



The Packrat



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Skiing above Bow Hut, Mt St. Nicholas

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Editor's Note

This is my first issue of The Packrat. As you have already noticed, I have changed the layout completely. I hope that you will enjoy reading it as much as I did while I was producing it.

Being the first issue following the AGM, you will find more "formal" documents like the AGM and the Executive minutes, the Trip Director's Annual Report, including the statistics and some articles on the new waiver. You will also find an interesting trip report on the West Coast Trail and a letter to the members.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our previous Editor, Suzanne, for an excellent job, even though she has been out of town quite often. Also, if you have a picture that you would like to be on the cover page of a future issue, please let me know and I will arrange to scan it for you.

Thank you and happy reading.❖

President's Message

By Dorothy-Ann Reimer

Seracs, prusik, suncups, and, my favourite, sastrugi. All words that are contained in the Glossary as part of the new Outdoor Activities Guide being handed out with the new Membership Application and Waiver. No, I won't give you the answers - you'll have to read the Guide yourself!

By now you are probably aware that there is a new waiver in place which, effective December 1, will replace the old one. Elsewhere you'll find Bob St. John's article on how to apply for membership as well as some background info.

I think this waiver is a good one. But, as much as the waiver is important, even more important is the process by which we read and understand both it and the Outdoor Activities Guide. By reading all this and signing, we are agreeing that we understand the risks we take and accept the consequences.

It would be nice to think - "There, that's done. Now we can forget about it". However, in a changing world such as we live in, we can't afford to sit back complacently. At the AGM, even before 'the ink was dry' on the original forms, members of the Executive Committee realised that changes would be needed to allow us to bring guests (which you told us firmly that you wanted). So, minor as they are, some changes were made. We still have more to do to set policies for bringing guests and minor children and for handling your future concerns.

The original Waiver Committee believed its work was done when they turned the documents over to the previous Executive in August. And that's true so far as the waiver is concerned. However, most of you never saw the Guide before picking up your application. So, you'll probably have concerns or questions about what you read there.

Therefore the Executive would like a few dedicated

souls to volunteer to help pull together all the bits & pieces, the comments & concerns to come and make sure our Guide does the job for which it is intended. After all - as the saying goes - nothing is "cast in stone".

Here's what we'd like from you:

- (1) Think about what you read and give us your feedback. Fill in the comment forms that came with your waiver package.
- (2) Volunteer to be part of a post-Waiver Clean-up Group. I promise it won't go on forever, perhaps just until Spring. We sure could use the help.

Enough about the waiver. I'm sure that I'm gonna' hear from you if not on paper then, at least, on the trails.

Remember also to give us feedback on our prototype website. Keith Walker, our volunteer webmaster, is already well into the design and build stage. We are pretty excited about this so have a look-see and give us your feedback. Address is www.ramblers.ab.ca.

I want to say a few words about your new Executive. I think they are a great bunch and I am delighted to be part of this team. Some are returnees - Danielle Tardif as VP, Carl Potter as Programs. Some are shifts - Ron Hunter over to Treasurer. Some have returned to the Exec after absences - Bob St. John as Trips Director, and I; and some are brand new - Barbara Fischer for Social, D Mulligan as Secretary, Denis Longu p e for Packrat and, most important, Joyce as our new Membership Director.

Now that I've had my first ski - my earliest ever on Nov. 11 - I can hardly wait to get out again. Here's to lots of powder, a good base, and none of those huge elk prints to mar the downhill gliding. Happy outdoor activity-ing. ❖

Multi-Day Ski Trips

D Mulligan is organising a backcountry ski tour to the ACC Wates-Gibson hut in the Tonquin Valley, Jasper Park from Feb 01-05, 2001. Rated to OT5, avalanche equipment required, cost to \$100.00 plus food and gasoline. Call him for further details.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OPEN HOUSE

DECEMBER 6, 2000 @ 7:30 P.M.

Once again the RMRA second annual Open House will be held at the Rosemont Community Hall. There will be a slide show on our winter activities and a demonstration table on winter safety. Baking from members will be appreciated.

POT LUCK DINNER

DECEMBER 20, 2000 @ 6:30 P.M.

The hall will be open an hour earlier than the usual Wednesdays so that we can all socialise and share those wonderful dishes. Please bring a dish for 6 people or so and don't forget to bring your plate, bowl, glass and cutlery.

AVALANCHE AWARENESS COURSE

JANUARY 13 & 14, 2001 COST: \$80

Introduction to avalanche safety hosted by the RMRA (offered to CASC members). The instructor is Albi Sole from the U of C Outdoor Program. For more information or to register, please contact Danielle Tardif at 210-2501.

INTRODUCTION TO CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

DECEMBER 8 (EVENING) & 16 (ALL DAY), 2000 COST: \$60

Introduction to cross-country skiing offered to RMRA members only by Dawn Jones. For more information or to register, please contact Dawn Jones at 289-2271 box # 2

To Change or Not to Change

By John F. Schleinich

In the last few months we have heard a great variety of arguments voiced either for or against our newly proposed waiver and it's implementation. The main controversy was its necessity. Most of the opposition to this change came from the old-timers. Not only did they not see the usefulness of the change, but in their opinion, it was detrimental to the friendly atmosphere and camaraderie so far prevalent in our club.

In addition, I listened to many discussions amongst the old-timers on this subject and the person who they label responsible for these changes was predominantly Bob St John. A majority believes Bob has too much free time on his hands, so he churns these new ideas

out as fast as his computer can print them. In one person's opinion, Bob should find a job to occupy his time.

The reason for me adding more unnecessary words to this long list of palavers is two folds. First, I am an old timer too, perhaps more old than -timer, but a member for over 20 years, and second, I want to express my appreciation to Bob for doing such an enormous amount of work and doing it extremely well. I for one am glad he had the time and the energy to do it. Possibly because I see past our handful of true-blue ramblers of long ago, who are trustworthy and well meaning almost to a fault, into the entire club of nearly 300 members.

Most of the people I ever took out on trips I knew and trusted, and I know they would not drag me into court in case of injuries or mishaps, but can I say that for their children or other relatives too? And how about members who go on other co-ordinators trips? Just because I am not the leader of such a trip, as a co-ordinator I too am liable to get legally and financially involved.

There were arguments, I have heard about our "super jocks" taking "super trips" and therefore great risks. They want to protect themselves and are therefore putting everybody else trough a lot of inconvenience and annoyance. Well perhaps this annoyance is necessary to protect all the co-ordinators from possible lawsuits. Lawsuits which can result from accidents on all category trips.

Regardless, whether we want to admit it or not, changes are the rule of life. Most of us don't like them, I detest most of them. For us who have been around for a long while, changes bring only new pain, new restrictions and new obstacles, making our difficult lives only more difficult. But thanks God for the young people; they will continue were we left off. I used to enjoy things they are enjoying now. It's their turn. Let us not begrudge them their fun. Time flies.❖

**Deadline for next Packrat is:
January 17, 2001**

Highlights of Executive Meeting - October 24

By Dorothy-Ann Reimer

The new executive met Oct. 24. Present were Garry Denman, Barbara Fischer, Ron Hunter, Denis Longuépée, D Mulligan, Carl Potter, Dorothy-Ann Reimer, Danielle Tardif, Joyce, and Bob St.

John. Following are some of the main items covered. If any member would like further information or their own copy, contact Secretary D Mulligan or any other Executive Member.

The Club has purchased a metre of the TransCanada Trail in honour of Art Davis.

Membership of current members (as of Sept 30) was extended to the end of November and new members would be allowed to join under the old system with the understanding that they will have to sign the new waiver when it is available.

It was decided to hold a Forum on Nov. 8 so that members could express their opinions on how they would like to handle bringing guests on trips. It would also be an opportunity for members to ask questions about the new member application & waiver.

Ron Hunter & Loris will complete filing the bylaws. Ron also presented the Club rules, which contain clauses that were formerly in the bylaws. These rules were adopted by a unanimous vote.

The Annual Car Camp broke even. The Annual Dinner will have to be a set meal instead of a buffet because not enough advance tickets were sold. A date of Dec 13 was set for the Christmas potluck subject to Hall availability [subsequently changed to Dec 20].

The Winter Open House will be organised for Dec 6 by Carl with Barb, Danielle and Bob looking after food, advertising and slides.

Danielle will look into re-activating the Safety Committee in late winter, as it has been dormant for the past year.

It was agreed to pay Rosemont Comm. Assoc. \$2000 for Hall rental for the coming year.

Joyce explained that trip waivers should be kept at least 2 years.

Letter to the Members

Dear Members,

This letter is to you, the members, to express how I have so enjoyed meeting and hiking with you, the past two years. Your acceptance of me and my sense of humour means a lot to me, thank you. I returned to Alberta to look for work and ended up in Acme, I heard about the Ramblers, so in early 1999, I joined the club.

I have participated in numerous day hikes and have done several backpacks with the club as well. I would like to thank the co-ordinators for the enjoyment I have had doing them. The camaraderie and the many car rides are really appreciated. As was the surprise birthday cake and signed card at the car camp this year.

I thank all the girls who tried to keep up with my dancing at the dinner and dance!! I did so enjoy the evening but may I suggest singing is not our thing!! We should stick to hiking. It was indeed, a wonderful way to wind up my hiking season, one that included making my hike of a lifetime, Snowbird Pass in Mt Robson Park. It truly is one incredible view from the Pass.

I won't name any single person as being special because you are all special to me. I do so appreciate the pleasure and honour of hiking with you and I close by saying that being a part of the Club has greatly improved the quality of my life. For this, I sincerely thank you, the members.

I look forward to hiking with you all again next season. Until then, take care of yourselves.

Yours Gratefully,

Dennis Mould

The next Packrat will be published Nov. 29 with a deadline for submissions Nov. 15. It was agreed unanimously to send this edition to all current members.

The prototype website address was given out and everyone was encouraged to look at it and provide feedback to our webmaster, Keith Walker. ❖

Membership and the Waiver

By Bob St. John

The new Membership Application 2000-2001 package is now being implemented and will take effect Dec 1, 2000. This article will briefly explain the components of the membership package and how to apply for membership.

APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP

The package consists of an Application form, an Outdoor Activities Guide, and a Comment form.

To apply for membership:

1. Pick up a package at a Wednesday meeting.
2. Read the Guide and the Application form at home. Complete the form and either mail it or bring it to a meeting with your membership fees.
3. Your form will be checked and a membership card issued. If you mail the form, you may pick up your card at anytime.

When you receive this issue of the Packrat the membership package may be available online at "www.ramblers.ab.ca".

TRIP SIGNUP

As before, participants will sign a trip sheet. **Note that the trip sheet no longer contains a waiver.** You will be signing to a statement that you are a member and have signed the Release of Liability, Waiver of all Possible Claims and Assumption of Risk.

Co-ordinators are asked to return the trip sheet to the Membership Director sometime after the trip. The Association should have a record of activities for legal reasons.

GUESTS AND MINOR CHILDREN

In the near future the club will have forms for guests and minor children similar to the form used by members.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

After you complete your application, please consider filling out the comment form provided, or speaking to a member of the Executive. The waiver documents form the basis for all our outdoor activities, and the Association needs your input to make sure errors or

omissions do not exist in either the Application form or the Guide. The Executive will be active in making sure any errors or omissions are corrected.

WAIVERS IN GENERAL

The risk of a successful claim against the Association, the Executive, Co-ordinators, and member participants is small, but not zero. The following are four ways for an organisation like the RMRA to protect itself and its members:

1) Doing nothing is an option that has been employed in the past. It requires a certain amount of luck to succeed.

2) Implementing a simple waiver, like our old waiver, is a method of transferring legal liability risk over to the participant. Some lawyers believe a properly worded waiver will hold up in court; and there have been cases where they have, even when negligence on the part of the defendant has been shown. Waivers have also been thrown out if they were too general in nature; or when it could be shown the plaintiff was not aware of what they were signing, or were not properly informed of the risks associated with the activity. Waivers that target a specific activity have been the most successful.

3) Implementing a comprehensive waiver and assumption of risk, like our new waiver package, transfers legal liability risk as well as physical risk over to the participant. The participant is forewarned of the risks and hazards, and assumes the liability that may arise from the activity. Some lawyers and many insurance professionals prefer an assumption of risk agreement to a simple waiver. By describing in detail the activity and its associated risks, both the waiver and the assumption of risk agreements are stronger. It is also in the Association's best interest to prepare members for the activities.

4) Buying insurance is a method of transferring legal liability over to insurance companies for a fee. The Calgary Ski Club and Elbow Valley Cycle Club have liability insurance for their executive and trip volunteers at a cost of about \$6,000 to \$7,000 per year. Insurance companies would require a comprehensive waiver and assumption of risk package similar to that which the

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RMRA is now implementing. The Association should review from time to time the possibility of acquiring insurance.

HISTORY OF THE NEW WAIVER

A waiver committee was established by motion at the 1999 AGM, which provided a budget of \$1,500 for legal advice. The committee reviewed legal precedents and other waivers, and with our lawyer drew up the comprehensive waiver and assumption of risk that were approved at the 2000 AGM.

COMPONENTS OF THE NEW PACKAGE

1. The Release and Waiver of Liability appears in the bottom half of Part 3 of the Application form. Its language is quite formal, and reads like any Release that you sign when joining other clubs, or when participating in commercial activities. Our old "Consent and Release" was quite good as well, and would have sufficed with minor changes if all we wanted were a simple Release. A flaw of the old Release is that it included "transportation" as part of the activities covered. This would have made it difficult for victims of an automobile accident to make a claim to the driver's insurance company. All drivers must carry insurance by law, and it is not in the best interest of members for the Association to try to take away their right to make a legitimate claim - that is the reason why we pay for and have car insurance.

2. The Assumption of Risk appears in the top half of Part 3 of the Application form. Some important clauses are listed on the form, but much of the information about the risks, hazards, and descriptions of activities, etc., appears in the Guide. The more detailed the description of activities, risks, and hazards, the more powerful the agreement. Our old "Consent and Release" states that there are risks in the activities, but makes no effort to define or detail them.

3. The Member's Agreement is Part 2 of the Application form. The actual terms of membership are in Chapter 2 of the Guide. You agree to the terms when

becoming a member. The terms define some basic attitudes expected of members, and some regulations that members must follow. Many of these topics were in various manuals, minutes, or other documents; but some terms are new. They have now been brought together in one agreement that people can read before becoming members.

4. How a waiver is presented to a participant is often more important than the wording of the waiver. Waivers have been thrown out if it could be shown that the plaintiff:

- a) Did not understand what they were signing;
- b) Did not have time to understand what they were signing; or
- c) Did not have any choice but to sign.

Our old system of signing the waiver at the car-pooling site or trailhead was subject to all these problems. The new process gives prospective members sufficient time to read and understand the Application form and the Guide. They are also encouraged to seek independent legal advice to ensure they understand what rights they are voluntarily giving up.

TRIPS OUTSIDE OF CANADA

Our new waiver has a clause that states it is governed by the laws of Alberta. Participants on trips outside of Canada should be citizens and residents of Canada. Members are advised to purchase additional medical, automobile and travel insurance on these trips.

ENOUGH ALREADY!!

All this is serious stuff and should not be taken lightly by any member. In the future members should review this material when renewing their membership or before participating in activities that are new to them. Having said that we should not get too hung up on waivers, or forget what we belong to this club for - to have enjoyable experiences in the outdoors with friends.❖

Seal Gone Missing

The RMRA Seal (the authenticating type) is missing. If you are aware of its whereabouts please let someone on the executive know. The last recollection is of it being in the storage room at the hall. Did we give it away when we cleaned out that room last year, or is some one just providing safe storage?

West Coast Trail 2000

By Jean Amatt

At the end of last June, 7 Ramblers eventually began the West Coast Trail for 6 nights, 7 days and 75 kms of what Parks Canada describes as “one of the most gruelling treks in N. America”. I say “eventually”, since the planning had been a challenge in itself, culminating with our hard working co-ordinator, Anita having to bow out because of work commitments. Linda Eastwood took over and with much help from Garry Denman, the group finally met in Port Alberni on Jun 28th.

There are several ways to do the WCT and we opted to leave our cars at Port Alberni and take the West Coast Trail Express to Port Renfrew at the south end of the trail. The decision to start at the south end was made for us by availability dates. There are only 26 people allowed daily on each end, 20 of which must have bookings, that have to be made 2 months in advance. Getting through on the phone is much like a lottery system.

The West Coast Trail Express cost \$50.00 each and it took 4 hours to get to Port Renfrew, not exactly a Mecca. After fish and chips at the local pub, we made our own entertainment by picking salmonberries along the roadside and afterwards with a toast to Anita back at our motel.

Next morning, after an hour and a half's orientation, we were finally on our way with a quick ferry ride across the Gordon River to the trailhead. After 4 hours of slogging along a pretty boring stretch of the trail, and climbing to the highest point, a mere 600 ft above sea level, we emerged at our first campsite, Thrasher Cove. There was very little room amongst the driftwood piles, especially since that particular week the tides were extra high. Barb and Peter Fischer were closest to the sea and had a hard time dropping off to sleep until after high tide at 11.30pm. Other campers were over confident and even after warnings, didn't shift their tent until the waves were lapping around their front door!

Since none of us were thrilled about returning up 101 precipitous steps to the trail next morning, we opted to get up at 5am to catch low tide and stay on the beach around to Owen Point. This was a magnificent place with sea arches and caves and we played around for a bit, keeping a watchful eye on the tide, something you

always have to do on the WCT. After another couple of hours negotiating surge channels and slimy rock shelves, we reluctantly returned to the trail and continued on through what turned out to be the toughest part of the whole trip. The going was painfully slow, approximately 1km an hour.



We climbed over roots the size of tree trunks, slithered through endless mud puddles, negotiated umpteen stretches of rotten boardwalk and generally wondered “Why the heck are we doing this – and paying for it at that?” And then there were the ladders..... 75 sets of them in all and over the next two days, the quantity and height of them were gruelling. Add to that, cable cars across creeks, suspension bridges to bounce on and endless rain forest with hardly a glimpse of the ocean. The rain forest is actually very beautiful and steeped in history but somehow it was hard to appreciate that day.

Despite our weariness, we had lots of laughs and thankfully no major accidents. After 12 hours of hiking, we collapsed down 136 steps into Cullite Creek campground with only 13 kms behind us. Next day was much the same until lunch time, when we emerged at Walbran Creek to an open, sunny beach where we lingered for a good while, drinking in the sights and sounds of the ocean. From here, the whole tone of the trip changed and in retrospect, we were glad we'd started at the tough end even though our packs were heavier. The thought of ending the hike in such terrain was psychologically damaging! So it was with great relief that we continued along the beach for most of the next couple of days, even though it's tough on your legs, hiking in shale and sand carrying a heavy pack. At

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least now we could appreciate the bald eagles, whales, seals and numerous other sea creatures in the tide pools.

The third campsite, Bonilla Point epitomises what the WCT is all about. There was nothing there, no facilities and no other hikers, just us on the edge of the Pacific camping amongst the driftwood piles. The weather was perfect too – a reward indeed for all that slogging of the previous two days. The next stretch took us past Carmanah Lighthouse and a visit to Chez Monique's, a trading post set up on Indian land. Monique is married to one of the local natives and is allowed to have a temporary structure here for a few months of the year. Some folks like it, others think it detracts from the wilderness experience but we did see a few hikers enjoying a real breakfast. After a few snacks and warm drinks we were on our way to Cribs Creek, our next campsite. We had intended to make a side trip up Carmanah Creek to see the largest tree in Canada, the Carmanah Giant, and a Sitka spruce some 312-ft high. However, the trail was overgrown from Garry's recollections of 10 years ago and after a couple of mishaps slipping off rocks and Colleen ripping her pants, we decided to quit.

After Cribs Creek, we crossed the most beautiful beach on the entire trail. Hard packed sand – what a joy to walk on! Unfortunately, there's no water supply so not many people camp here. Just after the beach the sluggish Cheewat River flows into the ocean but you wouldn't want to drink that. The native name means "river of urine" and that's just what it looks like. Again, we returned to the trail for an hour or so until we reached Nitinat Narrows where the local natives have built a dock and you can while away some time drinking cold beer and eating fresh crab – for a fee of course. It's also a good meeting place to exchange stories with other hikers and to resist the temptation to tell those travelling in the opposite direction what they're in for! Eventually, we got a ride across the Narrows. All the ferry crossings are included in the fee of \$120 to hike the trail, so no money changes hands at this point.

Then it was back to the trail but nothing like the trail of a few days ago. This was spectacular, high above the cliffs with stunning views of the surf and little coves around every corner. The weather was perfect and we were torn between lingering to enjoy the scenery and

plodding on to get to our next destination in good time. Tsusiat Falls, "where the water runs down always", is probably the most popular of all the campsites along the trail and it's not hard to understand why. The river drops four storeys over the falls right on to the beach, where it forms a very convenient pool for bathing if the weather's right. There were many more hikers here, some obviously settled into the driftwood for extended stays. Images of hippie communes came to mind.

Our last full day was the only one where the weather was not so good. Light rain fell for a couple of hours but we resisted getting out the rain gear as we were under trees for most of the time. By this stage it was very noticeable just how clean and fresh the hikers coming the other way looked. One or two complained about patches of mud they'd encountered, to which we were tempted to reply "You ain't seen nothin' yet!" We tried to resist though. Who wants to kill their enthusiasm and dull their spirits so early on?



Michigan Creek was the last stop, a mere 12 kms from Bamfield. We entertained ourselves here by watching groups coming the other way, packs laden, obviously unbalanced, stumbling across creeks and wondering how on earth they were going to make it to the other end. No wonder there are rescues on average every second day. Garry and Jean decided to have another early start at 6am to look around Bamfield before catching the boat up to Port Alberni. The others seized the opportunity to load up Garry's unattended pack with a rock or two to help him on his way. He found one but carried the other all the way to Bamfield, where he spent the next hour or so thinking of ways to get even. After enjoying real food at a restaurant where the waitress assured us that we didn't smell as bad as some hikers who go in there, we all boarded the Lady Rose, a charming coastal freighter which sails up the inlet to Port Alberni. This took about 4 hours and was a

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RMRA Trips Director Annual Report 1999 / 2000

By Ron Hunter

The past year again set records for club trips and participation. We had 295 trips that went out, which was up almost 7% from last year. Person-days were up a similar amount to 2,943, which works out to a mathematical average of 9 days of activity per member. The Association's main activities of hikes and cross-country ski trips were both up, as were downhill skiing and canoe trips, while snowshoeing and cycling were down a bit. A list of all trips from this past year is posted on the bulletin board.

We had 34 different people co-ordinate trips this past year, of which 14 had ten or more trips. I would like to note those co-ordinators who devoted 20 or more days of their time to the club, it is no surprise they are John Schleinich, Bob St.John, Carl Potter, Dave Reid and Alastair Sinclair.

We have some other co-ordinators to congratulate; Carolyn Croasdale and Gary Sargent became Full Co-ordinators, while Stan, Philip Creery, Allan Mathies, Christine Grotefeld, Madeleine Mangels, and Keith Walker became Probationary Co-ordinators.

After 4 years as Trips Director, I will be passing the responsibility to Bob St. John for the coming year. I would like to thank all the members for making it an interesting time and, more importantly, for putting up with the occasional foul-up on the phone line!

Rocky Mountain Ramblers Trips : October 1, 1999 - Sept.30, 2000													
	canoe	cycle	hikes				downhill	s.shoe	X-C ski				Total
			mtn	off-trail	scram	trail			track	trail	off-trail	mtn	
Grand Total	2	2	1	61	36	121	7	1	19	20	18	7	295
			hike total= 219						X-C ski= 64				
Person days	16	7	45	769	304	1268	49	6	116	126	181	56	2943
			hike total= 2386						X-C ski= 479				

Last Year: 1998-99													
Trips	0	5	3	54	37	115	5	3	13	21	15	5	276
			hike total= 209						X-C ski= 54				
Person days>>	0	13	39	651	257	1292	40	13	81	145	183	49	2763
			hike total= 2239						X-C ski= 458				

Trips by Rating: 1999-2000

difficulty	canoe	cycle	hikes				downhill	s.shoe	X-C ski				Grand Total	Person Days
			mtn	off-trail	scram	trail			track	trail	off-trail	mtn		
1	1	2	0	1	0	8	5	1	1	1	0	0	20	138
2	0	0	0	3	0	50	2	0	7	6	0	0	68	700
3	1	0	0	18	1	52	0	0	10	5	1	0	88	903
4	0	0	0	29	0	10	0	0	1	8	4	0	52	538
5	0	0	0	10	18	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	32	306
6	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	10	3	28	269
7	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	5	78
8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	11
Grand Total	2	2	1	61	36	121	7	1	19	20	18	7	295	2943

ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

October 18, 2000 - 8:00 p.m.

1. Membership present: 85. Quorum met.
2. Motion that the RMRA adopt the agenda for the AGM. Moved by Wally Drew. Seconded by Ron Mason. Agenda adopted.
3. 1999 AGM minutes were read and approved as is.
4. No business arising from the minutes.
5. President's Report read by Garry Denman. Copy attached.
6. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement (copy attached) read and reviewed by Jennifer. Jennifer answered questions from the membership. Anita moved to approve the Financial Statement. Seconded by Arnold Westberg. Passed.
7. Trips Director Report read by Ron Hunter. Copy attached.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Garry Denman reviewed the rules of order.
2. Motion: *That the Rocky Mountain Ramblers Association adopts the new "Membership Application" and "Membership Application Instructions".* Seconded by Sandy Newell.

Motion to *postpone* by Grant Karatnyk. Seconded by Christina Popp. Motion defeated.

Original Motion passed.
3. The by-laws of the Rocky Mountain Ramblers, and any and all amendments thereto, approved and confirmed by the shareholders and thereby repealed.

Motion: *That the "Revised RMRA By-Laws" be adopted by the RMRA.* Seconded by Anita O'Reilly.

Motion by Wally Drew: Amendment to By-Laws: pertaining to Point 2.3 change "*motorised*" to "*non-motorised*". Seconded by Arnold Westberg. Passed.

Motion by Ron Hunter: Amendment to By-Laws: pertaining to Point 2.4 change from "*1/5th of membership*" to "*1/5th of membership or 50 members whichever is less*". Seconded by Danielle Tardif. Passed.

A new by-law relating generally to the transaction of the business and affairs of the Corporation, is hereby approved and adopted as by-law No. 1 of the Corporation, a copy of which is attached hereto as Schedule "A". The above changes are already included in the new by-laws.
4. Motion: *That Rocky Mountain Ramblers Association budget \$1000.00 to the Website Committee to cover outside charges for the setup and maintenance of a club website for one year.* Seconded by Keith Walker.

Motion by Dorothy-Ann Reimer: Amend the motion to add "*...the Website Committee under the direction of the Executive Committee....*" Seconded by Barb Fischer. Amendment failed.

Original motion carried.

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5. Motion: *That the RMRA membership fees be set at \$25.00 per annum.* Seconded by Jean Amatt. Motion passed.
6. Nominations:
President: Dorothy-Ann Reimer (by acclamation)
Vice-President: Danielle Tardif (by acclamation)
Newsletter Editor: Denis Longu p e (by acclamation)
Secretary: D Mulligan (by acclamation)
Treasurer: Ron Hunter (by acclamation)
Social Director: Barb Fischer (by acclamation)
Program Director: Carl Potter (by acclamation)
Membership Director: Joyce (by acclamation)
7. Motion to adjourn. Seconded by Anita O'Reilly. Passed.

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very relaxing way to end the hike, another good reason to hike from south to north.

The captain, a laid back kinda guy was pleased to help Garry out when he explained about the rocks in his pack. "You betcha!" was his answer to Garry's request to hoist Bob's pack on to a giant hook used for loading crates on to the boat. So, when Bob wasn't looking, up it went and remained there until we got to Port Alberni. All the passengers at the front of the boat enjoyed Bob's double take when he eventually spotted it!

On arriving at Port Alberni, showers were the first priority and then steaks, beer and a toast to ourselves for surviving 160 bridges, 75 sets of ladders, 6 cable crossings and 16kms of boardwalk with no major injuries, no bad weather and everyone still speaking to one another. Quite an achievement!

So, Anita and all the rest who had to drop out... how about next year? ❖

Your Morning Smile

A guy walks into a doctor's office and says: "You gotta help me Doc, I can't sleep, I run around all day talking crazy. I can't think straight, I'm exhausted."

The doctor says: "The diagnosis is you're manic, I can't help you, but if you go down the street there's a hairdresser who can."

"A hairdresser?" the guy wonders. "Why do I want to see a hairdresser?"

"Well," replies the doctor, "she also does manicure."

– Robert Symington-Jones
Fernie, B.C.

Monday Evening Slide Shows

U of C, Kinesiology B-132. Starts at 7:00 P.M.

Dec. 4 Backpacking the West Coast Trail
Presenter: Jane Papenhuyzen

Jan. 15 Canyon Hiking & Backpacking, Arizona & Utah
Presenter: Alf Skrastins & Jane Papenhuyzen

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Activities: Hiking, Backpacking, Skiing, Cycling, Climbing, Scrambling, and Mountaineering, Educational and Awareness Programs, Social Functions.

Meetings: Every Wednesday evening at 7:30 P.M.
Rosemont Community Hall, 2807 - 10 Street NW

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Calgary, AB T2N 3E4

Trip Info: 282-6308 Information Line and at Meetings

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For trips information press 6. For last minute trips, press 7. For information about the club, press 1 or stay on the line. For social events, press 3. For programs, press 4. For courses & general announcements, press 5.
At any time, press zero to return to the main menu.