

Outdoor Recreation Council of BC
Meeting of Executive Board of Directors

5.30 PM Monday, March 7, 2016
1101 - 207 West Hastings Street, Vancouver

MINUTES

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

1. Dennis called the meeting to order at 5.33 PM and conducted a roll-call.

2. Approval of agenda

Motion: Moved & seconded (RS/KR). That the agenda be approved. Item 8(e) At Rose's request a financial update was added. See Item 4(e) for the report. The agenda was approved as amended. **Carried**

3. Minutes of the February 1 meeting of the Executive

a. Approval, errors & omissions:

Motion: Moved & seconded (DR/DWh). That the minutes of the February 1 meeting be approved. **Motion carried.**

b. Action items in January 11 meeting minutes:

Item 7(e): Don to research the pros and cons of opening the KVR right of way at Vaseux Lake and draft a support letter if appropriate. Don advised that he did not hear back from the person who originally contacted him. No further action.

c. Business arising from the minutes: None

4. Administration, membership and general

a. 2016 Annual General Meeting:

(i) Program, logistics, catering: It was once again agreed that there is no need for a program because of the introduction of the new bylaws. It was agreed that the new bylaws should be sent out ahead of the meeting. To be considered they must be and they will be attached to the Notice of Meeting. Rose advised that a second caterer she has tried will not be available. She is continuing to try but may cater the event herself.

(ii) Nominations for director. Bylaws Article III, Section B, Para 5: This requires that the Chairman shall delegate an officer as the nominating officer to nominate at least three candidates for election at the annual meeting. After discussion it

was agreed that Don should be delegated as the nominating officer for 2016 since his six year term will have ended and he will not be a contender.

- b. Revision of ORC's bylaws: Subsequent to the February 1 meeting, part of which included a review and amendment of the draft bylaws, further changes were made at a meeting of the Executive on February 16 which was specifically for that purpose. That was followed by an *in camera* meeting on February 29, part of which included a total review of the draft bylaws. This resulted in an updated draft being circulated which was reviewed by those who had attended the *in camera* meeting and by Don who recommended additional changes. Dennis declared that the new bylaws were effectively complete and should be reviewed at the April Executive meeting prior to being distributed to member organizations for approval at the AGM.
- c. Draft ORC Policy Binder: Jeremy reported that after circulating the revised list of headings he has begun to complete some of the policies and plans to have a skeleton set of policies ready for the April meeting.
- d. Review draft job description – ORC Office Manager: Jeremy advised that, as a result of the dispute over the bylaws and being treated like an employee and being excluded from the *in camera* meeting, he would like to turn over the day-to-day management of the office earlier than he originally intended. This means that ORC needs an office manager rather than an administrative assistant so he has prepared an initial draft of the job description for that position. He suggested that such a person could initially work under his supervision and might also be suitable to take on the Executive Director's role in due course. Prospective pay scales for this position were discussed in the context of funds currently available to ORC. Gordon suggested that a mature stable person is need for this position because in his experience as Chair more than one person did not stay the course. He also said it would be important for the office manager to be able to apply for grants.
- e. Review of ORC finances: Members reviewed a summary of ORC's receipts and disbursements for the period from April 1, 2015, to February 29, 2016.

5. Correspondence

See Items 7(a) and (b).

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

- a. 2016 Share the Trails workshop
 - i. Program update: No changes since the February meeting. Jeremy said the planning committee should meet again shortly to finalize arrangements.
 - ii. Timing of invitations and who is to be invited: Rose said that the Horse Council is ready to send out the invitations to members of the Horse Council, ORC's member organizations (up to two persons from each on a first come, first served basis), and to the Shuswap Trail Alliance list.
 - iii. ORC attendance: Rose and Jeremy will attend. Dennis will also attend as it will be fairly close to where he lives. After some discussion it was also decided that Dave should attend at ORC's expense as he is a member of the planning committee. on the plans for this workshop.

Motion: Moved/seconded (RS/PE) That ORC reimburse Dave Wharton for his expenses to attend the Share the Trails Workshop. **Carried.**

- b. Outdoor recreation access on private forest lands: Jeremy advised that Calvin Sandborn at the Environmental Law Clinic has promised this report for AM Tuesday in time for his meeting with the Chair of the Forest Practices Board.
- c. PTAB meeting – February 18 – report: Eleven of thirteen members of the PTAB participated in the February 18 conference call, which included a review of the first year's results. It was agreed that implementation of the Trails Strategy is a huge task which may be beyond the capabilities of PTAB members alone. John Hawkings said it is important to decide whether the PTAB is an advisor or a "doer". Progress with several components of the Trails Strategy was reviewed. The draft minutes of the meeting are available on the PTAB pages on the ORC website.
- d. Campaign for BC Parks – Progress report: In spite of the efforts by ORC and many of its members to contact MLAs and advocate an increase in funding for BC Parks there was essentially no change in the BC Parks budget when the budget was announced at the end of February.
- e. 2016 Endangered Rivers Campaign: The on-line survey form has been simplified for the 2016 Campaign. The nomination period will end on March 11 on which day the Endangered Rivers committee will discuss the nominations and prepare the list of endangered rivers for each region.

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

- a. Trail issues in South Chilcotin Mountains Provincial Park: Jeremy requested support from the Executive for a letter he had drafted. Addressed to Brian Bawtinheimer, Executive Director of the Conservation, Planning and Aboriginal Relations Branch of BC Parks, the letter notes the current status of the long overdue Draft Management Plan for the Park and requests that consideration be given to designating some trails for equestrian and hiking use. The Executive unanimously agreed to support the letter.

Action item: Send letter to Brian Bawtinheimer of BC Parks as described above

- b. Singing Pass Trail Access: Jeremy distributed a copy of the letter sent by Bryce Leigh of the Federation of Mountain Clubs which reiterated the need for access to the Singing Pass Trailhead and which reviewed the history of areas removed from Garibaldi Provincial Park to make way of Whistler Blackcomb related facilities. At the FMCBC's Recreation and Conservation Committee meeting which Jeremy attended in February he had recommended that the proposed letter be sent to the head of the Mountain Resorts Branch of MFLNRO.
- c. Kelowna Forestry Conference: Evan Loveless of the Wilderness Tourism Association (WTA) had contacted ORC once again to see if ORC would be willing to move ahead with proposals made at the conference, saying that the WTA did not plan to do so. After a discussion during which Dennis said he was reluctant to take this on it was decided not to take any further action at this time.
- d. Reprint of the Trail Users Code of Ethics: The draft is still a work in progress.
- e. List of BC Parks permitting motorized access: Jeremy requested BC Parks to provide a list of those parks which permit either summer (ATV) or winter (snowmobile) access. As of February 25 a list had been received from Jim Gilliland which listed a few northern parks which permit snowmobile access. The list is incomplete.

8. Upcoming events & meetings:

- a. Next regular meeting of the Executive: 5.30 PM Monday April 4.

- b. Share the Trails Workshop, Friday May 6, Salmon Arm
- c. ORC Annual General Meeting: Saturday June 11 at the Yarrow Community School.
- d. BC Wildlife Federation AGM, April 21 to 23, Nanaimo. Dennis said he was invited but did not plan to go. Penney offered to attend part of the meeting.

Motion: Moved & seconded (DWh-GW) That ORC reimburse Penney Edwards for expenses incurred in travelling to and attending the BCWF AGM. **Carried.**

Motion: Moved & seconded (PE-KR) That ORC reimburse Dennis Webb for his expenses incurred to travel to this meeting of the Executive. **Carried.**

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7.12 PM.

As approved
Apr. 4/16
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