials – Chris, Dave, Paul O, Carolyn Steingard, June Sanders, Eve and Jody Nguyen. And a special thank you to our neighbor, Brian Ganter (a non-member) who came out to help us as well.

We started the year off by finding a new meeting space for our monthly executive meetings. The new space at the Cedar Cottage Pub is free, can accommodate our new larger board as well as guests, and we are able to order food & drinks during our meetings. We have continued to rent the attic space at the Anza for the same evening. This ensures we are still able to use the space for future meetings and/or courses.

The attendance for our socials has increased substantially. December and January attendance was at capacity. The Anza now provides us with a door and security person. Attendees are staying longer to mingle after the presentations and the Anza has reported that bar sales have increased.

Our December 2018 social brought in \$280 in new memberships and \$680 in tickets (admission was \$10 for non-members), for a total of \$960. Paul O offered those who asked about joining online (when they got home after the social) a 3-month extension, so they essentially recovered their \$10 admission.

We also had the honor of celebrating a long-time club member's 100th birthday at our October social!

In addition to the socials, Terry and I have also been involved with the Cabins and Trails Committee throughout the year. We have participated in meetings, hiked into Watersprite as custodians several times (as well as various work around the cabin), and had several signs made for the Watersprite cabin & area. Since the majority of the summer was spent with the C&T Committee volunteer work, we did not hold a typical annual Volunteer barbecue. We had an impromptu barbecue at our house (due to a weather cancelled trip into Watersprite) as well as a barbecue up at the Watersprite cabin in August. Terry purchased a portable barbecue for the club as we did not have one before.

Thank you for a fun year! We are looking forward to another great year with the club.

2018-2019/20 Social Presenters

Month	Presenter	Topic
Dec 18	Anna Segal	Finding the Line (Film)
Jan 19	Steven Levkin, Taylor Livingston, Richard Carey	Forever Upwards: Climbing Mexico's Highest Mountains
Feb 19	Bradford Pope McArthur	Shooting when the environment is against you
Mar 19	Shaun Luong	Adventures in the Rockies
Apr 19	Frauke Seewald	Hut-to-hut Tour (Chamonix to Zermatt)
May 19	Gina	BCMC Winter Camp 2019
June 19	Marcus Raynerson	Mountain Caribou Initiative
Sept 19	Mike Knudson	Mt Logan – Kings Trench Route
Oct 19	Alice Purdy	Geri-Arctics Ellesmere Island Expedition
Nov 19	Mike Danks	BCMC AGM & NSR
Dec 19	Laura Wong	Hiking in Hokkaido: the Daisetsuzan Traverse and other adventures
Jan 20	Brian Jones (Canada West Mountain School)	Avalanche Safety
Feb 20	Wayne Pattern	Wapta Traverse (two ways)

10. Equipment Report prepared by Winifred Swatschek

Mission

Enhance and expand the club gear to lower the financial barrier and burden to club members either expanding their mountaineering skills or gaining more experience before committing to purchase.

Tasks

Equipment

A plan of expected expenses and procurement categories was developed. Initial purchases were done to support courses and camps.

- Climbing
 - Snow & ice protection
 - Rock protection
 - Helmets
 - Ropes
- Education supplies
 - Snow study
 - Avalanche training equipment
- Snow Safety
 - Transceiver, Shovels, Probes
- Safety/Communications
- Overnight equipment
 - Winter tents
 - Liquid fuel stove
- Equipment Storage
 - Rental
 - Storage organization

Equipment Storage

For the time being, the current storage location is being retained. A shelving unit was donated to help with keeping the locker space organized.

To reduce the burden of changing codes and maintain the security of club equipment, access to the storage facility is limited to the following individuals:

- Winifred Swatschek
- Oudi Cherfi
- Paul Kubik
- Barnard Foo
- Esteban Guisado

Rental Program

Equipment list, usage restrictions (for example: courses only), deposits, and rental fees have been developed. Future work involves incorporating this into an online booking software to better handle rental/deposit fees in addition to booking.

item	rental category	deposit	BCMC weekend	BCMC week	replacement cost
Avalanche beacon	member rental	\$ 150.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 300.00
Avalanche shovel	member rental	\$ -	\$ 3.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 45.00
Avalanche Practice Beacons	member rental	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2-burner propane stove	member rental	\$ 40.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 80.00
stove, personal (canister / liquid gas)	member rental	\$ 85.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 170.00
Tent (3.5-season)	member rental	\$ 250.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 500.00
Sleeping pad (z-lite)	member rental	\$ -	\$ 3.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 45.00
Mountaineering ice axe	member rental	\$ 50.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 100.00
Ice climbing axes (pair)	member rental	\$ 300.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 600.00
Carabiners, non-lockers	courses/camps only	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 7.00
Carabiners, lockers	courses/camps only	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 15.00
Snow Picket	member rental	\$ -	\$ 3.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 30.00
Rope, half, 60m	courses/camps only	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 220.00
Rope, static, 60m	courses/camps only	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 220.00
Two-way radios, per pair	member rental	\$ 100.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 170.00
PLB	member rental	\$ 200.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 200.00