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“January is a time of quiet and new beginnings - is the perfect time to reflect on how you want to live your life. January is the perfect time to refocus on your priorities and set goals.”

– unknown author

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"To maintain, promote, and perpetuate the association of persons who are interested in promoting, sponsoring, improving, stimulating, and contributing to the exercise of skill and safety in the Art and Science of Mountaineering."

This issue brought to you by: Editor—Gerrit Verbeek assisted by Dawn Munroe

Cover Photo

Cory Hinds at the beaver pond near Ship Creek with Temptation Peak in the background.

Photo by Greg Bragiel

JANUARY MEETING

Wednesday January 6, at 6:30 p.m.

Officer Elections, Budget and By-Laws Approval, and Alaskan Ice Climbing with Josh Pickle. Josh will highlight some of the more obscure climbs further afield from Anchorage.

Check the Facebook page or MCA website calendar, or join directly via this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85034014887?pwd=aEhtMHJVY0xnR3FMOUg1N29GOVR1Zz09>

Calendars

2021 MCA Calendars are available for purchase at AMH, SkiAK and Hoarding Marmot for \$15. Thanks to the photographers and committee for a stellar final product!

Trips

Feb 28 - Mar 6: Resurrection Pass Trail North OR South Ski Tour - Trip leader is Greg Bragiel (unknownhiker@alaska.net, 907-350-5146). The precise route will depend on snow conditions, please contact the trip leader for details or to reserve a place

Article Submission: Text and photography submissions for *the Scree* can be sent as attachments to mcascree@gmail.com. Articles should be submitted by the 11th of each month to appear in the next issue of *the Scree*. Do not submit material in the body of the email. Do not submit photos embedded in the text file. Send the photo files separately. Send high resolution file photos separately, including captions for each photo. We prefer articles that are under 1,000 words. If you have a blog, website, video, or photo links, send us the link. Cover photo selections are based on portraits of human endeavor in the outdoors. Please submit at least one vertically-oriented photo for consideration for the cover. Please don't forget to submit photo captions.

For the MCA Membership Application and Liability Waiver, visit <http://www.mtnclubak.org/index.cfm?useaction=members.form>.

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Online? Click me!



Check Facebook for last-minute trips and activities. Or, schedule one that you want to organize.

Announcements

Upcoming Elections

The January 6th General Meeting will include votes on new officers and proposed by-law amendments, in addition to the 2021 budget. Officer elections typically take place during the October general meeting but were postponed this year due to general disorder from the COVID pandemic and low attendance at the recent general meetings held online.

The proposed budget and by-law amendments, and descriptions of the officer and director roles are printed in this issue. If you would like more information, feel free to contact a current Board member.

High turnout is critical

Attendance of the virtual meetings has been much lower than the in-person meetings prior to the COVID pandemic. In order for a vote to reflect the interests of club membership, the Board would like to see at least 40 members attend the January meeting. Please plan to attend the meeting, scheduled for January 6th, 2021. The meeting will be held online using the Zoom video conferencing service, and a hyperlink will be distributed soon in the Scree, the Club calendar, and social media.

Voting will first take place on the 2021 Budget and the proposed by-law amendment to set officers' terms at 2 years instead of 1 year to promote board continuity, since those are related to the current board. The proposed budget and amendments are printed in this issue.

Following that, we will vote on all 4 officer positions, and 2 director positions. The current positions up for election are:

President - Mike Meyers
Vice President - Gerrit Verbeek
Treasurer - Katherine Cooper
Secretary - Curtis Townsend
Director - Jonathan Rupp Strong
Director - Lila Hobbs

A current Board member may run for an opening position and, if elected, a replacement for their previous position will also be voted on.

Members may indicate interest or nominate someone else either beforehand via email to a current board member, or during the meeting. Starting with the President nominations will be accepted and a vote will be held, with the process repeated for each opening position. Voting will take place over Zoom, likely using a live poll. Candidates are free but not obligated to make a short speech about their priorities.

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85034014887?pwd=aEhtMHJVY0xnR3FMOUg1N29GOVR1Zz09>

Statewide Access Issues

As most people who are interested have already heard this information, this is more for the historic record than anything else.

Ram Valley (Eagle River)

As of late August 2020, public access to the standard access trail to Ram Valley has been revoked by the landowners, Ram Valley LLC. A written notice placed by neighborhood homeowners at the typical parking places next to the powerline easement on Mariah Drive stated that this was in response to record traffic over the summer. According to the notice, the straw that broke the camel's back was a single group of 57 individuals arriving and leaving no room for residents to access their homes. Mariah Drive is two lanes wide, and the shoulder has room for approximately four vehicles at most.

Tolovana Hot Springs (Elliott Highway, Livengood/Minto region)

As of October 27th 2020, the Doyon, Limited Alaska Native regional corporation has revoked public access across a parcel of their land covering the primary trailhead and the first mile of access trail at Mile 93 of the Elliott Highway. Their statement reads:

“Doyon, Limited issued a notice of trespass to Tolovana Hot Springs and affiliated users. This notice only applies to the access crossing Doyon lands at mile 93 of the Elliott Highway, and does not apply to access to the hot springs via other routes. Doyon is willing to work with Tolovana Hot Springs for access and worked for about a year to reach agreeable terms for a permit for the Tolovana Hot Springs business to use the trail and parking lot for their business.

While Doyon has yet to reach reasonable agreement with Tolovana Hot Springs, our goal is to increase safety, reduce litter and other trespassing violations, and limit liability from use of our land, and to encourage all trail user to show respect for the land.”

Thank You to Volunteers

The MCA Board would like to thank Paxson Woelber and Carlene Van Tol for the time and effort they have put in to help the Club.

Paxson generously donated proceeds from his Bomber Traverse map.

Carlene has moderated the MCA's email listserv for years, and recently assisted with migrating it to a new service.

Petroglyph Peak (5475 feet), Coast Mountains

Text and photos Ben Still



58.753, -134.821



Mike Miller and Steve Cashen after descending from the 4350' pass with Petroglyph Peak left and Peak 5430 right.

After several weeks of rain in Juneau, the weather was finally forecasted to break for a day and a half. Mike Miller, Steve Cashen and I decided we'd better take advantage of this weather window and get out in the mountains. We left Echo Cove on June 27th, 2020 in Mike's 18-foot Lund for a short boat ride into Berners Bay with our objective being Peak 5475 and Peak 5430, two mountains a half mile apart separated by a 4950 foot high pass. We had a short evening boat ride to a beach with the creek coming out of the drainage north of Sawmill Creek, about 7 miles from Echo Cove boat launch. We caught a brief glimpse of our objective looking up Sawmill Creek valley, the northern peak is a rock horn and the southern peak a big snowdrift.

We beached the Lund at high tide around 7 p.m. We enjoyed the beautiful evening as the remaining clouds evaporated and found a nice camp just inside the woods where we built a nice fire to keep the bears away.

We all were awake before 4 a.m. and made coffee and breakfast for a 5 a.m. start into the southeast Alaska rainforest. The forest was brushy with devil's club and blueberry bushes being the predominate plants. We followed the unnamed creek on its south side following an intermittent game trail and then hopped across

the creek at 1500' elevation looking for easier travel which we found another better game trail on the north side. The spruce hemlock forest abruptly ended at 1800' we broke out into a field of alder, devil's club and salmonberry bushes, so much fun! We crashed through this mess of brush for 45 minutes to gain 300' vertical in a half mile finally breaking out into alpine. We came upon a nice couple of rocks to sit on and took a snack and water break.

After our break we continued up the ever-steepening valley scrambling up through some steep rocky sections and then kicking steps up the final 1000' of snow to a 4350' snowy pass with Cruddy Peak to the south and Berner Peak to the north and our objectives to the east. We dropped down 300' vertical from the pass and contoured around at 4000' to intersect the ridge from Cruddy Peak to our objectives. From here we could look down into Sawmill Creek valley to the south and see some impressive waterfalls. Some amazing ice climbing potential with difficult access.

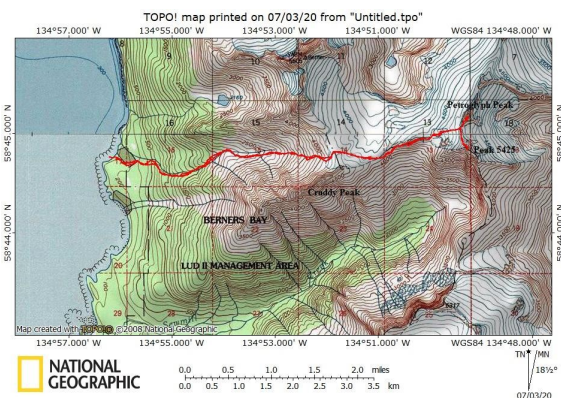
We followed this ridge to the col between the north and south peaks, with lots of undulating terrain. At the col we headed to the northern, more rugged peak first. We could see a cliff band about

halfway up that might block our progress. We scrambled up some easy Class 2-3 terrain to the base of the cliff. Here we traversed to the east connecting a series of ledges with easy scrambling in-between. Eventually the ledges ended and we were forced upwards in a wide chimney. This was the crux of the climb in the Class 3-4 range with a bit of exposure. We scrambled up the chimney which ended in 30 feet of 50-60 degree snow which we climbed up onto a big ledge. From here the going was easy scrambling to the summit.

The summit views were amazing with views to the west of the Fairweather and Chilkat Ranges and Coast Mountains to the north, east and south. Endless lifetimes of mountains to climb were seen in all directions. We built a small cairn and left a summit register dubbing the peak Petroglyph Peak for the Tlingit petroglyphs along the coast in Berners Bay. We could also tell we were 40+ feet higher than the southern Peak 5430. To the south clouds were rolling up Lynn Canal and over the southern part of the Chilkat Range. The weather window is going to close in a few hours. We scramble back down carefully climbing down the chimney and back to the col. Mike continues back down the ridge while Steve and I head up the other peak.

I break trail through the shin deep wet snow to the giant snow drift summit of Peak 5430. Steve and I snap a few photos, but do not linger as the clouds are approaching. We glissade down the slopes back to the col and follow our tracks back down the ridge. I catch up with Mike traversing back to the 4350' pass as clouds begin to climb up from Sawmill Creek drainage enshrouding the ridge we just traversed. We reach the 4350' pass and descend back to the beach as quickly as we can as clouds cover the mountains.

At the beach we have a big snack and pack up camp. The boat is still high and dry but the tide is coming in quickly. The 3 of us are able to push the boat back into the water and we load up and head back to Echo Cove as the rain starts falling. We are very happy to have to have fit in such a good mountain adventure in a small weather window. You have to take advantage of the weather during a wet summer in Juneau. The rain continued all summer, but we fell just short of the Juneau summer rain record.



Mike Miller and Steve Cashen approaching the summit of Petroglyph Peak as clouds develop in the valley below.



Mike Miller approaching the 4350' pass as clouds pour onto the ridge we just traversed. Petroglyph Peak is left Peak 5430 right.



Summit photo on Petroglyph Peak.

Calliope Mountain (6821 feet): Lessons in Failing, Western Chugach Mountains

Text and photos by Abbey Collins



61.142, -149.310



A steep snowfield on the ascent of Calliope Mountain.

From the little beta we'd gathered on this peak, it was clear the crux would come soon after leaving the saddle between Calliope Mountain and Cantata Peak. That's where you meet a steep, exposed snowfield that ends in a cliff. Several climbers before us had turned around here. But despite my relative lack of experience and anxious nature, I was certain we would have no problems. What could go wrong on a warm, sunny, mid-August day in the Chugach?

Andrew and I are not fast -- blame my short legs -- and tend to turn longer approaches into overnight trips. The first day of this trip involved minimal elevation gain, so we packed our bags heavy, with beers and snacks and extra water (for me). The midday sun was relentless as we hiked around Eagle Lake at our beloved leisurely pace, heavy packs pressing down hard on our shoulders -- we'd expected the cool onset of autumn, but it was hot!

We followed a narrow, but surprisingly defined, trail along the right side of Eagle Lake to a landmark we lovingly refer to as Beaver Beach (we camped here once and woke up in the middle of the night to the sound of a territorial beaver slapping its tail in the lake as it swam laps, telling us it was time to leave). Beaver Beach

offered refuge for a long, sunny beer break before we hiked into Eagle Peak's swampy front yard.

We hiked in deeper, with our sights set on the waterfall at the end of the valley, somewhere above which we'd camp for the night. My 5-foot. frame sank chest-deep in a stream crossing, soaking my boots, clothes, and iPhone. No problem, everything except the phone dried out.

Shortly before sunset we set up camp and put on all of the layers from our packs. Despite the hot day, as soon as the sun dipped behind the mountains, the temperature followed. We warmed our bodies with dehydrated meals and our spirits with canned wine, and crawled into our sleeping bags early, with the goal of waking up with the sun.

We believed the greatest known danger ahead would be the possibility of a wet slide on that steep snowfield. With that, we opted to start early, before the sun had a chance to warm the snow.

From our camp, the approach to the saddle felt easy and fast. Our pace was unusually similar and we lost ourselves in conversation for a few hours. If the snow conditions weren't right, we decided, we'd turn around.

Our side of the mountain was still in the shade as we left the col and approached the snowfield. To our delight, our crampons sank relatively comfortably into firm snow. Almost too firm, but it would get better as we moved away from the edge, Andrew Holman assured me. Sheepishly, I asked if we could climb a little higher on the rock, to eliminate any snow climbing that wasn't absolutely necessary.

I'm relatively new to climbing. I familiarized myself with crampons less than a year ago. And generally, I have an anxious brain. But I trust my partner's experience and ability to assess risk. I trust that he wouldn't lead me into a situation he doesn't think I could handle. And that knowledge allows me to stubbornly push past my anxieties, proving myself capable of much more than I know.

This day was no different.

Despite feeling utterly terrified by the sheer cliff in our fall path, I followed behind as Andrew kicked steps into the crusty snow. But then the snow got crustier, harder and eventually Andrew had to stop kicking steps to save his feet (he lets me use his burlier crampons). We wailed against the hard surface to gain traction. About halfway to the rock garden above us, I reluctantly called it. I was exhausted. Andrew was exhausted, but moving more slowly to coach me through my ascent. I could do it. Physically, I knew I was capable. But a successful self-arrest seemed unlikely for either of us if it came to that. The consequences were too great, and made greater by my pushing on, I figured.

So I descended, second-guessing myself with every step. But as Andrew continued on it was too late for me to change my mind, unless I wanted to climb alone.

I made it to safety and sat in the shade of the mountain, thinking about Andrew on the warm, sunny summit. If I were there we'd bask in the sunshine and sip summit bears and maybe take a selfie. We'd share in the accomplishment of beating the crux and checking off another Chugach peak. As I sat, daydreaming, wondering how long it would take him to get back down, a small rock buzzed by my helmeted head. My "safe" spot was getting pummeled by rockfall. From further away I watched and waited, chilled in the shade and worried about my climbing partner. Did he encounter more danger up high? How long should I wait before really worrying.

About an hour later his bright orange helmet came into view. He'd made it, but still had to descend the crusty snow field that was still barely in the sun. I watched anxiously as he carefully made his way down. We shared a joke, and enjoyed being in each other's company again. But, like my experience an hour earlier, Andrew wasn't quite safe yet. Luckily, when rocks began buzzing by his head while he was still downclimbing, his footing was good and his thinking fast. He protected himself from the rockfall and avoided the cliff.

When he made it to me we shared a hug, and the relief of finally being back on the easy part. We walked only as far as was needed to sit in the sun and share a summit beer 1,000 feet below the summit.

Reflecting on my failure to climb this mountain, I realized where I succeeded: for the first time in our climbing partnership/mentorship, I didn't follow Andrew. I made my own decision based on my abilities and risk tolerance, and, at least this once, I'm calling that a success.



Andrew Holman removes his crampons after descending from the summit of Calliope Mountain.

Peak 2010 (Pika Peak), Surprise Cove, Prince William Sound, Kenai Mountains

Text and photos by Jon Cannon



60.739, -148.401



Pika and I on the false summit from the summit.



An unnamed river flowing into Shallow Cove from an unnamed glacier east of the Tebenkof Glacier. Paulson Bay is the next pictured bay beyond Shallow Cove.

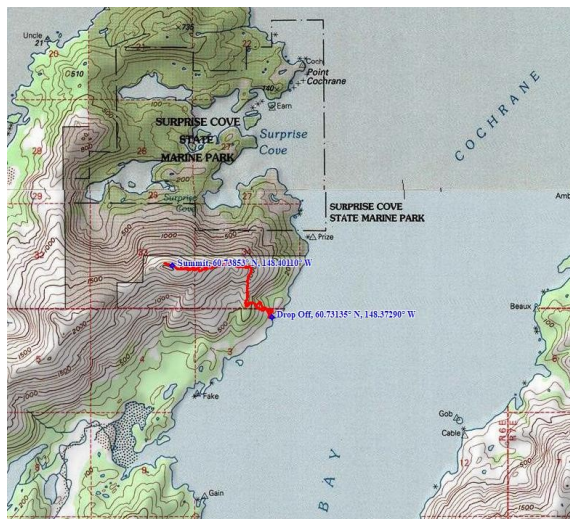


Panorama from where we gained the ridge to the summit

We left the Paulson Bay Cabin about 2 p.m. and looked around for a likely fast and easy summit. Weather was supposed to be moving in and the wind was really picking up from the west so we chose a peak on the west side of Cochrane Bay.

Joining on the hike were Holly and Jon Cannon, Paul Koning, and dogs Pika and Kaya. Ben Peltz dropped us off and picked us up with the M/V Sequestrian before trolling for silvers.

A few feet of difficult bushwhacking led to the marshy muskeg of Prince William Sound. We connected several fields before quickly realizing our initial route plan was blocked by a large canyon invisible from below. We picked a route through a hemlock forest which was the only direct access we found to the Cochrane Bay side of the summit. Each side of the small forest was a rock cliff band. Once we made the ridge the views were spectacular, and the hiking was easy and straightforward.



ward.

The blueberry picking en route to the summit was nothing short of epic, and frequent breaks were made to test nature's wares.

We made the summit shown on the GPS as 2010 feet and 60° 44.312'N, 148° 24.066'W – no visible signs of an earlier summit.

We continued to the probably false summit a few hundred feet to the west to verify that was the case, and then continued to verify

that the ridge continued to the tall summit to the southwest. A small knife blade ridge connected it to the larger ridge starting at the saddle between the two. A great hike for another day.

A quick descent. 3.98 miles, round trip.

After much deliberation, discussion, and argument... that high point shall forever be known as Pika Peak. Unless of course someone else had already named it, then... (shrug)

MCA Arctic Valley/ Ship Creek Maintenance Weekend - A Long Tradition!

Text and photos Greg Bragiel

61.242, -149.555



*Reece Posanka, Elena Hinds, and Greg Bragiel.
Photo by Cory Hinds*



*Rory Posanka, Kenny Fussey, and Reece Posanka.
Photo by Bill Posanka*

Cold temperatures with low angle sun dominate the Ship Creek Valley as nine of us started in on Saturday December 5, 2020 before the crack of dawn from the Arctic Valley trailhead. With loppers and saws, the trail used by skiers, snowshoes and hikers was cleared southbound as far as the beaver pond, approximately Mile Five. Trail breaking was necessary, as it appeared no one had been down into the Ship Creek drainage after the recent snowfall. Cory Hinds and I parted company with the rest of the crew as they returned to civilization. No beavers were sighted just past sunset at the beaver pond. Returning to camp, we set up for the night, Cory in a quinzhee and me in a tent. Dinner was quick as we filled ourselves with calories and fluids as fuel for the night. We lasted only until 8 p.m. before retiring into our shelters. Cold it was, but not intolerable. Alaskan nights of camping are typically long in the sleeping bag, with dark and cold dominating.

Temperatures rose to about zero overnight as we breakfasted, packed up and returned northbound, continuing trail clearing. Layers were removed as we climbed toward the Arctic Valley trailhead, sensing rising temperatures of an inversion just after sunset. Wow!!! That was at least a forty degree difference since last night. It was a good day of work, starting before sunrise and ending after sunset. Satisfied that we accomplished the mission, we ended our journey with wonderful views of Anchorage city

lights AND the star on the hill. This star lights every night to shine on Anchorage. Do you know when it is shut off during the season?

Participating: Lt. Paul Fussey, Kenny Fussey, Simone Fussey, Rory Posanka, Reece Posanka and Bill Posanka.

Thank you for your hard work!

Here is a bit of history on this area: Stu Grenier informs me the first MCA Indian to Arctic event was 1961 and that he started trail clearing about 1997 "...needing to clear a lot to make the corridor passable..." (with the corridor defined as the forested area north of the beaver pond) Stu first introduced me to the MCA trail clearing tradition many years ago.

Walk Worthy and teach others,

Greg Bragiel

Peak of the Month: Mount Hamlet (2034 feet), Lisburne Hills

Text by Steve Gruhn

Mountain Range: Brooks Range; Lisburne Hills

Borough: North Slope Borough

Drainages: Ayugatak Creek and Ukinyak Creek

Latitude/Longitude: 68° 45' 59" North, 165° 57' 18" West

Elevation: 2034 feet

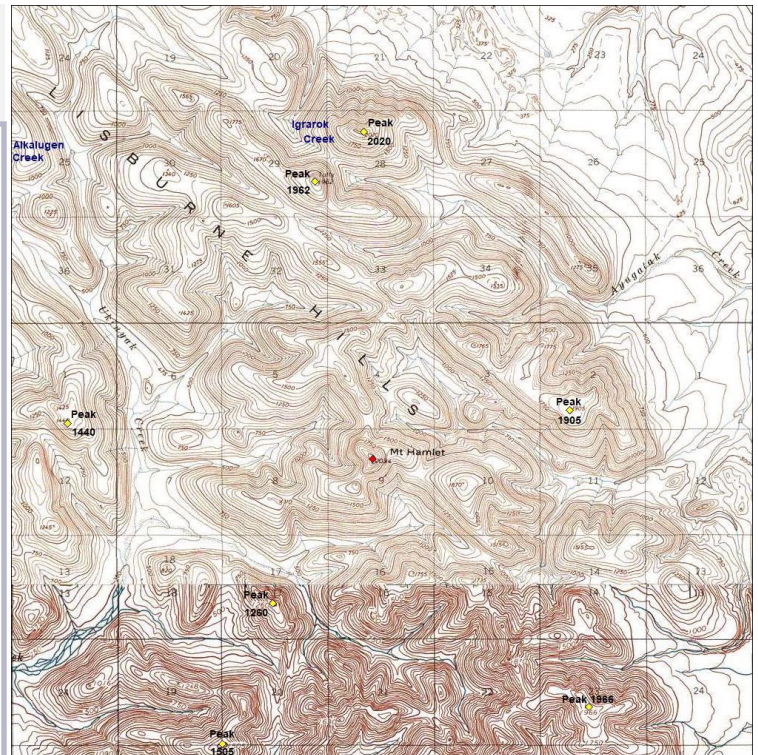
Adjacent Peaks: Peak 1962 in the Ayugatak Creek, Igrarok Creek, and Ukinyak Creek drainages; Peak 1905 in the Ayugatak Creek drainage; and Peak 1966 in the Ayugatak Creek and Oligavik Creek drainages

Distinctness: 679 feet from Peak 1962

Prominence: 934 feet from Peak 2109 in the Oligavik Creek drainage

USGS Maps: 1:63,360: Point Hope (D-2), 1:25,000: Point Hope D-2 SW

First Recorded Ascent: 1951 by a U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey party



Mount Hamlet is the fourth-highest peak in the Lisburne Hills.

On July 17, 1904, U.S. Geological Survey geologists Arthur James Collier and Chester Washburne and boatman Joseph Edge set out from Nome aboard the steamship *Corwin*, bound for the Corwin Mine near the mouth of Kukruk Creek at Ledyard Bay in the Chukchi Sea. The mission of the team was to conduct a reconnaissance of coal and fossils in the Cape Lisburne area. During a stop in Teller, C.J. Hutchinson joined the party to assist Collier with his preparation of a topographic map of the Cape Lisburne region as well as his geological investigations. After a stop in Deering, the party arrived at the Corwin Mine on July 23. The team conducted its work and gradually moved southward and westward along the Chukchi Sea coast. However, stormy weather prevented them from rounding Cape Lisburne in their large dory until the U.S. Revenue Cutter *Thetis* picked them up near Wevok on August 13 and delivered them to Cape Lewis.

While working up Ukinyak Creek north of Cape Lewis, the team viewed a peak to the northeast that they mistakenly thought was the highest summit in the Lisburne Hills. After concluding its geologic and topographic investigations in the Lisburne Hills, the team worked its way southward to Point Hope.

At Point Hope on August 22 the USRC *Thetis* again picked up the party and delivered them to Cape Prince of Wales the following day. The team conducted geological investigations in the Seward Peninsula Highlands and York Mountains as it worked southeastward. On the 27th at the mouth of the Lost River, the party was once again picked up by the USRC *Thetis*. After stopping

at several islands in the Bering Sea, the USRC *Thetis* delivered the team to Port Townsend, Washington, on September 30.

Later in 1904 while preparing his topographic map of the Cape Lisburne area, Collier labeled the high peak he'd seen from Ukinyak Creek as Mount Hamlet to honor Oscar Charles Hamlet, the captain of the USRC *Thetis*, and to acknowledge the transportation assistance Hamlet had rendered to the team. The map was published in 1905 as "Topographic and Geologic Reconnaissance Map of the Cape Lisburne Region," marking the first published use of the name Mount Hamlet. The map was subsequently included as part of Collier's 1906 "Geology and Coal Resources of the Cape Lisburne Region, Alaska."

In 1951 a U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey party erected a four-foot cairn on the summit of Mount Hamlet.

I don't know of any other ascents of Mount Hamlet.

In 1967 Donald J. Orth reported that the Inupiaq name of Mount Hamlet was *Igiksukrak*, meaning "highest mountain."

The information for this column came from Collier's 1905 "Topographic and Geologic Reconnaissance Map of the Cape Lisburne Region;" from Collier's 1906 "Geology and Coal Resources of the Cape Lisburne Region, Alaska" (USGS Bulletin No. 278); from page 822 of the June 24, 1916, *Army and Navy Register*; from a copy of the 1951 U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey field notes available at <https://www.geocaching.com/mark/details.aspx?PID=UW4722>; and from Orth's 1967 *Dictionary of Alaska Place Names* (USGS Professional Paper 567).

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

November 25, 2020, at 6:00-8:00 p.m., conducted online via Zoom

Roll Call

Mike Meyers (President) - Present
Gerrit Verbeek (Vice-President) - Absent
Curtis Townsend (Secretary) - Present
Katherine Cooper (Treasurer) - Absent
Tom Meacham (Director) - Present
Jonathan Rupp Strong (Director) - Present
Lila Hobbs (Director) - Absent
Andy Kubic (Director) - Absent
Heather Johnson (Director) - Present
Nathan Pooler (Director) - Present

Scribe: Curtis Townsend

Committee Reports

President (Mike Myers)

- Payments have been received
- Calendars seem to be selling well, available at REI, AMH, Marmot, SkiAK
- Board positions will be voted for in January (board voted that minimum 25 members to be present for all votes via zoom).

Vice President (Gerrit Verbeek)

- Lifetime memberships? Recommend - standard fee for anyone above X years of membership, discussed
- Board voted to purchase an ad for Kelsey Gray's new climbing guide.

Secretary (Curtis Townsend)

- BP energy center is closed through January 4, 2021. They will reassess after that date.

Treasurer (Katherine Cooper)

- Please give Katherine any receipts or due to/forms for 2020.
- Create MCA volunteer Thank You fund for 2021

Liability Committee (Tom Meacham)

- Nothing to report.

Awards Committee (Tom Meacham, Charlie Sink, Max Neale)

- Presentation to Steve Gruhn when meetings are held again (Covid).

the Scree (Gerrit Verbeek, Dawn Munroe)

- *Scree announcements for officer elections, by-laws, and the 2021 budget.*
- Recognize volunteers of the month- Paxson Woelber and Carlene Van Tol.
- Audit of Scree subscriptions possible. Nathan to look into it.

Trips Committee

- Nothing to report

Training Committee

- Nothing to report

Huts Committee (Jonathan Rupp Strong, Greg Bragiel, Cory Hinds, Vicky Lytle)

- Hut trailhead signs for mint parking lot -looking for a volunteer to take to ranger station
- Bomber windows to happen in summer 2021. Foyer + more to happen if we receive a grant
- It was discussed that the MCA website should be reviewed to see what kind of information is posted concerning huts travel and amenities. Mike reviewed the website and it does need some work. Jonathan will update this language on the website.
- We voted not to continue with a hutmeister in the future.

Mentorship (Lila Hobbs, Katherine Cooper)

- Nothing to report.

Communications Committee (Lila Hobbs)

- Money has been set aside for new Website
- Carlene to be reimbursed for the payment for listserve.

Calendar Committee (Vicky Ho, Lila Hobbs, Heather Johnson, Mike Meyers)

- Nothing to report

Date and Location of next Meeting

- General Meeting Jan 6th via Zoom, starting at 6:30 p.m.
- Next Board Meeting on Dec 30, 2020 from 6:00-8:00 pm via Zoom.

Proposed MCA 2021 Budget

2021 Budget						
REVENUE	Budget 2021	2020 Appr. vs. Actual	Actual 2020	Approved 2020	Actual 2019	Actual 2018
Membership Dues <i>received during calendar year</i>	\$14,500	(\$2,226)	\$13,774	\$16,000	\$15,608	\$11,985
Scree subscriptions <i>scree included in membership dues</i>	\$0	(\$180)	\$0	\$180	\$225	\$225
Training <i>BMS, ice climbing, rock climbing, other</i>	\$2,500	(\$5,500)	\$0	\$5,500	\$5,086	\$4,760
Photo Calendar	\$3,000	(\$566)	\$2,434	\$3,000	\$2,423	\$2,901
MCA Products: T-Shirts, Patches, Etc.	\$400	\$230	\$630	\$400	\$710	\$95
Interest on Accounts	\$100	(\$100)	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$96
Other - Donations, etc <i>Donations, check reimbursements</i>	\$500	\$6,675	\$7,175	\$500	\$455	\$10,140
TOTAL REVENUE	\$21,000	(\$1,666)	\$24,014	\$25,680	\$24,507	\$30,201
EXPENSE						
Training <i>Campsites, access fees, instructors, trip leaders</i>	\$3,500	(\$4,420)	\$80	\$4,500	\$3,702	\$3,914
Scree <i>Postage, mailing, printing</i>	\$2,000	(\$12)	\$1,988	\$2,000	\$1,240	\$2,164
General Meeting <i>Rent, refreshments, entertainment</i>	\$400	(\$859)	\$941	\$1,800	\$43	\$1,091
Administrative <i>Supplies, PO box, web site, ads, travel, misc.</i>	\$4,500	(\$328)	\$672	\$1,000	\$579	\$514
Hut Construction & Maint. <i>Materials, supplies, hut equipment, lease fees</i>	\$8,400	(\$466)	\$19,534	\$20,000	\$3,176	\$30,002
Insurance <i>Reincorporation fees, insurance</i>	\$110	(\$110)	\$0	\$110	\$100	\$104
Club Equipment <i>Climbing gear, misc equipment, storage</i>	\$600	(\$283)	\$517	\$800	\$480	\$452
Library <i>New books, periodicals, storage</i>	\$75	(\$150)	\$0	\$150	\$0	\$259
Other: <i>Miscellaneous expenses</i>						
Photo Calendar	\$1,800	(\$525)	\$1,275	\$1,800	\$1,530	\$0
MCA Products <i>T-Shirts, Patches, Etc.</i>	\$200	(\$500)	\$0	\$500	\$300	\$0
Other - Awards	\$350	(\$500)	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$102
Other -	\$0	\$162	\$162	\$0	\$0.	\$981
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$21,935	(\$7,991)	\$25,169	\$33,160	\$11,149	\$39,584
DUE TO (FROM) RESERVE	(\$935)	\$6,324	(\$1,156)	(\$7,480)	\$13,358	(\$9,383)

MCA Board Roles

President:

- (a) To preside at all regular and executive meetings.
- (b) To coordinate the efforts of the officers and committees.

Vice-President:

- (a) To assume the duties of the President in the absence of the President, or at the request of the President.
- (b) All other duties as assigned by the Executive Committee.
- (c) Provide programs and entertainment at club meetings and other club social activities.

Secretary:

- (a) To record the minutes of all regular and executive meetings.
- (b) To maintain complete business and historical records of the organization.
- (c) To initiate and answer correspondence as directed by the President.
- (d) All other duties as assigned by the Executive Committee.
- (e) To Arrange for a meeting place for all regular meetings and the annual meeting.

Treasurer:

- (a) To receive and disburse all club dues, fees, and other monies.
- (b) To maintain complete financial records of the organization.
- (c) All other duties as assigned by the Executive Committee.

Directors:

- (a) To act as an advisor to the Executive Committee concerning matters of policy.
- (b) All other duties as assigned by the Executive Committee.

Proposed By-Law Amendments

[Ed. Note: These amendments will be put to a vote by the membership at the January 2021 General Meeting. Additions are bolded in green text, removals are struck through in red text. The major proposed change is to instate 2-year terms for all Board members except the past President. An increase in the number of Directors from 4 to a maximum of 6 was approved by membership in October 2019.]

MCA By-Laws 2014 (existing) version

Directors (4): (a) To act as an advisor to the Executive Committee concerning matters of policy.

(b) All other duties as assigned by the Executive Committee.

Past President (1): (a) To advise the Executive Committee on matters of policy.

(b) To provide some year to year continuity of information to the Executive Committee from the person best informed about such matters.

(c) All other duties as assigned by the Executive Committee.

Term. The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Past President shall serve for one (1) year from date of election, or until their successor is elected. Directors shall serve for a two (2) year term, with two (2) directors being elected at each annual meeting. The office of Past President is filled by the immediate past President

Vacancy. Upon resignation or removal of any officer or director, the Executive Committee shall appoint a member to fill the unexpired term. ~~In the case where the President is re-elected, an election shall be held for an additional Director for a one (1) year term.~~ [Board Note: removed when we went from 4 to 6 directors]

MCA By-Laws 2021 (proposed amended) version

Directors (4): (a) To act as an advisor to the Executive Committee concerning matters of policy.

(b) All other duties as assigned by the Executive Committee.

(c) There shall be a minimum of four (4), directors, to a maximum of six (6) directors.

Past President (1): (a) To advise the Executive Committee on matters of policy.

(b) To provide some year to year continuity of information to the Executive Committee from the person best informed about such matters.

(c) All other duties as assigned by the Executive Committee.

Term. All positions in the Executive Committee shall serve for two (2) years from date of election, or until their successor is elected. Two (2) officers shall be elected or re-elected at each annual meeting, to promote continuity on the Executive Committee. A minimum of two (2) directors and a maximum of three (3) directors shall be elected at each annual meeting.

The office of Past President is filled by the immediate past President, for a one (1) year term.

Vacancy. Upon resignation or removal of any officer or director, the Executive Committee shall appoint a member to fill the unexpired term.

The Return of Careless Ev(eryman)

The Mountaineering Club of Alaska was founded in 1958 to “to encourage mountain climbing interest, to instruct on climbing, encourage exploration and form mountain rescue teams.” (the Scree December 1958, quoting American Alpine News)

In 1971 the MCA-affiliated Alaska Rescue Group published a series of cartoons featuring Careless Ev, drawn by Dick Pargeter. Nearly fifty years later, human nature and natural hazards are still the same. So here are a few again, as they were printed on the Club’s signature goldenrod paper. Enjoy, and stay safe!



The same principles apply for any backcountry sport! Ski straps, repair kits, and wax can be saviors.

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Dues can be paid at any meeting or mailed to the Treasurer at the MCA address below. If you want a membership card, please fill out a club waiver and mail it with a self-addressed, stamped envelope. If you fail to receive the newsletter or have questions about your membership, contact the Club Membership Committee at membership@mtnclubak.org.

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*Steve Cashen approaching the summit of Peak 5430 with
Petroglyph Peak behind.*

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