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NOTICE OF MOTION

BY G. W. MACKENZIE

That clause 5 (a) of the By Laws be amended by inserting the words "Chairman of the Cabin Committee" after the word "Librarian."

Mr. G. W. MacKenzie also wishes to announce the resolution to amend By Law Section 5 (a), subsection I, as printed in the last Bulletin, No. 12, Vol. 8, February, 1932, under the heading "Extracts from the Minutes of General Meeting, March 16th, 1931.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

The Committee wishes to thank the members for their wonderful support and excellent pictures.

Although the Exhibition was not as long as was at first intended the result, as far as arousing public interest was concerned, more than merited our Exhibit.

The Exhibit committee of the Art Gallery informed us that they were very agreeably surprised at the quality of the work, and offered their full support at a future date, when a more lengthy Exhibition will be granted us.

We wish to thank Mr. C. R. Fripp for the work he did in securing the use of the Art Gallery for us.

As you probably noticed several pictures listed in the catalogue were left out. The reason was that there was insufficient wall surface and so, after going over the pictures very carefully, thirty had to be left out.

The hanging was carried out in conjunction with a committee of the Art Gallery Association.

The judges, Mr. B. H. Taylor, of the Canadian Kodak Stores, Mr. J. Vanderpant, F.R.P.S., and Mr. Grigsby, of the Art Gallery, took in as wide a range as it was possible to get, in giving the awards.

The awards were as follows:

- CLASS 1. 1st "Fog Bank Over Vancouver"
Mr. A. Cooper
2nd "Winter Scene"
Mr. E. Smith
H.M. "Grouse Mt. Chalet"
Mr. H. O'Connor
- CLASS 2. 1st "Harrison Hotsprings"
Mr. M. Whittaker
2nd "Maligne Lake"
Mr. C. Anderson
H.M. "Lake O'Hara"
Mr. L. C. Ford
- CLASS 3. 1st "Sunset"
Mr. M. Whittaker
H.M. "Sunset"
Miss E. Gilbert
- CLASS 4. 1st "Cathedral Mt."
Mr. A. Cooper
2nd "Mt. Garibaldi"
Mr. E. Smith
H.M. "Mt. Cathedral"
Mr. A. M. Lambert

- CLASS 5. 1st "Cressett' Rail Down"
Mr. P. R. Lockie
- CLASS 6. 1st "Chipmunk, Garibaldi Park"
Mr. B. Smith
- CLASS 7. 1st "Rock Climbing"
Mr. A. M. Lambert
- CLASS 8. 1st "Cypripedium Parviflorum"
Mr. F. Perry
- 2nd "Nymphia Polysepla"
Mr. F. Perry
- H.M. "Water Lily"
Mr. B. Cook
- CLASS 9. 1st "Chateau, Lake Louise"
Miss E. Gilbert
- H.M. "Lake O'Hara"
Mr. T. Fallowfield
- CLASS 10. 1st "Playmate"
Mr. B. Cook

The Exhibition was very well received, over fifteen hundred people attending, eighty of these were club members. This is a very good attendance considering that the Exhibition was not open in the evenings and that the weather was very poor on Sunday.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Notice of Motion is given by Mr. L. C. Ford that at the annual meeting of the Club to be held Wednesday, March 16th, 1932, the following resolutions to amend the By Laws will be moved:—

1. That clause 5 (a) be amended by omitting the word "Reporter," and that clause 7 be amended by omitting the

words "Reporter shall be responsible for all press publicity."

2. That clauses 4 and 4 (a) be amended to read:—

"The entrance fee for active and graduating members shall be six dollars, and the annual fees shall be three dollars payable in advance. Entrance fees and annual dues shall accompany all applications for membership. Provided that the annual dues for members resident outside of a radius of twenty-five miles from the General Post Office, Vancouver, B.C., shall be one dollar and fifty cents, but should a member reside outside the said radius for a period of less than twelve months, the balance of one dollar and fifty cents shall become payable.

"The fiscal year shall end on the 31st January of each year, and members whose dues are not paid for the current season within six months from that date shall be considered in arrears and shall no longer be members, and if they desire to rejoin must be re-elected. New members joining within three months of the end of the fiscal year shall be carried over to the following year."

3. That clause 2 (d) be struck out.

4. That clause 22 be amended by inserting the words "one half of" after the first word "That" in the By Law.

5. That clause 9 be amended to read:—

"The annual business meeting of the Club shall be held during the third week in March in each year."

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**THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING
OF FEBRUARY 25th**

At the Special General Meeting of February 25th the following resolutions were passed.

1. That at the Annual General Meeting, chairmen be elected for the five following committees:-

1. Climbing Committee.
2. Membership Committee.
3. Social Committee.
4. Botanical and Geological Committee.
5. Ski Committee.

Each chairman shall have a seat upon the Executive committee, and shall take the place of one of the present non-office bearing members of the Executive.

Each chairman shall select his own committee from outside the Executive, and no committee shall exceed twelve in number or be less than six in number.

Duties similar to those mentioned in the last bulletin were allotted each committee. Most of the proposals were modified a little.

2. That the Club hold quarterly General Meetings.

3. That no member shall hold any one office in the Club for more than two consecutive years.

Certain suggestions were approved and are to be presented to next year's Executive Committee for consideration.

The advantages of this plan over the old one will be that a balanced Executive Committee will be appointed. Every Chairman will be appointed for his ability to organize one particular department of the Club's activity, and will be given a task to do and a Committee to help him do it. There will be an outlet for enthusiasm in any branch of the club work, and representation for a large number of members at the monthly Executive meetings.

We would like to see you at the Annual General Meeting; we have to appoint five live Committee Chairmen this year, as well as the higher officials and would like to have the benefit of your opinion.

March 16th is the date.

The Hotel Georgia is the place.

SPRING CLIMBING

With this winter's excessive snowfall, climbing on foot has been practically impossible, but from now on we may expect better snow conditions. A few notes on equipment, pace, and the use of our various aids to safe travel, may be of some value. These notes are taken from various sources, a few have had their worth proved by local experience, but the others we must judge by the standards of common sense and try for ourselves.

Special clothing is not important in the local hills, provided we carry enough, without making too heavy a load, but when travel is to be above tree line we should give more care to its selection. Try loosely woven wool next to the skin, permitting free circulation of air for climbing, and *light* enough to prevent excessive perspiration (all the extras in the pack won't induce warmth on the summit if this second rule is ignored). This should be protected by moderately windproof trousers and a medium weight shirt. For the exposed summit ridge or summit lunch a fairly heavy good length sweater and long windproof

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cape, skirt, or parka will be sufficient protection against the worst weather up to 1200 feet. We've all fallen victims to the neat appearing well-made elastic bottom sweaters, mackinaws, etc., that even when pulled right down leave the small of the back and the "tummy" with insufficient protection, and in action they creep up and leave but thinly covered a one inch space above the pants; leave them in the store and buy something that you can tuck right in.

Boots should be well fitting. It is not necessary to buy shoes two or even one size larger than those used for street wear. A shoe that is a snug fit over one thick sock is quite large enough, as even the toughest shoe will permit the insertion of a second thin or even thick sock after a few trips. Insoles merely jam the toe up against the top of the shoe. The shoe should fit well under the arch, across the instep and around the heel, and be high enough over the toe to give freedom there. Well fitting shoes have changed at least one sloppy, slipping, apprehensive climber into a confident, well balanced one.

Nailing is important, but very few are entirely satisfied with the way their shoes are nailed; here are a few pros and cons. Smythe in the "Kanchenjunga Adventure" said that there was a marked difference in the energy displayed by those wearing lightly nailed ski boots and those wearing the heavy expedition boots. Those wearing the latter arrived from trips in an exhausted condition. Various Club members say that close nailing does not prevent slipping, beyond keeping a square edge on the shoe, and makes shoes much too heavy for comfort. Single spaced nails kick out on scree but if they are put in in pairs they hold much better. The toe of the shoe should be nailed solid and the whole of the heel almost solid including the front. It is only necessary to wear lightly nailed, well fitting shoes once to appreciate them fully.

Winthrop Young tells us in "Mountain Craft" that the ice axe should be held like a rifle with the adze under the armpit and the point forward and downward. The novice is distinguished by his haphazard handling of this tool, swinging the point to the rear or throwing the adze over the shoulder (forgive our blushes for the first offence at least).

Learn to use the ice axe in either hand. When traversing downhill face slightly outward, and when descending either rock or snow, face outward whenever possible.

When descending nearly vertical rock it is necessary to face sideways but on snow it is possible and safer on the rope to descend almost any slope facing out. The only exceptions might be on short nearly vertical stretches where descent can only be made one at a time, as it is almost impossible to check the fall of another while facing in.

One last word: it is a good idea to keep the pace down to the point where climbing seems almost effortless; you will enjoy the climb more, be ready for emergency, and last, but not least, you will be able to keep warm on the summit ridge more easily.

MARCH CLIMBING TRIP

Mount Seymour, March 20th. Bill Dobson, leader.

ACTIVE MEMBER

Bill Williams has been raised from Graduating to Active Membership.

CABIN GOSSIP

Thanks for clearing the windfalls off the trail, Bert. We'll be able to go up to the cabin in comfort and ease again now; the little stand beside the sink is a bit of alright too.

These lazy Vice-Presidents are annoying, too; one of them begged off the "End-manship" of the Goat Mt. trip so that he could shovel about umpteen feet of snow off the cabin roof. He and his picked slaves (those that couldn't get away fast enough) calculated that there were five of a particularly nasty variety of shovelfull to the square foot. Here's hoping no one elects an ambitious one next year.

Fred Brownsword and I claim the record slow time from the cabin to the clearing on the main trail—three hours and thirty minutes. We're sorry we can, and we promise not to do it again.

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