

Outdoor Recreation Council of BC

Meeting of Board of Directors

4.00 PM Monday, March 6 2017
1101 - 207 West Hastings Street, Vancouver

MINUTES

<u>Present</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Gordon Weetman	Director	Advisory Member, UBC Faculty of Forestry
Jeremy McCall	Executive Director	Canadian Parks & Wilderness Society
Natalia Pisarek	ORC Communications & Administration	

By phone

Dennis Webb	Director, Past Chair	Quad Riders ATV Association of BC
Roxanne Rousseau	Director, Vice Chair	Sea Kayak Association of BC
Rose Schroeder	Director	Back Country Horsemen of BC
Penny Cartwright	Director	BC Snowmobile Federation
Penney Edwards	Director	BC Nature
Kim Reeves	Director	Four Wheel Drive Association of BC
Ciel Sander	Director	Trails Society of BC

Absent

Dave Wharton	Director, Chair	Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC
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1. Dave was not present because he was leading a snowshoe trip in Manning Park. Jeremy chaired the meeting in his absence.

2. Approval of agenda

Motion: Moved & seconded (PC/KR). **Motion carried.** The following items were added: Penny Cartwright proposed – discussion around D&O insurance added as 4(c). Rose proposed – South Chilcotin Mountains PP management plan added as 7(c). Agenda was approved as amended.

3. February 6 Board meeting minutes

- a. Approval, errors & omissions: Moved & seconded (PE/PC). That the minutes of the February 6 Board meeting be approved. **Motion carried.**
- b. Action items in February meeting minutes:
 - 3(b) PC to get information and make a case for D&O insurance – completed.
 - 3(b) JM to send reminder to Members about allowable terrestrial motorized access in provincial parks spreadsheet - outstanding
 - 4(c) JM to draft resolution re: membership dues increase – to be prepared for AGM package
 - 4(c) RR to connect with Dave re: AGM – completed.
 - 6(a) Directors to bring issues to DWh re meeting with Jim Standen, BC Parks – no issues raised.
 - 6(b) KR to send Douglas Lake article – completed.
 - 6(c) KR to send 1992 trail access report – completed.
 - 6(c) CS to discuss Share the Trails workshop with Trails BC – completed
 - 8(a) JM to send confirmation to Directors re: 4:00 pm start time – completed
- c. Business arising from minutes. PC – D&O insurance discussion added to agenda as item 4(c).

4. Administration, membership & general

a. Annual General Meeting – June 17 in Yarrow

- Meeting responsibilities (DWh and JM will be away)

Roxanne agreed to chair the meeting. Jeremy will provide an administrative checklist. Natalia will take care of administrative logistics. Dennis will attend the AGM and could assist if required. Jeremy confirmed that ORC will assist Directors with travel and accommodation costs if necessary. Directors agreed on \$300-350 for catering, which needs to include a vegetarian option.

Action item: Rose was requested to arrange catering for AGM.

- Appoint nominating committee (2 directors – ORC Bylaw 4.4)

Rose and Penney Edwards agreed to serve and were appointed to the nominating committee.

- Call for resolutions from member organizations

Jeremy said that FMCBC's members are very concerned with trail access issues. He wants FMCBC to create resolutions for ORC to support. ORC's other members should also be asked to prepare resolutions for the AGM. Gordon raised concerns about the growing influence of social media in generating overcrowding at popular sites. Jeremy believes that social media is also positive since it encourages more people to recreate outdoors; the PTAB is aware of this issue. The PTAB was concerned about Destination BC's decision to promote St. Mark's Summit without context to a general public who were not well prepared. Kim added that social media also brings about transparency on access issues. All agreed.

Action item: ORC to send out a request for resolutions to Members before the AGM. The call to Members should include a sample to help Members draft a cohesive resolution.

- Increase in membership dues to \$180/\$96/\$50 from \$156/\$84/\$50

Jeremy confirmed that dues bring in about \$6,000 annually, which is small part of the budget but is significant because it signals support from Member Organizations. Jeremy believes it's time for a modest increase of the dues. This increase would be put to a vote as a resolution at the upcoming AGM, and should it pass go into effect in 2018. Dennis suggested that the increase be higher than Jeremy proposed. An increase to \$192 for Provincial Organizations was suggested.

Motion. Moved & seconded (PE/PC). That the following membership dues for 2018/2019 be recommended for approval to members at the AGM:

- Provincial Organization Members - \$192 p.a.
- Regional Organization Members - \$96 p.a.
- Individual Members - \$50 p.a.

Motion carried

Penny Cartwright asked whether ORC is still seeking out a speaker for the AGM. She suggested Dave Norona (cost \$1,650). Jeremy said ORC doesn't pay speakers, though he believes it would be beneficial to have a speaker after lunch. Jeremy suggested Daniel Scott, RSTBC's Trail Specialist. All agreed. Gordon said slides are difficult to see in the room

where the AGM is held due to lighting. Jeremy said he'll try to borrow a screen.

Action item: ORC to draft a resolution to increase dues to \$192/\$96/\$50.

Action item: Jeremy to invite Daniel Scott to speak at ORC's AGM.

Action item: Jeremy to borrow a screen for the AGM.

- b. New monthly e-newsletter – The Outdoor Recreation Report – Natalia
Natalia gave an update on the e-newsletter and asked the Directors for feedback. Roxanne suggested that the "News Roundup" section be divided into categories. Jeremy recommended a "table of contents" feature. Dennis addressed the issue of email privacy. Natalia confirmed that MailChimp is similar to a "blind copy" because recipients don't see other recipients. Rose confirmed that Backcountry Horsemen use MailChimp and they've never had a problem. Ciel pointed out that with Canada's new anti-spam laws, users have to subscribe. Natalia confirmed that MailChimp complies with this law. Kim thinks it's important for members to contribute content. Penny Cartwright said the newsletter is too focused on non-motorized activities and should be more inclusive in its language and content. Natalia agreed to revise the newsletter. Natalia also asked the Directors if they'd like to purchase a business subscription for \$10/month. It would allow ORC to send the newsletter without MailChimp's logo on it. A business subscription also provides other support services from MailChimp. This would cost about \$120 per year.

Motion. Moved & seconded (DW/CS). To take out a business subscription in MailChimp. **Motion carried.**

Action item: Natalia to research what MailChimp does with contacts ORC uploads to its system.

Action item: Kim to provide information about motorized activities for newsletter.

Action item: Natalia to arrange for purchase of MailChimp business subscription.

- c. Added to Agenda – Directors & Officers Errors & Omissions Insurance
Penny Cartwright discussed her findings re: D & O with the Directors. Currently ORC only has General Liability insurance. Dennis is in favour of D & O. He said that though the incident rate might be low, it only takes one person to sue to cause a major financial blow to an organization. As a result, he would rather be cautious and purchase the D & O. He pointed out that ATV BC was sued in the past and the insurance covered legal costs and any required settlement. Jeremy doesn't feel that it's likely ORC will be sued. Kim pointed out that Jeremy was referring to physical liabilities such as someone falling and hurting themselves, however other issues such as wrongful dismissal are not out of the realm of possibility of happening. Rose pointed out that Backcountry Horsemen has it but they had to negotiate aggressively to reduce their price. She believes there might be some room to negotiate for ORC. Gordon is in support of D & O. Ciel is also in support. No one was in opposition.

Motion. Moved & seconded (DW/CS) Obtain quotation for D & O E & O insurance from Capri Insurance. **Carried.**

5. Correspondence None

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

a. BC Parks' Future Strategy – follow-up

Jeremy had difficulty finding BC Parks funding figures in the recent provincial budget as they are on page 78 of a 188-page document. He found a figure of \$49 million, approximately an increase of \$18 million, but it's still unclear whether this is a baseline increase that will carry forward in future years or if it's just a temporary supplement to fund the projects outlined in the BC Parks' Future Strategy. Jeremy also said RSTBC will receive \$1.1 million p.a. for 5 years for 1,100 new sites on crown land. That funding was included in the BC Parks Future Strategy. Rose said that most sites will be front country not back country.

Action item: Jeremy to research the \$49 million figure and confirm whether or not this is a long-term baseline increase.

b. ORC Access Committee – Kim

Kim discussed the recent resignation of Troy Halliday. He had joined to represent the BC Wildlife Federation, but the BCWF had not appointed him and was not aware of his role. Cheryl Johnson, BCWF Operations Manager, advised ORC that it will initiate committee appointments to decide who is to represent BCWF. Kim gave a report of the Access Committee's Feb 22 meeting. The committee discussed access to crown land adjacent to private land that is controlled by forestry companies on Vancouver Island. Gordon stated that private and crown land were previously managed under an umbrella forestry policy, and under this arrangement access was not an issue. However, some of the private lands were sold to other owners and then it became an access issue. Ciel stated that a similar process of privatization occurred in the Okanagan during the 1970s. She was asked to send documents relating to this issue. Kim said perhaps there's a case to be made for public access if public monies were used to develop resource roads through the private lands. Gordon disagreed and said that line of argument wouldn't be successful. Kim also reported that committee member Terrance Martin proposed a "smart card" authorization system organized by the Victoria Fish & Game Protective Association (VFGPA) that would gain card holders access through TimberWest gates. Terrance suggested that ORC could lead the initiative for an authentication mechanism that would grant access to a variety of recreation groups. Kim stated that this initiative doesn't align with the Committee's Terms of Reference. The VFGPA has a private agreement with a private land owner whereas the Committee is trying to discover a broad-reaching legislative avenue. The Committee also discussed the Right to Roam private member's bill recently introduced by Green Party MLA Andrew Weaver. Kim said that the bill applies primarily to non-motorized access. This may be a problem since many trailheads require access through private roads and almost all recreationists use a 4-wheel drive vehicle to access trailheads. Kim feels that a non-motorized right to roam bill doesn't address the problem in BC. Jeremy confirmed that the bill refers to any uncultivated land and crown land on foot.

Action item: Jeremy to advise BCWF re their previous "representatives" on the Access Committee.

Jeremy advised that the BCWF AGM will be held in Nelson from May 4 to 6 and asked if any director would like to represent ORC.

Action item: Any director who wants to travel to Nelson to represent ORC at the BCWF AGM should contact Jeremy. ORC will assist with travel and accommodation costs.

c. 2017 Share the Trails Workshop with Horse Council, Penticton, May 12
Jeremy provided a brief report. A planning meeting is scheduled for March 15 between ORC, Horse Council representatives Nancy Spratt and Terre O'Brennan and the facilitator Susanna Haas Lyons. At this upcoming meeting the speaking order and itinerary may be finalized.

- Proposed objective, theme and structure of workshop

The following organizations have been invited to make presentations:

- Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association
- Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen
- ATV BC
- Trails BC
- TCT BC Executive Director Jim Bishop (he has since declined)
- Horse Council BC
- RSTBC (Tennessee Trent)

The intention of the workshop is to expose the views of everyone and see if there is a better way to share the rail trails than they are being shared at present. Dennis confirmed that he'll be attending the workshop.

- Planning meeting with facilitator – March 15/Issues

Dennis and Rose confirmed that they will speak with Susanna to discuss issues related to the workshop.

d. PTAB – February 16 meeting, 2017 bulletin, In-person meeting in May

Jeremy confirmed that PTAB's most recent minutes will be approved shortly. Jeremy is also preparing a 2016 bulletin for general distribution. Tennessee Trent will try to schedule the May PTAB meeting around the Share the Trails workshop so PTAB folks can attend.

e. Canadian Trails Federation

Date of upcoming meeting has been moved to March 16. They are working hard to fulfill their mandate. CTF might need to increase meeting frequency from once every two months to one per month.

f. Planning for Trailhead Canada 2017 Conference – Jeremy

Jeremy reported that the basic schedule has been worked out and the planning committee is doing well. Jeremy is trying to ensure that BC has a role to play at the conference.

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

a. Reprint of "Trail User's Code of Ethics – Drafting resumed

Jeremy has forwarded it to his drafting and design person.

b. ORC Policy Manual – Will be progressively updated

c. Added to Agenda: South Chilcotin PP Management Plan

Rose reported that things have been getting worse on the trails due to conflicts between user groups. She also reported that some people are going up with machines to move dirt on trails and that there doesn't appear to be much oversight at the present. She asked Jeremy if the PTAB has any updates about the management plan. Jeremy confirmed that there is no confirmation about what is going on in that area.

Action item: Jeremy to get in touch with BC Parks to ask when this management plan will be out.

8. Upcoming events, meetings, etc.

- a. Next Board meeting – 4 PM Monday April 3
- b. Share the Trails Workshop – May 12, Penticton.
- c. ORC AGM – June 17, Yarrow Community School
- d. Trailhead Canada - National Trails Conference to celebrate Canada's Sesquicentennial – Ottawa – November 13/16, 2017

9. Adjournment

Motion: Moved & seconded (DW/KR). The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Motion carried.

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