

# Outdoor Recreation Council of BC

## Meeting of Board of Directors

5.30 PM Monday, November 3, 2016

1101 - 207 West Hastings Street, Vancouver

### **MINUTES**

<u>Present</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Dave Wharton	Director, Chair	Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC
Jeremy McCall	Executive Director	Canadian Parks & Wilderness Society
Gordon Weetman	Director	Advisory Member, UBC Faculty of Forestry

#### By phone

Ciel Sander	Director	Trails Society of BC
Rose Schroeder	Director	Back Country Horsemen of BC
Dennis Webb	Director, Past Chair	Quad Riders ATV Association of BC

#### Absent

Penny Cartwright	Director	BC Snowmobile Federation
Penney Edwards	Director	BC Nature
Kim Reeves	Director	Four Wheel Drive Association of BC
Roxanne Rousseau	Director, Vice Chair	Sea Kayak Association of BC

1. Dave called the meeting to order at 5.35 PM and welcomed those present and on the phone.

#### **2. Approval of agenda**

**Motion:** Moved & seconded (DWe/CS). That the agenda be approved. **Carried.**

#### **3. Minutes of October 3 meeting of the Board of Directors**

##### a. Approval, errors & omissions:

**Motion:** Moved & seconded (RS/DWe). That the minutes of the October 3 Board meeting be approved. **Motion carried.**

b. Action items: Item 6(a) – ORC’s submission to the Select Standing Committee of the Legislature on Finance re BC Parks funding was circulated.

c. Business arising from the minutes: Rose enquired about the status of the Management Plan for South Chilcotin Mountains Provincial Park, and specifically whether ORC was satisfied with the review of the Draft Management Plan. She said Back Country Horsemen met with a man named Tom Barrett, possibly a consultant. Dave said the Federation of Mountain Clubs also met with him. ORC had no such meeting. She did not say which issues are of concern. Gordon questioned whether it was wise to “stir the pot” at this stage. In case Recreation Sites & Trails BC is involved Jeremy agreed to raise the question with Tennessee Trent when during their monthly call on November 25.

#### **4. Administration, membership and general**

a. New bylaws and status of new banking arrangements: Jeremy reported that the Corporate Registry finally returned ORC’s 2016 bylaws duly stamped for October 18, 2016. The Registry did not review the bylaws. The new bylaws will be posted on the ORC website, after which ORC’s member organizations will be advised of the changes to the membership structure and how it will affect them individually. Some members which were previously Provincial Group Members will not become

Provincial Organization Members because they are not umbrella organizations under the new definition. They will become Regional Organization Members instead (examples are Sea Kayak Society of BC & Guide Outfitters Association). They will also be requested to designate a Designated Representative for ORC if they have not already done so. Jeremy has met with VanCity to start the process of opening one new bank account to replace three HSBC accounts.

- b. Membership renewals: Jeremy reported that essentially all member organizations which were expected to renew have now renewed.
- c. Changes to status of certain ORC directors: Moira Jaatteenmaki, President of ATVBC, called the ORC office to advise that Dennis is no longer on the ATVBC Board of Directors. ATVBC would like Karen Black to replace him as the ATVBC representative at ORCBC. Jeremy advised Moira that Dennis is a director, elected by all members of ORC, so he is not the Designated Representative for ATVBC although he can obviously speak with his ATV background when required. Jeremy suggested that Karen Black become the Designated Representative. Dennis described how things had evolved with respect to his position after serving 11 years as a director of ATVBC. Donegal Wilson, office manager for the BC Snowmobile Federation, called to advise that Penny Cartwright was no longer on the Board of the BCSF. Jeremy has tried to reach Penny to see if she wishes to continue as a director. He has been unsuccessful since her BCSF e-mail is no longer valid and her phone number has been discontinued. Dennis suggested that these changes might be related to the Back Country Power Sport Coalition of BC, which was formed some time ago by three of ORC's motorized members, ATVBC, BCORMA and the BC Snowmobile Federation.
- d. ORC Administration & Communications Assistant: Jeremy posted this contract position on October 19 and received two responses, including one from Laura Cottle whom he had interviewed earlier in 2016. He interviewed Natalia Pisarek, the other applicant. She is currently working on a part-time basis with the Park Elders Council and is taking outdoor recreation programs at Capilano University. Jeremy considers Natalia is ideally suited by interests, education and experience to the Assistant's position. Ms Cottle, on the other hand, would be a possible candidate for the Executive Director position when and if it is offered. Jeremy sought the Board's approval to offer the contract position to Natalia. All agreed he should go ahead and obtain a commitment for one year. He will also notify Ms Cottle regarding the Board's recommendations.
- e. Jeremy out of office: Jeremy will be in hospital from November 9 for about a week. Dave has the spare key of the office.

## 5. Correspondence

None.

## 6. Business related to ORC's mission – Ongoing initiatives and projects

- a. Provincial Trails Advisory Board meeting – September 22: The draft minutes are to be posted on the PTAB page on the ORC website. A bulletin summarizing the meeting will also be prepared. One decision which will impact ORC was the recommendation that the PTAB have its own website, the organization and cost of which will fall to ORC. The decision was made to structure it outside the BC Government website to facilitate posting of news and information without requiring approval from the of the BC Government's communication department.
- b. ORC Access Committee: In the absence of Kim Reeves, Committee Chair, there was not a lot to be said about the October 26 conference call meeting. Jeremy had

participated in the meeting. He said Committee members expressed concern regarding the extent to which information about the Committee's deliberations would be made available to either ORC's directors or the public. They were concerned that if the Committee eventually suggested possible solutions to access problems, private landowners might advocate against such solutions if they found out about them early on. Jeremy said he had recommended that the ORC Chair, as a minimum, be able to review the Committee's minutes since the ORC Board is ultimately responsible for the Committee.

- c. 2017 Share the Trails Workshop with Horse Council BC: Nancy Spratt at Horse Council thought use of the word "but" in the previously proposed theme – "*A trail for everyone but not everyone on every trail*" was a bit negative so she and Jeremy suggested "*Let's share the trails wherever possible – Here's how!*" instead. This did not get strong support from directors so it was suggested that the earlier theme be retained but without the word "but". Penticton continues to be the desired location but a date in May has not yet been selected. It was noted that there would be several competing events on the May 27 weekend (e.g. FMCBC, Trails BC). With respect to local assistance with organizing, Jeremy approached Andrew Drouin of the South Okanagan Trail Alliance but Andrew advised that SOTA would have its hands full organizing for the FMCBC AGM. In response to a suggestion that motorized clubs in the area be requested to participate and/or make presentations, it was suggested that ATVBC be approached first. Ciel also suggested contacting Ian McLellan, Recreation Officer for the Okanagan District Officer to ask him for suggestions.

**Action item:** Jeremy to contact Moira Jaatteenmaki and Invite ATVBC to make a presentation at the 2017 Share the Trails Workshop.

- d. CTF report: Dennis reported that a CTF Directors' conference call meeting is scheduled for November 9.
- e. Washington State Trails Conference: No report in the absence of Kim Reeves.
- f. Natural Resource Roads Act: A conference call is scheduled for November 23. Jeremy and Dave are signing confidentiality agreements and will participate. Jeremy had distributed documents to the directors but he cautioned them that they are confidential and should not be distributed to others.
- g. Trailhead Canada 2017: Jeremy represents BC on the planning committee for this conference scheduled for November 13/16, 2017 in Ottawa. The Canadian Trails Federation is spearheading this initiative with backing by the Ontario Government. Parks Canada will provide funding of \$40,000 and the CTF has applied for a similar sized grant from the Canada 150 Fund. Jeremy has requested RSTBC to consider a grant of \$5,000 as an incentive for other provinces and territories to match it. The next conference call is December 1.

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

- a. Access to Boat Harbour, Nanaimo: ORC has been asked to provide a letter of support when Deborah Blum, the lawyer working on the case, makes her next submission to a government agency seeking access. Horse Council BC is also supporting this case.
- b. Hemlock Resort: Jeremy attended a meeting of the Hemlock Public Recreation Working Group In Chilliwack on October 27. The meeting was organized by the Mountain Resorts Branch of MFLNRO. All recreation sectors had an opportunity to state their case and it was a productive meeting.

- c. Reprint of Trail user's Code of Ethics: Deferred.
- e. Completion of Policy Manual: Deferred

**8. Upcoming events & meetings:**

- a. Next Board meeting: 5.30 PM Monday December 6.

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7.10 PM.

As approved

Dec. 5/16

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