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FEBRUARY MEETING

The meeting will be held Wednesday, February 15th at 7:30 p.m. at Romig Junior High School, 2500 Minnesota, Anchorage, Alaska. (Note: Central Junior High School is unavailable due to Fur Rondy activities.) After the business meeting Rik Derrick will present a slide show on his recent climb of the Salethe Wall on El Capitan.

MINUTES FOR MCA NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

The January MCA meeting was held on January 18, 1984, at Central Junior High School, 15th and C Streets, Anchorage, Alaska. The meeting was called to order by President Mark Skok at 7:40 p.m.

Treasurer Bernie Helms reported:

\$ 160.45	-	Petty Cash
994.75	-	Checking Account
3,608.71	-	Money Market Rate Plus Account
\$4,763.91	-	TOTAL

All dues expired 12/31/83. January SCREES were only sent to those who had renewed their memberships. Single memberships are \$7.50 and Family, \$10.00. Membership cards may be picked up at the next meeting or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to MCA, P.O. Box 102037, Anchorage, AK 99510.

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library: Mike Frank, 243-7645

Reggie Buchanan reported that all the books are currently at AMH, but they are not catalogued yet. At present books may not be removed from the premises, but MCA members are welcome to browse. Any members who have MCA books or maps are requested to return them to AMH.

The Library Committee will investigate the possibility of purchasing a map case and storage units for periodicals. The library contains an extensive collection of journals by Vin Hoeman and some valuable maps. The possibility of purchasing locking map and book cases was also discussed.

B. Conservation Committee: Tim Neale, 274-4952

Tim reported that the Alaska Wildlife Alliance is working on a statement that would oppose the proposed changes in the sheep hunting laws pertaining to Chugach State Park.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Membership Directory

A questionnaire will be in the February SCREE concerning what information members would like included in the directory. The directory should be printed by April.

B. Correspondence

1. Climbing and Treking Maps of the Peruvian Andies are available for \$7.50 from I.G.N. Topographical Maps of Peru, 681 Auburn Street, Buffalo, NY 14222
2. The American Women's Himalayan Expeditions is publishing a directory of women climbers to help women meet other women with whom to climb and plan expeditions. This directory is intended for those with a long-term, serious interest in rock climbing or mountaineering. The deadline for submitting your name for this directory is March 1. Contact Mark Skok, 274-3934, for forms and additional information.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Hiking Committee

Dona Agosti resigned as head of the Hiking Committee. MCA wishes to thank Dona for her outstanding contributions and dedication. Current members of the Hiking Committee are Bill Wakeland, John Nevin, Don Hansen, and Doug Girke. Some ideas expressed by the Committee were limiting the number of participants for some hikes, rating hikes according to their level of difficulty, and developing a questionnaire about trips. (See questionnaire, page 7, in this issue of SCREE.)

B. Announcements

1. Dona Agosti announced a one-week trip into the Talkeetna Mountains that will take place in July. For details see article, "Talkeetna Mountain Hike", page 4, in this issue.
2. 1983 Alaska Sports Person of the Year Banquet was held Sunday, January 29, 1984. Net proceeds will benefit the US Olympic Committee.
3. The Portage Pass Super Bowl Trip has been cancelled due to the current warm temperatures.
4. The February MCA Meeting will be held at Romig Junior High School 2500 Minnesota, for February, only. Central Junior High School is being used for Fur Rondy activities.
5. Thanks to Mike Sirofchuck for the slide show about his climb up the West Buttress of McKinley, and thanks to the Gravity Sports Film Festival for the movie Ascent of the Tooth. (The Gravity Sports Film Festival, a new Fur Rendezvous event will host outdoor adventure movies on February 15, 16, and 17 at Central Junior High School.)
6. Tim Neal announced that there will be a spring ski-climb in the Talkeetna Mountains. Group will fly in near Sovereign Mountain and use this area as a base camp. Must have own equipment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Cavanaugh, Secretary

MCA CLIMBING EQUIPMENT RULES

The MCA maintains a stock of equipment for use by members at AMH, 2633 Spenard Road, Anchorage, AK, 272-1811. This equipment includes ice axes, crampons, helmets, pieps, and shovels.

Rules:

1. Equipment is loaned only to card-carrying members - if you don't have a card, it is your responsibility to get one. There will be no exceptions. Please have old cards updated.

2. Equipment is to be returned in a timely manner - normally, this means taken out Friday and returned by Monday. No long-term borrowing is allowed. This equipment is not for use on private expeditions!
3. Club trips and schools have priority for all equipment. Leaders of these activities should notify us for reservations.
4. Limit - 1 set of gear per card (i.e., 1 axe, 1 set of crampons, 1 pieps, etc.) for the member's personal use.
5. Members may be subject to loss of equipment privileges if equipment is returned late. If equipment is broken, please return the pieces. If equipment is lost you are responsible for replacement.

It is requested that members remember that AMH is a store, and that we have to take care of our paying customers, too. So please be patient and try to avoid peak business hours. If there are any questions please call Terry Becker at AMH, 272-1811.

TALKEETNA MOUNTAIN HIKE

Talkeetna Mountain Hike from Tsisi Lake to Game Lake (about thirty or more miles), will begin July 3 and end July 10. We will fly in from Talkeetna with Jim Okonek in a 185 which carries three passengers and packs at a cost of \$190 per hour. Estimated flight time is about one hour which computes to about \$64.00 per person per trip or \$130 in and out.

This country is above timberline and we should see much wildlife. Tsisi Lake is located about 12 miles south of the Susitna River and about 11 miles southwest of Watana Lake. It flows into Tsisi Creek. Game Lake (altitude 2710) is a few miles north of the Talkeetna River and about 8 miles southeast of Daneka Lake.

As in the past, Leader Dona Agosti will require equipment checks for each backpacker. This check is tentatively set for Thursday, June 28, at 2324 Loussac Drive, at 7 p.m. Call Dona at 248-0090 for details.

Dona Agosti

PRACTICE CLIMBS

In March and April we will have several practice climbs for those people contemplating an expedition later this year. We will review basic techniques (rope handling, self-arrest, crevasse rescue, etc.), winter camping, and glacier travel. The emphasis will be on review, so some previous climbing experience or a basic mountaineering course will be required.

- March 3 Flattop gully - self-arrest, rope handling; Easy
- March 4 Boy Scout Rock - crevasse rescue; Easy
- March 17, 18 Kings Mountain (Chugach Range) - overnight climb, winter camping; if Matanuska River is not frozen we'll go elsewhere; Moderate
- March 30-April 2 Mt. Silvertip - N of Paxson, glacier travel, sleds, etc.; Moderate, but Strenuous (this can be rescheduled if timing is bad)

More climbs can be scheduled in the future if there is interest. Sign up sheet will be available at the meeting. Call 338-5132, Willy Hersman or Doug VanEtten for questions.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Happy New Year!

For me, this one has come on the heels of the last. Time is accelerating as I get busier with multiplying projects. Too often, the weekends, much less the New Years, are catching me by surprise - the week is gone before I've had a chance to make plans with anyone.

I imagine that happens to quite a few of us. The Mountaineering Club is working on a couple of methods to get around the problem of members who want to get together on a spontaneous basis. One is the Membership Services Committee, which is explained elsewhere in this issue.

Also, we're planning to put together a membership directory. Given sufficient interest, we'll establish it from returns of the questionnaire printed below. We hope to publish the directory by April.

The directory should be a particular benefit to new members, or to those who want to set up a trip at the last moment, but don't have the phone numbers of people they've met at past meetings.

If you want to be included in the directory, please fill out the questionnaire with information you want printed. (We'd like to at least get your name and address.) Send the questionnaire, or a facsimile, in as soon as possible. We're going to judge interest by the number of returns.

P.S. If you're scheduling any trips for late February or March you might consider sharing your plans at the February meeting. A good amount of interest in winter outings has been shown, but we do need trip organizers.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP ASSEMBLE SCREE

Do you think you might be able to spare 2 hours a month to help prepare the SCREE for mailing? Your assistance would be appreciated. For information please call Jane Stammen, 349-5885, or Linda White, 274-4989.

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES COMMITTEE

If you are planning a trip and are looking for partners or want to know of others' plans, call Eileen Cavanaugh, 337-1394, Reggie Buchanan, 333-7649, or Willy Hersman, 338-5132.