

Outdoor Recreation Council of BC

Meeting of Board of Directors

5.45 PM Monday, October 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
Roxanne Rousseau	Director, Vice Chair	Sea Kayak Association of BC
Gordon Weetman	Director	Advisory Member, UBC Faculty of Forestry
<u>By phone</u>		
Penney Edwards	Director	BC Nature
Kim Reeves	Director	Four Wheel Drive Association of BC
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
<u>Absent</u>		
Penny Cartwright	Director	BC Snowmobile Federation

1. The meeting followed immediately after the annual general meeting of the Outdoor Recreation Foundation. Dave called the meeting to order at 6.05 PM.

2. Approval of agenda

Motion: Moved & seconded (JM/GW). That the agenda be approved. The numbering of the agenda items was revised for these minutes. **Agenda approved as amended.**

3. Minutes of the September 12 meeting of the Board of Directors

a. Approval, errors & omissions:

Motion: Moved & seconded (JM/GW). That the minutes of the September 12 Board meeting be approved. **Motion carried.**

b. Action items: Item 6(a) – The submission to the Select Standing Committee of the Legislature on Finance re BC Parks funding has not yet been completed or circulated.

c. Business arising from the minutes: Roxanne said she had advised the BC Marine Trails Network Association about the Youds, Macaulay & Nichols letter about the Ahousat F.N.'s statements and the fee requests made to kayakers in their territory.

4. Administration, membership and general

a. New bylaws status/new membership categories/banking arrangements: The Corporate Registry returned ORC's request to file the 2016 bylaws for reasons related to the filing procedure. The Registry will not review the actual bylaws. Moving the ORC bank account to VanCity will be delayed until the bylaws have been processed.

b. Membership renewals: Jeremy named the few remaining member organizations which have not yet paid their dues. An updated membership list will be circulated. Re the apparent inability of IMBA Canada to renew its membership after the Executive Director left, Jeremy met with Martin Littlejohn of the Mountain Bike

Tourism Association of BC (MBTA), an ORC member, to discuss whether MBTA could act as a provincial organization to represent the mountain bike clubs. MBTA has no member clubs. Its current membership is largely regional and municipal tourism agencies, local governments and mountain resorts, as a result of which it is well funded. Martin agreed to investigate the proposal.

- c. BC Wildlife Federation Membership – Announcement: Jeremy suggested that an announcement be made to ORC's members welcoming the BCWF's membership in ORC, to include its mission statement and strategic objectives, and stating that ORC looks forward to working with the BCWF on areas of joint interest, including forest access. All agreed with this approach. A suggestion that ORC issue a press release was not adopted.
- d. ORC Administration & Communications Assistant: Jeremy said he would be ready to post the position and perhaps fill it between mid-October and mid-November when he will be taking sick leave. The initial posting will be with ORC's members.

5. Correspondence

None.

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

- a. 2016/2017 BC Parks Funding Campaign: Jeremy continues to review the Annual Statistics tables on the BC Parks website so he can develop ORC's submission to the Legislature's Finance Committee for increasing funding for BC Parks. He will circulate the ORC submission before submitting it by the October 14 deadline. The ORC submission will consist of a spreadsheet with the recent financial history of BC Parks and arguments based on the spreadsheet.

Action item: Jeremy to circulate ORC submission on Funding for BC Parks to Board prior to submitting it.

- b. 2016/17 BC Rivers Coalition & Campaign: On behalf of the Coalition, Mark Angelo delivered a submission in person for increased funding for BC's rivers to the Finance Committee. The submission was based on its previously published Declaration, which is posted on the ORC website.
- c. Provincial Trails Advisory Board Face to Face meeting – September 22: Jeremy, as co-chair of the PTAB, reported that this meeting was the most successful to date and members came away feeling they had made real progress with the PTAB's mandate. Matters discussed included: the budgets of Recreation Sites & Trails BC (RSTBC) (John Hawkings), BC's Rail Trails (Tennessee Trent), introduction of Daniel Scott, who has joined RSTBC and will work on Trails Strategy Action 13 re trail standards, etc, (which he described as his "dream project"), getting First Nations more involved with the PTAB, and exploring ways to increase the profile and functionality of the PTAB. It was agreed that the PTAB should become more visible if it has its own website. Jeremy agreed that ORC could investigate development of an independent PTAB website, since it would be unlikely to work well if it is subject to government website procedures. Adequate funding of the website will be a requirement. Other issues discussed were the demolition of the bridge on a deactivated logging road over the McGregor River and the impact of E-bikes on trails. The declaration by the Ahousat F.N. was also discussed (see Item 3(c) above).
- d. CTF report: As a newly elected director and now the treasurer, Dennis reported on the CTF's new Executive. Patrick Connor, of Ontario Trails Council, is the new president and he has been active in reaching out to CTF members and others,

(including Back Country Horsemen of BC, according to Rose). Kim asked about membership of motorized organizations. Dennis said he discussed that with Patrick and he intends to take a neutral position in CTF discussions. Ciel expressed concern about the lack of success of rail trails in BC.

- e. Access to private lands committee: Kim said 11 people have signed up to serve on the committee, split about evenly between Vancouver Island and the mainland. The first working meeting was to be held on October 11 (later changed to October 26). At that meeting the terms of reference will be discussed. Gordon said the access statement on the TimberWest website has been changed. Among other requirements a non-profit is required to pay a \$500 fee is required to have access plus general liability insurance of \$3 million. In response to a comment about vandalism Kim commented that gates keep out honest people and companies would benefit from having eyes on the ground.

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

- a. McGregor River Bridge: This bridge was discussed at the PTAB meeting. According to David Oliver, of the BCWF, the bridge would deteriorate rapidly after deactivation of the road and it would not be practical to retain it.
- b. Access to Boat Harbour: No known progress at this time.
- c. 2017 Share the Trails Workshop: The proposed theme is likely to be based on a quote from John Hawkings “*A trail for everyone but not everyone on every trail*”. Suggested location and date - Penticton in May.
- d. 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 November 7.
- b. Washington State Trail Conference: October 13 – 15, Richland (Tri-Cities area). Jeremy cannot attend. Kim agreed to represent ORC in his stead. A budget for his registration, travel and accommodation will be arranged, based on the costs incurred by Jeremy and Don Reid to attend the American Trails Conference in Portland in 2015.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7.25 PM.

As approved

Nov. 7/16

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