

Outdoor Recreation Council of BC Meeting of Executive Board of Directors

5.30 PM Monday, May 9, 2016
1101 - 207 West Hastings Street, Vancouver

MINUTES

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

1. Dennis called the meeting to order at 5.35 PM.

2. Approval of agenda

Motion: Moved & seconded (RS/DWh). That the agenda be approved. Item 7(d) - Monitoring of Executive conference calls, was added. **Carried**

3. Minutes of the April 4 meeting of the Executive

a. Approval, errors & omissions:

Motion: Moved & seconded (DR/GW). That the minutes of the April 4 meeting be approved. **Motion carried.**

b. Action items in April meeting minutes: Reviewed and satisfactory or covered by current agenda.

c. Business arising from the minutes: None

4. Administration, membership and general

a. 2016 Annual General Meeting:

(i) Program, logistics, catering: Rose advised that she has organized a local caterer for the lunch and she herself will provide coffee and buns for the morning.

(ii) Nominations for directors: Don confirmed that a full slate has been nominated to replace the eight vacancies on the Executive. He will recommend that retiring directors be re-elected for two year terms and new directors for one year terms. Don said he tried to recruit a directors from the mountain bike community but was not successful.

(iii) Jeremy will confirm with Tim Ryan, Chair of the Forest Practices Board, that he plans to attend as a guest speaker after lunch.

(iv) It was agreed that the Notice of Meeting must be distributed to member organizations by e-mail no later than May 12 and that the proposed new Constitution and Bylaws should be distributed with the Notice.

- b. Executive approval of ORC's 2016 Bylaws: The final version of the 2016 Bylaws circulated to members of the Executive was dated May 3. No further changes are planned. The revised Constitution to accompany the Bylaws is in the process of being drafted.

Motion: Moved & seconded (PE/DR) That the proposed 2016 Bylaws be submitted to members for approval at the annual general meeting. **Carried.**

Action item: Jeremy to distribute the final version of the 2016 Constitution and Bylaws to members with the Notice of Meeting on or before May 12.

- c. ORC Office Manager:

- i. Draft job description: This still needs refining to reflect the role a new office manager will play. It was agreed that hiring for the position should be deferred until after the AGM.

Action item: Jeremy to refine the draft job description and circulate for comment.

- ii. Payroll arrangements: Jeremy proposes that ORC use the services available from Sport BC to manage the salary/wages and statutory deductions for the new employee once hired. Sport BC charges non-members a set-up fee of \$150 and an annual fee of \$100, as well as a monthly fee of up to \$18 per employee. It was agreed that this would be a good way to organize payment of the new employee. Penney recommended that Betty Davison, the BC Nature office manager, be consulted prior to engaging Sport BC, as she has had experience with its services.

5. Correspondence

An additional letter concerning ORC's March 10 letter to BC Parks was received from Tyax Adventures. See also Item 6 (d).

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

- a. 2016 Share the Trails workshop, Salmon Arm: Dennis, who chaired the workshop, said it went well. Rose reported that there were 58 attendees and that the arrangements worked well. Dave commented on the way Phil McIntyre Paul of the Shuswap Trail Alliance (STA) had been such a gracious "host" and how the STA was an impressive model for trail user groups, as it has allied itself with local businesses and institutions. Dave was also impressed with the presentations by the Tabor Mountain Recreation Society and by AJ Strawson of IMBA Canada. The outdoor events on Saturday had to be combined but were well received. Don said that four to five representatives of local First Nations participated and that the STA had described how it resolved conflicts.

Motion: Moved/seconded (DWh/PE) That the Executive Board of Directors of the Outdoor Recreation Council thank the Shuswap Trail Alliance and Phil McIntyre Paul for their generous assistance with the 2016 Share the Trails Workshop, which contributed greatly to its success. **Carried.**

- b. Outdoor recreation access on private forest lands - Next steps: Kim said he would like to become more familiar with the access problems. Gordon, Roxanne and Jeremy have volunteered to join Kim on the sub-committee. Kim said it would be a good idea to have a representative of summer motorized trail users on the sub-committee. Jeremy suggested that someone from Vancouver Island

Spine Trail Association (VISTA) be included on the committee because it has a strong interest in getting a solution. The BC Wildlife Federation was also suggested.

- c. Singing Pass Trail Access: The Mountain Resorts Branch of MFLNRO organized a meeting in Whistler on April 26 which was attended by several members of the Federation of Mountain Clubs, including members of the Alpine Club of Canada, as well as representatives of the Resort Municipality of Whistler, Recreation Sites & Trails BC (RSTBC), Innergex (the Whistler IPP), Whistler Blackcomb (WB) and BC Parks. ORC was also invited to attend the meeting but was not able to. Prior to the meeting a Backgrounder on the issues was circulated to the parties. The consensus solution decided on was the so-called Option 2, which is the restoration of the original Singing Pass access route on the Whistler side of Fitzsimmons Creek. This would include providing hiking access past the slump in the roadway leading to the original Singing Pass Trail parking lot. Alastair McCrone of RSTBC has applied for \$50,000 for this purpose, to be supplemented by funds from WB. Option 2, which would permit vehicle access through the Controlled Recreation Area to the Innergex parking lot on the Blackcomb side of Fitzsimmons Creek is not considered feasible at this time (it would also require a bridge to be erected across the creek). The disadvantage of Option 2 is that the roadway intersects a section of WB's Mountain Bike Park so there will be a danger of accidents from mountain bikers colliding with hikers. For this reason the reopening of the Singing Pass access road to vehicle traffic will not be permitted. Gordon commented that the Vancouver Sun recently reported that WB is planning a major investment in its future to address such issues as climate change.

Action item: Jeremy to circulate the Backgrounder and meeting notes from the April 26 meeting at Whistler.

Jeremy also described a new organization called Garibaldi 2020 which is extremely critical of the way Garibaldi Provincial Park has been managed. On its website at www.Garibaldi2020.com it advocates a number of initiatives to expand and improve the park's facilities to enable greater access and use by the public. Dave agreed that this organization is quite controversial.

- d. South Chilcotin Mountains Provincial Park – Draft Management Plan: The public is invited to comment with a deadline of May 22 (later extended to June 13). Jeremy committed to preparing a submission by ORC to follow up its March 10 letter to BC Parks regarding the designation of trails.

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

- a. Mark Angelo's 2016 – 2017 BC Rivers campaign: Jeremy expressed concern that during April Mark committed ORC to a pre-election campaign to advocate the protection of BC's rivers by way of certain initiatives. In effect Mark proposed that ORC be part of a coalition of NGO's, including one ORC member, for this campaign. Mark had also arranged for the coalition's objectives to be posted on the ORC website without the knowledge of the Executive or any input from Jeremy, who was absent in hospital when this was happening. Jeremy proposed that, if this campaign was to be sanctioned by ORC, an appropriate resolution should be put to ORC's members at the AGM. This initiative would also compete with a resolution to conduct a renewed campaign in support of BC Parks funding during the run-up to the election.

After a short discussion members of the Executive decided that the statement on the website was premature and should be removed until the initiative was properly sanctioned by ORC's members at the AGM. Dennis suggested that the campaign could be supported but that it should not have priority.

Motion: Moved & seconded (PE/DWh) That the Rivers Campaign posting on the ORC website be removed and that Mark Angelo be invited to the AGM to describe the campaign and seek support from members. **Motion carried.**

- b. 2016 – 2017 Campaign for BC Parks: Jeremy proposed that the 2015/2016 campaign for increased funding be repeated and broadened in 2017/2018 during the run-up to the election. The concern was raised that this is an issue which is only of interest to non-motorized trail users so there is no incentive for the motorized clubs to support it. After noting that snowmobiles are permitted in a number of BC Parks and ATVs in very few, it was proposed that the campaign should also explore opportunities for off road vehicles to be permitted in selected parks.

Action item: Jeremy to draft a resolution for the 2016/2017 Campaign for BC Parks for consideration by members at the AGM.

- c. Reprint of the *Trail Users Code of Ethics*: This project was delayed due to Jeremy's absence.
- d. Monitoring ORC Executive conference calls: Rose enquired whether it would be acceptable for the person who is likely to replace her when her final term on the Executive is up in 2017 to occasionally monitor the conference calls to learn what is involved. All agreed that this would be acceptable provided that the person concerned announces when they join the call and identifies themselves.

8. Upcoming events & meetings:

- a. Next regular meeting of the Executive: 5.30 PM Monday June 6. It was agreed that it would be necessary to meet again immediately before the AGM. The new Executive will meet immediately after the AGM.
- b. ORC Annual General Meeting: Saturday June 11, Yarrow Community School.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7.00 PM.

As approved
Jun. 6/16
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