

Outdoor Recreation Council of BC
Meeting of Executive Board of Directors

5.05 PM Monday, November 2, 2009
47 West Broadway, Vancouver

MINUTES

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Bob Gunn	Chair	Advisory member/BCIT Fish & Wildlife program
Jeremy McCall	Executive Director/Treasurer	BC Nature
Nick Heath	Director	Sea Kayak Association of BC
Gordon Weetman	Past Chair	Trails BC/UBC Faculty of Forestry

Regrets

Cal Kaytor	Director	Quad Riders ATV Association
Hugh Martell	Director	Back Country Horsemen of BC
Jack Bryceland	Director	Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC
Vince Hilgerdenaar	Director	Four Wheel Drive Association
Erin Hart	Director	BC Snowmobile Federation, Canoe/Kayak BC
Ray Pillman	Senior Advisor	Sea Kayak Association of BC

1. R. Gunn welcomed those attending and chaired the meeting.
2. **Adoption of agenda**
The agenda was approved as distributed.
3. **Minutes of the October 5 meeting of the Executive**
 - (a) **Motion** (J. McCall/N. Heath): That the minutes of the October 5 meeting of the Executive be approved. **Motion carried**
 - (b) Review of October 9 action items: R. Gunn confirmed that he has arranged for the hosting of ORC's digitized library with Laurie Stott of Evolve Multimedia. She will be in touch shortly to discuss indexing and a search capability. J. McCall has not yet drafted amendments to ORC's Bylaws as proposed at the AGM. No action has yet been taken on sew-on logos for ORC.
 - (c) Business arising from the minutes: Nothing which is not already on the agenda.
4. **Administration, membership & general**
 - a. Membership review: The BC Camping Association has now made a different decision and has advised it does not wish to be a member of ORC for the current year. In spite of that J. McCall advised that he is prepared to follow up with the problem outlined in Item 7(b) below and he has advised Hartley Banack, BCCA Executive Director, to that effect. The BC Speleological Society, a former member, has expressed an interest in rejoining and they have been sent all relevant information. Wildsight, an environmental organization in the Kootenays, also expressed interest and has been invited to consider joining.
 - b. Steps taken with members who joined to access the NTC federal trails funding: J. McCall advised that he has not yet written to the local government agencies which joined and he plans to write chairmen, mayors, etc. when copies of the Fall

newsletter are available after printing. B. Gunn suggested that the planners and other staff members who applied for the funding should be contacted at the same time and J. McCall agreed to do that. J. McCall also said he had sent a copy of the standard letter explaining what ORC does and what it has to offer to all non-profit organizations which joined in June and he circulated a copy to members of the executive to ensure they are aware of what it says.

- c. Potential for members of the Executive Board of Directors to be more involved in ORC's administration and activities: Originally suggested by J. Bryceland. B. Gunn suggested it should be deferred to a meeting attended by all or most directors.

5. Correspondence

- a. Sent: None
- b. Received:

Copy of letter dated October 31, 2009, from BC Federation of Fly Fishers (a member) to Squamish Lillooet Regional District opposing a restriction to beach and estuary access at Furry Creek in Howe Sound which is being advocated by residents in the adjacent sub-division development.

6. Business related to ORC's mission - Current initiatives

- a. The Outdoor Recreation Report: J. McCall said the Fall issue will now be published in November and will contain the editorial concerning the deteriorating state of BC's outdoor infrastructure which was discussed at the previous meeting.
- b. Review of meeting with Bill Marshall and John Hawkings of MTCA: It was agreed that the October 23 meeting had been useful but it lacked a definitive outcome. It was also agreed that it was important for ORC to maintain its independence and the respect of MTCA staff and it was felt that had been achieved. ORC can not become a funding arm for the BC Government as was suggested by using the example of the BC Arts Council. All agreed that the discussion led logically to the need to discuss ORC's future role and its funding needs, a starting point for which will be the organizing of a symposium in Spring 2010 for which a decision on a theme is needed before serious requests can be made for topics, presenters and financial sponsorship. One possible theme could be "Is there a need for an outdoor recreation policy in BC?" G. Weetman suggested that another way for ORC to move forward would be to present awards for outdoor recreation leadership and achievement.
- c. MEMPR Forum and the "Building a Vision for Green Energy in BC" symposium: Messrs. McCall and Pillman will be panel participants at the Green Energy symposium on November 3 & 4. They will also be participating in the MEMPR workshop on November 16, the topic for which will be the Oil & Gas Activities Act.
- d. Northern Gateway Community Advisory Board (CAB): J. McCall attended the second meeting for the CAB concerned with the project's marine components in Kitimat on October 27. The meeting was efficiently facilitated by Dan George of Four Directions Management Systems Ltd., a fresh facilitator, but there was insufficient time to address environmental and other project issues because

most of the day was used to review what the CAB should be and how it should be structured. Also this meeting was not attended by several environmental groups which attended the first meeting and which advocate a Board of Enquiry for oil sands development as a whole as opposed to a Joint review Panel of the under the Canadian Environmental assessment Act which will be limited to this project and which they claim would not be effective. A review of the advantages and disadvantages of the two approaches will be given at the next meeting, presently scheduled for December 8 in Terrace.

- e. Recommendations to the CTF for future trail funding requirements: At the CTF Board meeting in Ottawa on September 26 J. McCall proposed that the CTF make recommendations to the National Trails Coalition regarding the federal trails funding program in the event that it is repeated. He has already received recommendations from Terje Vold and the BC Regional Advisory Committee for the 2009 NTC funding and these have been incorporated in recommendations to the CTF. He will be working with other provincial trail directors to finalize the CTF position.
- f. ORV Coalition: During a recent Coalition conference call it was learned that a significant announcement will be made by Minister of Tourism, Culture & the Arts Kevin Krueger shortly.

7. **Business related to ORC's mission – Emerging issues**

- a. ILMB Special Event registration requirements: J. McCall reported that the ILMB has been requested to develop a clear message to describe the new requirement for Special Event Permits suitable for sending out to organizations to both warn them about it and obtain their comments so that the policy can be tailored to the activities of the outdoor recreation sector.
- b. Imposition of property tax on non-profit campgrounds: Following the proposed imposition of a significant property tax on the Girl Guides' Camp Olave in Sechelt, J. McCall attempted to find out if the apparent change in policy for property tax exemptions by the Sechelt Council is caused by other changes in property assessment or taxation or whether it is purely a change in Council's thinking. At the time of the meeting he was unable to get an answer from the District of Sechelt's property tax person. He suggested that after finding out the cause ORC should write to the responsible authority to argue against such counter-productive taxation.
- c. Forest Practices Board review of Forest Service Roads: J. McCall enquired whether ORC should be making a submission about recreation facilities to the FPB's recently announced review . G. Weetman advised that the FPB's review was limited to the physical state of FSRs and not their location or access to them.
- d. Proposed ORC 2010 workshop re outdoor recreation issues: Theme, timing, presenters, sponsors: J. McCall requested directors to give this some thought. There was a general discussion about the need for an outdoor recreation policy in BC as a possible theme. It was agreed that such an event could not be held before April because of the Olympics.

- e. Potential future role for ORC & funding for the employment of a future Executive Director - Formation of a working group: This item was deferred until a future meeting with more directors present.

8. Upcoming events

- a. CTF Conference call - November 12.

- 9. Next meeting date:** 5 PM Monday December 7

The meeting was adjourned at 7.05 PM

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