

# Outdoor Recreation Council of BC Meeting of Executive Board of Directors

5.30 PM Monday, April 4, 2016  
1101 - 207 West Hastings Street, Vancouver

## MINUTES

<u>Present</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Don Reid	Director	Trails Society of BC
Gordon Weetman	Director	Advisory Member, UBC Faculty of Forestry
Jeremy McCall	Executive Director	
<u>By phone</u>		
Roxanne Rousseau	Director	Sea Kayak Association of BC
Erin Hart	Director	BC Snowmobile Federation
Kim Reeves	Director	Four Wheel Drive Association of BC
<u>Unable to attend</u>		
Dennis Webb	Director, Chair	Quad Riders ATV Association of BC
Rose Schroeder	Director	Back Country Horsemen of BC
Penney Edwards	Director	BC Nature
Dave Wharton	Director, Vice Chair	Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC
David Lock	Director	BC Off Road Motor Cycle Association

1. Don acted as chair and called the meeting to order at approximately 5.35 PM.

### 2. Approval of agenda

**Motion:** Moved & seconded (GW/RR). That the agenda be approved. Items 7(g) Rural Dividend Fund and 7(h) Canadian Trails Federation were added. The agenda was approved as amended. **Carried**

### 3. Minutes of the March 7 meeting of the Executive

a. Approval, errors & omissions:

**Motion:** Moved & seconded (RR/KR). That the minutes of the March 7 meeting be approved. **Motion carried.**

b. Action items in March 7 meeting minutes: Reviewed and satisfactory.

c. Business arising from the minutes: None

### 4. Administration, membership and general

a. 2016 Annual General Meeting:

- (i) Program, logistics, catering: Jeremy advised that Rose may do the catering herself. If necessary Jeremy will use the Vancouver caterer who has provided lunch for former ORC AGMs at BCIT. Jeremy confirmed that Tim Ryan, Chair of the Forest Practices Board, asked to attend and address members present after lunch and he had agreed to that.
- (ii) Nominations for director. Bylaws Article III, Section B, Para 5: At the March 7 meeting Don was designated as the Nominations Chair. Don confirmed that up to eight directors could be elected to fill vacancies under the current bylaws as amended (Dennis and Gordon were elected for two year terms). He also confirmed that Penney, Dave, Kim and Roxanne would be eligible for two year terms and Rose has one year remaining before reaching the six year limit. Given David Lock's absence from most meetings since he was elected Don did not consider he would be interested in being re-elected. Kim asked if river

kayaking should be represented on the Executive. Roxanne suggested a decision making tree. Jeremy suggested that a member of IMBA should be included so that mountain biking is represented on the Executive. Jeremy also advised that he had requested CPAWS BC to nominate him so that he could return to the Executive. He has been a member of CPAWS for a number of years.

- b. Revision of ORC's bylaws: Don said he had circulated a near final draft but had received no further comments. Kim requested that if the bylaws are circulated again any questions are set out in such a way as to require a clear yes or no response. (Erin joined meeting).
- c. Draft ORC Policy Binder: Jeremy said he plans to have a set of draft policies ready for the May meeting.
- d. Review draft job description – ORC Office Manager: Jeremy suggested that this new employee could initially work under his supervision and might also be suitable to take on the Executive Director's role in due course. Roxanne said that the office manager should liaise with the chair and that it would be essential for the person to have a link to one of the other members of the Executive. In response to a query about the funding of this position Jeremy advised that the Outdoor Recreation Foundation (ORF) will be requested to increase the quarterly grants from the present level of \$3,000 per quarter. He advised that ORF has assets of approximately \$160,000 and continues to receive income from the MasterCard affinity program of approximately \$12,000 a year. All agreed that this position should be filled as soon as possible.

**Motion:** Moved/ seconded (EH/RR) That the proposed office manager position be posted. **Carried.**

## 5. Correspondence

See Item 7 (b).

## 6. Business related to ORC's mission - Current initiatives, projects & reports

- a. 2016 Share the Trails workshop: Jeremy advised that to the best of his knowledge arrangements for the workshop were going well.
- b. Outdoor recreation access on private forest lands: The Environmental Law Clinic report entitled "Enhanced access to private forest lands" (the ELC Report) was received from Calvin Sandborn on March 8 in time for his meeting with Tim Ryan, Chair of the Forest Practices Board, to whom he gave a copy. He also circulated it to the Executive as soon as it was received. He thought the ELC Report was very thorough and that it could be very useful. Members on the call commented on the report. It was agreed that a sub-committee should be formed to develop a plan of action to follow up on some of the suggestions in the ELC Report. Kim said there would be a strong interest in this report by the 4 Wheel Drive clubs and he agreed to chair a sub-committee to develop follow-up action. He thought that ATVBC should be represented on the sub-committee. Jeremy said he would post the ELC Report on the publications page of the ORC website and circulate a message drawing attention to it.

**Action item:** Kim to chair sub-committee on improving access to private forest lands based on suggestions contained in the ELC Report.

**Action item:** Jeremy to post ELC Report on the ORC website.

- c. 2016 Endangered Rivers list: Jeremy reported on the steps taken by Mark Angelo, ORC Rivers Chair, and himself to develop the list from the recommendations

made by a large number of people in the survey and the decisions by the Endangered Rivers Committee, which also included Ken Farquharson, an advisory member of ORC, and John Werring, of the David Suzuki Foundation. The List was posted on the ORC website in March and Mark gave a number of interviews on radio and TV as well as an in-person one by the Seymour River, which was featured on the list because it is blocked by a rock slide.

- d. Meeting with Chair of Forest Practices Board - March 8: Jeremy reported that Tim Ryan expressed a strong interest in the relationship between outdoor recreation and the forests. Mr Ryan was accompanied by Norma Wilson, a member of the Board and Jeremy's predecessor as Executive Director of ORC. Mr Ryan said the Board will be conducting a study of recreation in the forests during the coming year and would be consulting outdoor recreation groups as part of the study. He asked if he could attend ORC's annual general meeting on June 11 to meet ORC's member organizations. Jeremy invited him to attend and give a short talk after the lunch.

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

- a. Back Country Horsemen of BC's (BCHBC) trail issues in South Chilcotin Mountains Provincial Park and the Bridge River Valley: Jeremy said he received a call from Kevan Bracewell, proprietor of Chilcotin Holidays, who said he had hired a person to prepare a so-called Evergreen Stewardship Plan for the Lillooet Sub Region. This is posted on the Stewardship Foundation website. (<http://www.lillooet.stewardship.foundation>) and is a follow-up to the Lillooet Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP). ORC was copied on letters to BC Parks from the Whistler Off Road Cycling Club and IMBA, both of which objected to ORC's letter to BC Parks concerning this issue.
- b. Singing Pass Trail Access: Norman Lee, Executive Director of the Mountain Resorts Branch (MRB) of MFLNRO, replied to the Federation of Mountain Clubs in response to their letter and advised that Tori Meeks, the MRB staffer on the Singing Pass file, would be contacting stakeholders to convene another meeting about possible solutions. Jeremy said he would continue to work with FMCBC on this issue.
- c. Scaling Up the Fisheries Act: ORC was requested to sign on to an initiative by West Coast Environmental Law in which it urged the Government of Canada to restore protection of fish habitat to levels prevailing before they were reduced by the Conservative government.

**Motion:** Moved/seconded (EH/GW) That ORC sign on to West Coast Environmental Law's letter to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Canada regarding the restoration of previous levels of protection for fish habitat. **Carried.**

- d. Kelowna Forestry meeting: Evan Loveless of the Wilderness Tourism Association (WTA) stated in an e-mail in March that if ORC did not undertake any follow up action from the Kelowna meeting it was doubtful that anyone else would since the WTA is fully engaged on other issues. Dennis Webb had previously stated that he himself was not prepared to follow up on the issues raised at the meeting which he attended on behalf of ORC, other than to chair a meeting if requested to do so. No further action will be taken.
- e. Reprint of the Trail Users Code of Ethics: The objective was to have it drafted designed and printed in time for the Share the Trails Workshop. Kim suggested additional wording with respect to motorized vehicles which should not spin their

wheels on trails. Roxanne suggested that such a pamphlet or brochure should apply to all trails including marine but Jeremy responded that this version is intended to be specifically directed at terrestrial trails and it would take away from its messages if marine trails are included.

- f. BC Parks permitting motorized access: Jeremy advised that BC Parks had not proven to be that helpful in providing this list and that the number of BC Parks permitting ATV access was minimal, although a number of them do permit snowmobile use, including Kakwa and Tweedsmuir P.P.s.
- g. Rural Dividend Fund: Jeremy reported on the \$75 million Fund which was originally announced in September 2015. It is intended to assist communities having fewer than 25,000 residents to do one or more of the following:
  - 1. Build community capacity and quality of life.
  - 2. Expand learning and skill development opportunities.
  - 3. Provide opportunities for rural youth to stay and return to rural communities.
  - 4. Encourage collaboration and partnerships between rural British Columbians and First Nations.

John Hawkings, Director of Recreation Sites & Trails BC, has advised that trail building would qualify under Category 1 above. Jeremy agreed to inform ORC's member organizations, some of which would qualify, about the Fund.

#### **8. Upcoming events & meetings:**

- a. Next regular meeting of the Executive: 5.30 PM Monday May 2 (subsequently changed to May 9).
- b. Share the Trails Workshop: Friday & Saturday May 6 & 7, Prestige Inn, Salmon Arm.
- c. ORC Annual General Meeting: Saturday June 11, Yarrow Community School.

#### **9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7.30 PM.

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As approved  
May 9/16  
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