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JANUARY MEETING

The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 16, on the third floor of the Pioneer Schoolhouse at Third Avenue and Eagle Street. Mark Findlay will show a movie about the first successful American ascent of Everest.

MINUTES FOR DECEMBER MCA MEETING

The meeting was held December 19, 1984, in the multipurpose room of the Fairview Community Center. It was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by President Doug Van Etten.

Treasurer Bernie Helms reported:

\$ 246.74	- Petty Cash
377.12	- Checking Account
2,409.95	- Money Market Rate Plus Account
<u>\$3,033.81</u>	- Total for December 1984

Dues expired December 31. We are continuing to accept dues for 1985. Please renew as soon as possible so you can continue to receive SCREE. Send a check (\$7.50 for single membership, \$10.00 for family membership) to MCA, Box 102037, Anchorage, AK 99510.

I. OLD BUSINESS

A. Huts Committee

Mark Skok reported that State Park officials had met with the MCA board. They support the idea of the MCA maintaining its lease on the Eklutna, Whiteout and Eagle huts. They also favor the idea of working together with MCA members to maintain the huts.

B. Chugach State Park Citizen's Advisory Board

The board, at its December meeting, heard a proposal by the Army to re-open the road around Eklutna Lake. Final details of the arrangement were to be discussed at the January advisory board meeting.

C. Equipment

Mark Skok reported that the club's slide projector has arrived. It is a Kodak 4600 with leather case, spare bulb and tray. The total cost was \$325.80.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Eklutna Lake Road

After some discussion, the club rejected a motion to endorse the Army's proposal. However, the club then passed a motion to endorse the proposal, so long as Chugach State Park can provide adequate patrol coverage in that area.

Mark Skok also pointed out that the Anchorage Times ran an editorial December 12 which called the MCA "obstructive." The writer considered the club opposed to the opening of the road. The editorial resulted from a misquote in an earlier article. The Times on December 20 ran a letter by Skok which pointed out that the club always has supported opening the road.

B. Announcements

Fur Rondy Gravity Sports Film Festival will be held Wednesday through Saturday evenings, February 13-16, at Central Junior High School, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Among the films to be shown will be "Eiger", "Cerro Torre Enigma", and "Everest Unmasked". "Eiger" was winner of the best mountaineering film at Telluride Mountain Film Festival 1984. Admission is \$4 in advance, \$5 at the door.

Bruce Stafford

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Skok, acting secretary

WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

Willy Hersman and two others broke trail to the summit of Flattop Mountain after dark Saturday, December 22 and set up camp in high winds.

A surprised Willy was shaken awake at 10 p.m. by five others who, after arriving, were interested in stimulating a celebration. That group included Ron Van Bergyk, Ted Stagg---, Mike Miller, Terry Slaven and Mark Skok.

About the time everybody was ready to call it a night, three other intrepid night climbers, Tammy Farmer, Peter Hoose and Wonder Dog Tok, showed up.

By morning, Tammy discovered that her three-season Jansport tent wasn't designed to withstand 70 mph Chinook winds. Still, all got off

the mountain with grins and without mishap. As usual, the winter solstice celebration was the social high point of short-day, long-night mountaineering in Alaska.

Mark Skok

UPCOMING TRIP

January 20: ANNUAL PORTAGE PASS GLACIER TREK AND SUPER BOWL CLASSIC

We'll try it again this year. Last year the trip was canceled because of deteriorating conditions on Portage Lake. Lake conditions are less predictable than the outcome of the Super Bowl, which Classic participants hope to watch in Whittier. Sometimes the lake can be skied, sometimes it can be skated and sometimes it must be swum if one is to reach the glacier. We'll draw the line at swimming (it's two miles to the glacier). Call the leader if there's any doubt.

Meet at the UAA Sports Complex parking lot at 9 a.m. Sunday, January 20. We'll drive to Portage, ski across the lake and from there cross Portage Pass to Whittier to watch the Super Bowl at Joe's. We'll return via train to the Portage Shuttle stop at 5:10. Price is about \$5.50. Good time to be had by all.

LEADERS: Willy Hersman and Skip King, 338-5132

EKLUTNA LAKE ROAD -- PARK ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

U.S. Army engineers have presented the Chugach State Park Citizens' Advisory Board a proposal to open the Eklutna Lake Road. Board members at the December meeting appeared favorable to the proposal, but the discussion was tabled until the Army and park officials could work out final arrangements.

The discussion was to continue at the January board meeting. The board next will meet at 7 a.m. Wednesday, February 6, in the cafeteria meeting room in the Federal Building.

The Eklutna Lake Road, originally built by the Army so soldiers could train on Eklutna Glacier, was closed to street vehicles after it washed out in 1977. The Army again wants to open the road so troops can engage in glacier training.

According to the proposal, presented by Capt. Danczyk, the Army would have a one-lane open by fall 1985 and two lanes by fall 1986. Park officials have estimated it would cost the state \$11 million to re-open the road, which provides access to two beautiful valleys. Though Chugach State Park Master Plan calls for a road into the area, Ranger Dale Bingham said his staff won't be able to handle the increased responsibilities without additional personnel.

Mark Skok

Minutes for MCA Board Meeting of January 22, 1985

Meeting was called to order at 7:40pm. Those in attendance:
President Doug Van Etten, V-President Mark Findlay, Treasurer Bernie Helms,
Board Members Reggie Buchanan, Rick Severn and MCA Member Jane Stammen.

Business Covered:

1. Hiking Committee

Jane Stammen and Blanche Crandall, with several others, will plan the MCA 1985 Spring/Summer Hiking Schedule. There will be a set schedule which will be adjusted for weather conditions as required. Sign up sheets for hikes will include destination/area, elevation gain, and other pertinent information: similar to 55 Ways. Follow up by leader of hike will include: write up for SCREE, filing of trip roster.
May/June Hikes - Southerly Direction
July/August Hikes - Northerly Direction

2. First Aid Committee

Tentatively Scheduled: Wednesday, February 13th at Humana Hospital.
Dr. Hollingshead has a (1) hour talk. There will be not cost for class.
It will be advertised to the public, (ie.) community calendars. Seating will be limited to first 100 people or whatever the facility allows.

3. Programs

February Presentation: (2) 15 minuted slide presentations
a. First Aid Preview - "What Not To Do"
b. Hike in the Lower 48

Suggestions for future presentations:

- a. McKinley Ascent (other than West Buttress) - we haven't had one yet for this year.
- b. Chamonix Trip - Ernie Borjon
- c. German Climb - Pete Panerese
- d. Joy Hornberger (Women in the Wilderness) - Slide show.
Was brought up that this would be promotion for a profit orga-nization. Since the MCA does not promote profit organizations, Mark Findlay should preview for acceptable presentation to the club).

4. Classes & Activities

Ice Climbing Class January 26th and 27th at Five Fingers:
Instructor - Mark Skok

Motion: Class must be published in SCREE to be a sanctioned activity.
Club equipment can only be used at club sanctioned activities.

Mark could hold class however, the Board of Directors does not sanction the activity due to non publication in SCREE. There will be no insurance coverage.

5. Insurance

Premium was \$712.50 this year due to Cathcart not being able to get us in on the old underwriter's lesser premium. However, the cost included \$20.00 in State Tax. John Lohff will look into this being a justified charge.

6. Miscellaneous

- a. Vote of Confidence - Was suggested that a Vote of Confidence be taken on outgoing officers at the end of their term of office: Vote would state that "the affairs of the club are in order at the change of officers".
- b. SCREE - One contributor to SCREE can only account for 25% of printed matter.
- c. Letter of Thanks - Letter of thanks is to be given to Dona Agosti for her contribution to the MCA. This Letter of Thanks is to also be used for future persons considered for their contribution to the Club. These persons may be recommended by the Board or by persons in the club.

Respectfully submitted,
Bernie Helms