

- Bill stepping back until at least end of February to focus on his health. Elfrieda stepping in for time being.
- Elfrieda will send out invite to members for AGM.
  - Hopefully we get 20-person quorum
  - Not anticipating many complaints/issues.
- Activities
  - Indoor climbing socials
    - Not anticipating great turn-out during this omicron wave, but we'll keep that open for the time being.
  - Beginner Ice Climbing Clinic has sold out—20 spots each day.
    - Got 12 members as a result.
  - SOLcefest is now a virtual event—no news on how it will be hosted. Details will be posted in news letter when available.
  - Winterpalooza? TBD whether border-crossing is feasible.
- Access liaison
  - Mt. d'Argent has pitched free access to the park and preferential camping rates for Club members for 3 years in exchange for \$2000 contribution (same agreement they have with Montreal Section).
  - General feeling that this is too steep—sentiment that hikers won't be up for it.
  - Ottawa members could just join Montreal Section for \$15 and access their deal.
  - MdA is open to some degree of negotiation.
    - Will confirm MTL membership numbers.
    - Are they open to knock down cost in exchange for volunteer day?
    - Are they open to a 1-year trial (\$700 or so)?
  - Could we simply add \$5-7 premium to climbing events at MdA and pay for the deal that way, so that climbers are entirely footing the bill?
  - Climbing committee will think on it. Conor will continue negotiating.
- Climbing
  - Trying to get new trip leaders to lead trips—newer names on the calendar.
  - ACCfest in lieu of SOLcefest (Bancroft)?
- Families
  - Have been rained out twice, too icy for hiking, but will go for it when conditions permit.
- Hiking
  - Committee's been brainstorming ideas—thinking of snowshoe course (weeknight online session + 6hr hike on a weekend).
  - Mike's looking at doing ski trips over the next few months.
  - If Winterpalooza goes forward with some hiking opportunities, they'll get involved.
- Safety
  - We're due for a full [first aid?] course this year (we'll wait and see what we can do with the pandemic).
  - Potential new provider.

- Social
  - Stymied by omicron and weather. Standby for updates.
- Training
  - Providing Charles to climbing coordinators for beginner ice days.
  - Will talk to Charles about beginner mountaineering as well.
  - Financially speaking, training has either broken even or attained a surplus over the past two years. Same with Beginner Ice Day. Prices are generally based on under-participation, and that hasn't been an issue.
  - Open to suggestions for other training options, e.g.:
    - Navigation
    - Weather (mitigating exposure)
    - Avalanche safety
  - Subsidizing more advanced training (mainly technical skills) for trip leaders:
    - Possible if we continue to run surplus on training (incentivizes leading trips)?
    - Need to be transparent about spending money and clear about returns—historical problem of people taking advantage of subsidized training and then underperforming on leadership.
    - System where we charge for training but leaders accrue “credits” with quantity of trips led to subsidize training on an individual basis?
    - Used to be that trip leaders were subsidized once they've led at least three trips. Could do that again?
    - Morale-boosting benefits inherent in trip leader training / events. Bring leaders together and create synergy. Could do less formal training (guest speakers, etc.) to provide value to trip leaders beyond just technical skills training (this has been done in the past). Once annually for hiking; once annually for climbing?
      - Let's plan to do something like this over the summer.
- Treasury
  - Didn't spend too much money this year due to lack of activities.
  - Elfrieda has compiled discussion budget—TL;DR: we have some spending money, but we need to be conservative in how we spend it.
  - This will be starting point for AGM discussion.
- Next Exec meeting
  - Will be scheduled for sometime in late March.