

# Spearhead Huts Society

## Monthly Directors Meeting

### Minutes

Date: November 21, 2023

Time: 19:00-20:00

Location: Online

Attending: Robin O'Neill, Paul McBride, Alan Woodland, Ben Parsons, Jayson Faulkner

Absent: Chris Ludwig, Andre Charland

Jayson noted a quorum was present and called the meeting order at 7:10pm  
The was no formal agenda.

#### 1. Financial Report

Jayson noted the 2023-2024 operational budget had underrepresented the cost of insurance and should be \$50,000. Ben asked about what would happen in a scenario where revenues are dramatically less than forecasted (i.e. extreme weather or lift closure).

#### 2. KCH Operations Committee

Robin explained that groups (SAR Whistler, Squamish, BCMC, ACCV and ACCW, for example) are making special booking requests for larger groups during peak periods. There was some discussion about what limitations and restrictions would be appropriate. It was felt that some groups have a reasonable claim or entitlement for time at the hut but there was a reluctance to allocate prime time on the calendar (winter ski weekends) to groups.

It was agreed that a group can book for two nights, Sunday through Thursday, for up to 15 people.

#### 3. Macbeth Update

Paul gave an account of an archaeological site visit and report being prepared by Stantec to support Macbeth and the well drilling at K&C.

**Motion: A spending authorization for \$6,200 for Brian Gould from Alpine Solutions was approved**, Brian, who visited the site in October, will develop a formal Avalanche Risk Analysis.

Initial costing estimates from Alex Orr indicate \$4.5 million dollars will be needed for the Macbeth project, fully costed and taking into account and vendor discounts or donations. Almost \$1.0 million is allocated to helicopter flights alone. There was some discussion about the fundraising gap between what has been pledged and what will be needed. Paul indicated that contracts to start construction this summer could be presented for board approval as early as February.

#### 4. Fundraising/Funding

Ben reported plans for November 25<sup>th</sup> event at Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre are going well. The BCMC will make a donation of \$5,000.

No news on the BC Parks Enhancement Fund application (worth between \$200k and \$5m)

30 backcountry tickets have been made available through the Vail Resorts EpicPromise Grant

**Next meeting – November 19 at 7:00pm**