

Minutes of Semi Annual Meeting Sept 27th 2019

1. **Meeting was called to Order** at 7:30 and Cheryl Tomalty explained the absence and regrets of Francine the President for whom she was subbing.
2. **Minutes** of the previous meeting October 2018 – passed
3. **Executive was introduced** – Doug as Vice President; Julie as IT problem solver; Jenny acting as Secretary for Pam who is absent; Elizabeth who sent regrets and Solange, the Treasurer also absent and sent regrets.
4. **President Report:** No report submitted since Francine was absent
5. **Cabin Report;** Appended at end.
 - a. **Because of the new Membee system, Jenny put forward a Motion that: *the club will no longer sell spots to non members. Any non member wishing to go on a trip must first become a member and can then proceed to purchase a trip through the website.***
Motion passed unanimously.
6. **Trip coordinator Report:** Cheryl mentioned that she liked the new system. She would still have to be involved as once purchased the names of the member will still have to be placed in the Membee manually which may take a day or two. She re-assured members that once members have received the receipt for a trip, they will definitely be IN that trip.
7. **Finance Report:** Attached. Cheryl mentioned that the club is actively trying to reduce the “profit” and is expected to bring the bank balance down from \$10,800 to \$9,240 by the end of the year. It is important that the club retain a contingency fund for the deposit on the chalets at the beginning of the year and also in case of a “bad year” where fewer spots are sold. Once the chalets are reserved in July, the club is financially committed.
8. **IT Report:** Julie talked about the new Membee System.

- a. She told us that it was a system to assist with Membership and Events only; the financial transactions were completed by a second system – Bambora. It had had it growing pains but she was finally solving most of them and urged members who were experiencing difficulties to contact her as most of them had solutions. Ipads and Telus had been the most difficult.
- b. Trips will be posted October 15th at 8:00am and members can sign up to purchase a trip by clicking the link in the event calendar, located on the home page and also under “Events”. Once a spot has been purchased, members should proceed to the signup page to register for meals, carpooling, etc.
- c. There are 3 ways to navigate to the signup page:
 - c.i. Through the calendar; click the link; pay and reserve your spot. The payment page has a link to the sign up page.
 - c.ii. Under Events: there is a page “Trips and Activities” which lists all the trips with links to the sign up page.
 - c.iii. Under Events/Snow Related Events: each trip's signup page is listed there
- d. The sign up page will indicate meals, travel plans, meeting times etc. There will also be an attendee list which will have email facilities.
- e. Payment will be via credit card only – no paypal etc. **but DO NOT ask them to store your card as this system has bugs in it and is not secure.**
- f. There are certain Legal requirements regarding information required: Address and emergency contacts. Many members did not complete the emergency contact information when they joined so members are urged to please do so now.
- g. Julie told us that she had created a menu item, HELP. Located there is information on how to fill out your emergency contact information. If there is something that

you feel should be explained better, please contact Julie and she will add another page to the “Help” menu.

- h. Snow shoeing etc.: if you completed the information form when you joined about interest in snow shoeing, cross country skiing etc. a list will be generated from this information and you will be contacted by email regarding these specific activities. If you do NOT want to be contacted, please update your profile and remove the specified activity.
 - i. Non sporting activities such as the wine and cheese and BBQ's, that do not have immediate payment requirements will be displayed on a system similar to tonight's sign up. Members will need to go to the sign up link; then to the “add entry icon” displayed. A separate page will appear to add your name for the event. When the process is complete the first of several sheets will show the list of attendees – your individual name MAY NOT BE ON THE FIRST PAGE, you may need to scroll or click on the last page indicated to find the name that you have just added.
 - j. There will be an opportunity to email all members if you need to sell your spot once purchased. Further instructions on how to sell a spot on a trip will be included under the “Help” menu.
 - k. There is a service fee charged by Bambora but the club is absorbing this cost for this year as part of the attempt to reduce the financial capital. It is 2.8% which is better than many others.
 - l. A member made a suggestions that we have “not to be used for commercial purposes” written somewhere in the system to try to prevent misuse of the list of email addresses.
- 9. Sun Peaks Trip Report:** Heather reported that she has booked 2 chalets, both of which are full with 18 paid up people. There is a waiting list of 7 people and she will be researching a third chalet after next week end for these members. The date of the trip is March 1st to March 7th and the price will be approximately \$485 per member (price depends on the exact numbers).

10. Snow Shoe Report:

- a. Daya MacIntosh has volunteered to run a weekly, Tuesday. moderate snow shoe trip which will be approximately 2 hours in the local mountains.
- b. Manning Park Trip: A volunteer from the Sunshine coast, Sigrid Boss, has offered to run a trip to Manning Park Dec 11/12th. She has been there several times in the past and has enjoyed the festive atmosphere of the place at that time of year. There will be a full moon during that time and a night time snow shoe is planned. It will cost a baseline of \$110 if there are 8 persons signed up for it or \$208 if only 4 are signed up. Executive have decided that we will post an “expression of interest” initially so that we can assess the numbers interested. We need to know by Nov 8th so that we can cancel the chalet if there is no interest in this trip. Follow the link from the event calendar to reach the sign up page.
- c. Whistler Trip: Jenny has volunteered to run a trip to Whistler Feb 11th and 12th. This will be from the WAC, will cover a variety of trails and currently there is accommodation for 12 people in standard or double rooms plus 2 moderate or single rooms.

11. New Member Report: Jenny introduced Anne Marie Dussalt who recently joined us in order to participate in the Interior Sun Peaks trip.

12. Summer Activities: Cheryl thanked the following volunteers:

- a.i. **Arthur Lukey** – organized 16 members in a golf tournament.
- a.ii. **Christine Chandler** hosted 22 members in a hike and BBQ event from her house on the sunshine coast.
- a.iii. **Mary Gurney** led 8 members in a 60K bike ride through Richmond
- a.iv. **Pam and Jamie Lawson** hosted 44 members at the hike and BBQ event at their house.
- a.v. **Vera Linton** led 8 members on a tree walk in Kitsilano.

13. Date of the Christmas Party is December 6th. Sign up now – follow the link from the calendar to the sign up page.

14. Cheryl thanked tonight's volunteers: Pauline and Luke on preparation, Arlene and Vera on \$\$ collection, Renata, Cheryl, Trent and Daya on door monitoring; Kathleen, Michael, Terry, Geri and Margaret Landstrum on clean up, Tom behind the bar. Much appreciated – thank you!

15. Meeting Adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Thomas, September 27th 2019 for Pam Lawson - Secretary

Cabin Coordinator Report 2019

Date: Friday Sept 27th

Cabins: Rizzardo; Manfred and WAC

Rizzardo:

4 X 2 day trips in Jan and Feb

Sleeps 6 persons – 1 King; 1 queen and 2 singles.

3 bathrooms

Manfred:

5 X 2 day trips in Feb and Mar.

Sleeps 7 – 1 King; 1 bunk; 2 singles and 1 queen

Gender issues – camp bed available – kept at Julie's and needs to be collected by trip leader prior to actual trip.

General Trip:

Trip leader who volunteers to oversee the organization of the trip i.e. sign up for

Food – pot luck or going out preference for dinner; lunch and b'fast on your own. Your own drinks of choice.

Travel – car pooling as parking is limited – 3 Rizz & 2 Manfred

Meeting arrangements – first day skiing or at chalet

The leader and I and the individuals in the group will be able to email the group so that individual contact can be made.

Process:

Date of first sign up for available trips is October 15th

There will be no interested column this year.

Julie will explain how to do this later or has been explaining

Sign up for food, travel and meeting as soon as you can.
PLEASE SIGN UP EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT NEEDING
CAR POOLING OR SKIING ON THE FIRST DAY ETC
SO THAT OTHER GROUP MEMBERS KNOW WHAT IS
HAPPENING

I check the availability of every trip and contact those who are signed up as and also send out emails to the group to try to fill the cabins. We run at a loss if the cabins have spare spots but we can cancel reservations at WAC if it is done 2 weeks prior.

There has been a lot of discussion around allowing non members to participate in Whistler and other chalet trips.

The current policy is that spots on these trips can be sold 2/3 days in advance and non member pays an extra \$20 (equivalent of membership fee) to the advertised price. Most people join.

I would like to put forward a motion that:

***The club will no longer sells spots to non members.
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sign up as a member on the Membee website and
then proceed to purchase trips.***

WAC:

Whistler Athletic Centre

Only weekends reserved except for the 1 snow shoe trip arranged for Feb 11/12th

Start Nov 29th and go through until April 10/11th with 8 between.

Large communal Kitchen; 2 bathrooms every 4 bedrooms; 2 lounges per floor; 2 single beds per room – standard or double room at \$129 per person or 1 single in a moderate – at \$183 per person.

Same sign up re travel, food and meeting arrangements.

The numbers and people who have reserved will be indicated on Membee

Private usage of WAC facilities is available to members but you must have an introduction via myself before you can book so that I can verify your membership.

Meet many young athletes – mostly very glad to receive gifts of left over food from our groups!

More difficult to meet the others in your group so need to ensure that you have the cell phones so that you can arrange meeting times etc.

Good location for cross country skiing or snow shoeing at Callaghan Lodge – Olympic venue for these sports.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Thomas, Sept 17th 2019

Cabin coordinator