

# Outdoor Recreation Council of BC

## Meeting of Board of Directors

5.00 PM Monday, June 5, 2017

1101 - 207 West Hastings Street, Vancouver

### MINUTES

<u>Present</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Jeremy McCall	Executive Director	Canadian Parks & Wilderness Society
Natalia Pisarek	ORC Communications & Administration	- HERE
<u>By phone</u>		
Dennis Webb	Director, Past Chair	Quad Riders ATV Association of BC
Kim Reeves	Director	Four Wheel Drive Association of BC
Roxanne Rousseau	Director, Vice Chair	BC Marine Trails Association
Ciel Sander	Director	Trails Society of BC
Gordon Weetman	Director	Advisory Member, UBC Faculty of Forestry
Rose Schroeder	Director	Back Country Horsemen of BC
Penney Edwards	Director	BC Nature
<u>Absent</u>		
Dave Wharton	Director, Chair	Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC
Penny Cartwright	Director	BC Snowmobile Federation

#### 1. Roll call/regrets

The meeting was moved to 5:00pm. Dennis chaired the meeting.

#### 2. Approval of agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

5(a) BC Snowmobile Federation (BCSF) resignation.

5(b) ATVBC email correspondence regarding nominations of Directors.

7(d) South Chilcotin Mountain Parks Management Plan.

**Motion:** Moved & seconded (RS/KR) that the amended agenda be approved.

**Motion carried.**

#### 3. May 1 Board meeting minutes

a. Approval, errors & omissions: Moved & seconded (RS/KR). That the minutes of the May 1 Board meeting be approved. **Motion carried.**

b. Action items in March meeting minutes:

4(a) Dave to send an opening statement for Dennis to read at the AGM. – complete.

4(a) JM to confirm that Daniel still wants to attend the AGM if he's coming from Nelson – complete.

5 Rose and Scott to send Jeremy information about "safety and environment" as outlined in their original letter- complete.

c. Business arising from minutes. None.

#### 4. Administration, membership & general

a. Annual General Meeting – Notice of meeting was sent by May 19

ATV BC sent correspondence by email pointing out that resolutions to be voted on at the upcoming AGM were sent to members only 15 days ahead of the general meeting, instead of the required 30 days according to ORC's bylaws. As a result, ATV BC feels that any further business or resolutions that are brought forward must be related to ordinary business only, and anything else would be in contravention of ORC's bylaws. There are currently three resolutions up for vote.

- Resolution 2017 - 01  
Amendment to the bylaws of the Council to reduce the notice period for distributing a notice of meeting from 30 days to 14 days and to reduce the notice period for a member to submit a resolution to the Council for consideration at annual general meeting from 45 days to 30 days.
- Resolution 2017 - 02  
A resolution to increase the dues payable by members of the Outdoor Recreation Council to take effect for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2018.
- Resolution 2017 – 03  
Proposed by the British Columbia Federation of Drift Fishers regarding Fisheries & Oceans Canada (DFO)'s recent cancellation of the "Salmonids in the Classroom" program."  
The Directors acknowledged that ATV BC is correct regarding their interpretation of ORC's bylaws, but the Directors feel that only Resolution 01 could be considered special business as this resolution intends to amend the bylaws. Resolution 02 and Resolution 03 are considered ordinary business. Additionally, the nomination of Directors is ordinary business. The Directors decided to request a legal opinion on the matter before making a decision about whether or not to withdraw Resolution 01.
- Nominations for Board – List attached to Mail-in Ballots distributed June 2  
The BC Federation of Snowmobilers will not be renewing membership with ORC, and as a result Penny Cartwright's nomination for Director will be withdrawn. She was originally nominated by the BC Snowmobile Federation and was listed on the 2017 Mail-in Ballot. Penny served as a director of ORC for the past year. There is now one vacancy on the Board. Gordon agreed to fill the vacancy.
- Resolutions – As attached to Mail-in Ballots  
As listed above.
- Review of logistics, registration and catering  
Copies of all pertinent documents will be printed for attendees ahead of the AGM including the agenda, nominations list, resolutions list, financial statements and Executive Director's report. Less than 10 members have confirmed their attendance, and ORC's bylaws require 10 or more members entitled to vote at any general meeting for quorum to be satisfied. All other logistics are in order.

**Action:** Natalia to send reminder to members about the AGM to encourage more members to attend.

- After lunch talk – Daniel Scott, Trails Specialist, RSTBC  
Jeremy confirmed that Daniel will be travelling from Nelson to speak after lunch. Daniel Scott works within the Trails program for Recreation Sites

and Trails BC (RSTBC) within the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations. His responsibilities include the management of the Province's rail trail system and developing trail standards and specifications.

- b. May monthly e-newsletter – *The Outdoor Recreation Report* – Natalia  
Natalia provided a brief update about the newsletter. Feedback to date has been positive.

**Action:** Natalia to adjust e-newsletter format to make it more mobile friendly.

- c. Financial statements  
No comments at this time.

## 5. Correspondence

- a. The BC Snowmobile Federation's decision to discontinue membership with ORC  
The BC Snowmobile Federation will not renew membership with ORC. This news was delivered via a short email from Penny shortly before the board meeting. Their decision affects Penny Cartwright's nomination as she was originally nominated by the BC Snowmobile Federation. Penny Cartwright's nomination will be withdrawn. No correspondence has been received from the Federation yet.

**Action:** Jeremy to contact the President of the BC Snowmobile Federation.

- b. Email correspondence from ATVBC regarding Dennis's nomination  
Dennis was originally nominated to the ORC Board by ATVBC but he is no longer a Director of ATVBC as he chose not to run for re-election last year. ATVBC has a policy that anyone representing ATVBC with another organization must be a current ATVBC Director. Jeremy replied to ATVBC and confirmed that Dennis was nominated by the ORC Board of Directors and not as an affiliate of ATVBC.

**Action:** Jeremy to update Dennis' affiliation to include Back Country Horsemen BC and the Canadian Federation of Trails.

## 6. Business related to ORC's mission – ongoing initiatives, projects & reports

- a. ORC Access Committee update – Update & revised terms of reference – Kim
  - i. Update, revised terms of reference, access to meeting minutes on Groups.io – Kim

The revised Terms of Reference (TOR) document was recently approved by the Access Committee. Additionally, the Committee's meeting minutes will be made available to the ORC Board following the AGM once the new Board is ratified. Kim was invited to present at the Private Forest Landowners Association (PFLA) conference on June 8th in Cowichan Bay. Kim intends to present on access issues from his three relevant perspectives: ORC Access Committee, ORC Board and the Four Wheel Drive Association.

**Motion:** Moved & seconded (GW/JM) that Access Committee's revised Terms of Reference (TOR) be approved. **Motion carried.**

**Motion:** Moved & seconded (RS/JM) that funds be approved for travel mileage and one night's hotel for Kim to attend the PFLA conference. **Motion carried.**

ii. Request from Terrance Martin for ORC to coordinate access to private forest lands

An industry consortium led by consultant Terrance Martin of eigenvector consulting, and currently comprised of Timberwest, Island Timberlands, BC Hydro, Fortis BC, Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association, BC Wildlife Federation and the University of Victoria Business Law Clinic is facilitating an applied research project. The purpose of the project is to determine if both industrial and social value paradigms can co-exist on industrial roads with a net benefit to both. ORC was asked to participate in this research project. The role of the ORC would be to organize the recreation sector to a single point of contact, communicate with, and recruit participants through our membership that represent a cross-section of recreational interests. The Directors approved of ORC's participation in this project. Roxanne requested that ORC also raise the issue of access to private land from the water that would affect paddling activities. Jeremy agreed.

b. PTAB – In-person meeting May 11, Penticton – Report

Jeremy reported on the May 11 PTAB meeting. Highlights include:

- OHV ACT Sub-Account Fund: This fund is the Off-Road Vehicle Trail Management Sub-account in the 2014 Off-Road Vehicle Act. \$330,000 has now been deposited in this account.
- Patrick Lucas of the Aboriginal Youth Mountain Bike Association presented. Patrick is a community planner who is the Founder and Director of the Aboriginal Youth Mountain Bike Program (AYMBP). He discussed his experience working with First Nations in BC and offered advice around building relationships with indigenous communities.

Draft meeting minutes will be posted soon. A number of PTAB Board Members also attended the Share the Trails workshop on May 12.

c. 2017 Share the Trails Workshop – Report

Jeremy reported on the Share the Trails workshop. A report of proceedings is in progress and will be distributed in the coming weeks. A key outcome of the workshop is the creation of a multi-stakeholder Steering Committee, and ORC will initially be providing administrative support. The task of the Committee will be to establish a recreation advisory group (RAG). The following groups expressed interest in participating and have been invited to the first conference call scheduled for July 17.

- Thompson-Okanagan Tourism Association
- Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen
- Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
- Recreation Sites and Trails BC
- BC Cycling Coalition
- Grand Forks ATV Club
- Trails BC
- Horse Council BC
- Trails to the Boundary Society

- Vermilion Trails Society
- Southern Interior Track & Trail Society
- Grand Forks Community Trails Association

Kim suggested that ORC should have regional advisory groups. Jeremy explained that ORC used to have such groups in the past, though they weren't successful in achieving their goals and were disbanded. Ciel added that the province needs to invest more funds into land management.

d. Trailhead Canada – Ottawa – November 22/23 – BC representation and CTF update

The date of the conference was moved to November 22/23. It was moved because parliament will be in session at that time and conference attendees wish to speak with MPs. Currently there is minimal representation from British Columbia and Jeremy is looking for speakers from BC to attend the conference. In particular, he would like to see John Hawkings or Tennessee Trent of Recreation Sites and Trails BC (RSTBC) to attend. He would like the CTF to extend a formal invitation asking RSTBC to present at the conference. A formal invitation would help RSTBC request funding for travel costs from the Ministry. Additionally, Rose confirmed that the Back Country Horsemen of BC (BCHBC) will join the CTF and that Sharon Pickthorne agreed to be the equestrian representative. The CTF AGM is scheduled for September 14.

**Action:** BCHBC to let CTF know that they intend to join.

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

a. Proposed Park Issues Committee – next steps

ORC is in the process of establishing a Park Issues Committee to resolve various trail access issues. Two prominent cases include Singing Pass Trail near Whistler, BC and the backcountry access corridor (BAC) in Cypress P.P. Next steps will be addressed in the fall.

**Action:** Jeremy to include this item on the September Board Meeting agenda.

b. Campaign for BC Parks meeting & BC Parks Future Strategy – May 29 – Report

Ric Careless is the President of BC Spaces for Nature and Chair of the Elders Council for Parks. He invited ORC to attend the Campaign for BC Parks meeting on May 29. Four years ago the Campaign for BC Parks was launched by Ric to build a strategy to provide long term sustainable support for BC Parks. Thanks to the lobbying efforts of many and the support of Government, the BC Parks Futures Strategy was announced in November 2016 and includes many of the elements that were recommended. The purpose of the May 29 meeting was to discuss possibilities and challenges related to the BC Parks' Future Strategy and to assess the capacity among the attendees to support the BC Parks Futures Strategy moving forward. Ric will be stepping down as the leader of the Campaign and wishes to pass the baton to others who will organize for the well-being of the provincial parks system. The attendees discussed next steps but no formal commitments were made at the time.

Meeting with Adventure Tourism Coalition – May 25. Request for input from ORC (see attached ATC Strategy document)

Jeremy, Roxanne, Kim and Natalia attended this meeting. The Adventure Tourism Coalition presented their Adventure Tourism Strategy to attendees. Roxanne explained that she acknowledges the need of the tourism sector to organize but she is unclear how supporting the Coalition benefits public recreation. Kim added that the Coalition is seeking to position the wilderness tourism sector on equal footing with other industries, such as forestry and mining. They are looking for friends in the outdoor recreation community, but Kim is not convinced that they are making an attractive offer. In particular, Roxanne and Kim are concerned that the interests of the public outdoor recreation community would not be weighted equally. Jeremy added that the Coalition did not share their draft strategy report even though the Coalition asked for feedback. Jeremy is concerned about the lack of transparency and said that he can't support a document that he's never seen. The Coalition did share a summary of the report's key points. At this time Jeremy is skeptical to the degree that ORC should be cooperating with the Coalition.

**Motion:** Moved & seconded (CS/KR) that the Outdoor Recreation Council send the Collation a letter requesting that they send their strategy report for review. **Motion carried.**

**Action:** Jeremy to write to the Coalition requesting their full strategy report.

c. South Chilcotin Mountain Parks Management Plan - Rose

The Back Country Horsemen of BC (BCHBC) was not being informed about discussions regarding a memorandum of understanding between the Bridge River Valley Community Trail Association (BRVCTA) and local First Nations for trails in the Bridge River Valley. The BCHBC also have other concerns about trails in the South Chilcotin. Jeremy raised this issue at the PTAB meeting in May, but the PTAB members were unable to provide any useful advice for BCHBC because the PTAB does not adjudicate on local issues. One PTAB member suggested that the BCHBC join the BRVCTA. BCHBC was not encouraged by the BRVCTA to join until the negotiations with First Nations were resolved. BCHBC is concerned that there are decisions being made in their MOU with regards to horse use, in which they have no input.

**8. Upcoming events, meetings, etc.**

a. ORC AGM – June 17, Yarrow Community School

**Action:** Roxanne to send confirmation in writing outlining her intent to run for Vice-Chair. Anyone else who is not attending the AGM and wants to run for an officer position is also required to send written confirmation.

b. Next Board meeting – immediately after AGM to elect chair, etc. and appoint Advisory Members

c. Trailhead Canada – Ottawa – November 22/23

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54PM.

As approved

June 16/17