

The Mountain Community Gazette

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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Report From the Annual General Meeting

Members of the Anarchist Mountain Community Society met on November 26, 2013, and held our sixth Annual General Meeting of the Society. Mark McKenney, chaired the meeting, 35 persons were in attendance, with 16 proxies, therefore a legal quorum was confirmed.

Some of the highlights of that meeting are as follows:

- **An evening with Murray Roed, discussing the geology and landforms of our area**
- **Join us Tuesday March 18, at 7:00 PM at Anarchist Mountain Fire Hall**

- AMCS has about 70 member families in good standing
- Invoices for 2014 will be emailed to members by the Treasurer
- Cash income in 2013 was higher than usual, due to the funds for the "silent auction" held during the BBQ picnic flowing through the Society. Approximately \$9,362 of revenue, was offset by \$9,185 of expense, for a net income of \$177 for the year. Donations out included \$3,200 donated to the Fire Dept. as a result of the silent auction. Other outflow donations included honorariums to speakers that presented lectures to residents.
- Cash on hand at the time of the AGM was \$3,877 which is about normal
- In 2013 the BBQ was profitable (\$964) vs. -\$143 in 2012. In 2013 musical entertainment was provided free of charge from songs provided by Nick Marty / with equipment from John Middleton, and some live music provided by the Raven Hill Gang.
- Directors were nominated and elected for 2014, as follows:
 - Mark McKenney
 - John Nett
 - Art Harfman
 - Teresa Marty
 - Jim Gray
 - Kevin Burk
- Noted that 3 lectures were held in 2013, these were very popular. Members encouraged the Board to continue to organize these.
- A major achievement in 2013 was the creation of a FireSmart Committee. Thanks goes to Chuck Harrison, Walter Zinowki, Denis Thompson, Richard Douziech and Darren Hutchison. A FireSmart Day event was held in July with 60 resident attending. In late 2013, the Society was notified that our community has achieved "FireSmart Community status. An event is planned for the spring time to make a public announcement. Residents still wishing to have a FireSmart assessment done are welcome to contact any of the committee members or a member of the Board of Directors.
- Communication and Safety Committee was suggested. Wendy Barlow, Richard Douziech and Sue Maceio have volunteered to sit on this committee.
- The 2014 - BBQ & Picnic will be held July 12, 2014. Reminder will follow.

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Lectures 2014

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• An afternoon learning about living with wildlife, Sat February, 22

• Geology lecture will happen on Tuesday March 18, at 7:00 PM

• A journey through the cosmos in June , 2014

Living with Local Wildlife
Saturday, February 22, 2014 - 1:30 PM
Anarchist Mtn Fire Hall

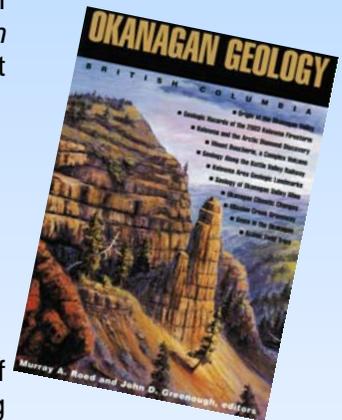
(115 Grizzly Rd, just off Hwy 3))

Margaret Holm, with the Okanagan Similkameen Stewardship Society (OSSS), and Zoë Kirk, Regional District Okanagan Similkameen (RDOS), have completed a series of eight *Living with Wildlife in BC* lectures, and will inform residents all about living with large predators, rodents, snakes and the like.

Geology of the South Okanagan
Tuesday, March 18, 2014 - 7:00 PM
Anarchist Mtn Fire Hall

(115 Grizzly Rd, just off Hwy 3))

Dr. Murray Roed was recently named the 2013 winner of the E.R. Ward Neale Medal for sustained outstanding efforts in sharing earth science with Canadians, by the Geological Association of Canada.



The Splendour of the Universe
Date in June to be announced
Location to be announced

Anarchist Mountain resident, Jack Newton will be on hand with his many wonderful photographs of the stars, galaxies and marvels of the night sky. Jack and Alice Newton run the Observatory B & B and will provide a wonderful journey through the cosmos. Date, time and location will be announced in the spring time.

Everyone is invited to all our events - members and non-members of the Anarchist Mountain Community Society. You don't have to be a member to enjoy this presentation and learn more about the wonderful area we live in.

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Report - Board of Directors Meeting

The first meeting of the new Board of Directors was held on January 21, 2014. The Directors elected the following persons as the Officers of the AMCS:

- Mark McKenney - President
- Teresa Marty - Treasurer
- Kevin Burk - Secretary

Role and Mandate of the AMCS

The Directors discussed whether it would be worthwhile to review the mandate and role of the Community Society. It was agreed that the "constitution" should not be legally amended, as this is a complicated procedure, however having community input into the roles and goal of the community society would be beneficial. It was agreed that the Society will request input from members on these questions. If you have an opinion of what the AMC should be doing - let us know.

Promoting the Mountain

One suggestion that was agreed upon was that the AMCS should promote our community as much as possible. This can be done through media articles, and showing positive aspects of the mountain.

Welcome Signs

The Board will examine creating signs "Welcome to Anarchist Mountain" to be erected on both ends of Anarchist Mountain on Hwy #3. Inviting the media to local events, i.e.: Annual BBQ, snow shoeing events, and the activities of AMCS subcommittees: Fire Smart and Communication & Safety Committee. Kevin Burk subsequently confirmed with AMFD Chief Rob Burk that a sign could be installed at the base of his property on the east end of Hwy # 3, replacing signs that were recently removed on east side of Anarchist Mountain.

AMCS members will be solicited for great photos that might be used in the design of the "welcome" signs. ***If you have photos that we might be able to use—send them to Mark McKenney.***

Invasive Weed Issues

A discussion occurred about invasive weeds on the Mountain. Many residences of Anarchist Mountain. Are concerned about controlling weeds. Discussions related to who is responsible to destroy weeds, and it is clear that enforcement of weed laws is unlikely, so residents can assist with controlling these weeds themselves.

Mark agreed to contact Lisa SCOTT (RDOS) and Barb STEWART (resident expert) to arrange a possible presentation and a field outing in late May or early June 2014, with an invasive weeds specialist.

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- **Members will be asked to comment on the future role of the AMCS**
- **Signs will be designed and installed as "Welcome to Anarchist Mountain"**
- **Weed control continues to be an issue - seminar and field trip considered for spring 2014.**