

# Outdoor Recreation Council of BC

## Meeting of Board of Directors

5.00 PM Monday, March 5, 2018

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	
<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
Scott Walker	Director	Back Country Horsemen of BC
Gordon Weetman	Director	Advisory Member, UBC Faculty of Forestry
Penney Edwards	Director	BC Nature
<u>Absent</u>		
Dave Wharton	Director, Chair	Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC
Ciel Sander	Director	Trails Society of BC
Karen Black	Director	Quad Riders ATV Association of BC

#### 1. Roll call/regrets

The meeting began at 5:02pm. D. Wharton was not present. Vice Chair R. Rousseau chaired the meeting.

#### 2. Approval of agenda

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

#### 3. February 5, 2018 Board meeting minutes

a. Approval, errors & omissions:

**Motion.** Moved & seconded (GW/DWe) that the minutes of the February 5 Board meeting be approved. **Motion carried.**

b. Action items in February 5 meeting minutes:

**4(a)** NP to revise membership application form. – **completed (will send to Directors for review)**

**4(d)** ORC to contact Yarrow Community School for AGM. – **completed**

**4(d)** JM to ask R. Rousseau to join the nominating committee. – **completed**

6(b) JM to schedule PTAB meeting. – **work in progress**

c. Business arising from minutes. None

#### 4. Administration, membership & general

a. Membership update - Beaver Canoe Club application, campaign – Jeremy Beaver Canoe Club submitted an application to join. **Motion.** Moved & seconded (PE/GW). To approve the Beaver Canoe Club's application for membership. **Motion carried.**

b. AGM - arrangements for June 16 – Natalia

Yarrow Community School is booked for the AGM on June 16, which is the venue used for last year's AGM. An unofficial announcement regarding the AGM was published in ORC's February e-newsletter. The formal Notice of

Meeting will go out to members in the coming weeks, as per ORC's bylaws. RR suggested that ORC connect with a local MLA to speak at the AGM about the new NDP government and its vision for recreation. KR added that a FLNRO/ Recreation Sites and Trails staff member could speak about the Rural Development funding program.

**Action:** JM to consider MLAs to invite to the AGM

**Action:** JM to connect with FLNRO and invite someone to speak about the Rural Development funding program.

- c. Nominating committee for new directors – Jeremy  
ORC's bylaws state that Directors will be elected for a term not to exceed two years, and that no director shall hold office for longer than six consecutive years. DWe will complete 6 consecutive years as Director at the 2018 AGM. PE will not be up for reelection because she is no longer a member of the BC Nature executive. PE asked to be replaced as of June 2018 and so BC Nature will nominate a new candidate. RR, KR, JM, KB, CS, SW are eligible for a 2-year term. GW agreed to continue as an Advisory Member. DWe pointed out that JM and RR should not be on the nominating committee as they are both up for re-election. **Motion.** Moved & seconded (JM/SW) to appoint Dennis Webb as Chair of the Nominating Committee and appoint Penney Edwards to the Nominating Committee. **Motion carried.**

**Action:** DWe to contact former ORC Directors Don Reid and Rose Schroeder about joining the Nominating Committee.

- d. February e-newsletter – The Outdoor Recreation Report – Natalia  
Beginning in March, ORC will include a "Member News Board" in the e-newsletter. Each month about 2 weeks ahead of publication, NP will send a call out to members requesting news about upcoming events, campaigns, and other information to share in the e-newsletter.

**5. Correspondence** None

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

- a. ORC Access Committee – Kim  
The Access Committee has identified 10 principles to guide its recommendations for legislative change regarding an access regime. The committee is in the process of producing a report of its recommendations which will be completed in May. This report will be circulated to ORC's Directors for comment. KR will also organize one of the sessions at the May 11 Share the Trails workshop on behalf of the Access Committee to present an overview of the committee's work.
- b. Canadian Trails Federation – The National Trails Project – Jeremy  
The Canadian Trails Federation (CTF) has signed a letter of agreement with consulting group Creative Trails Canada Consultants. The consultants will initially assist the CTF to find funding for the CTF's national trails strategy project, then act as the CTF's consultants to carry out the project.
- c. 2018 Endangered Rivers Survey and campaign – Natalia

The survey will remain open until March 12. To date the survey has received 40 nominations.

**Action: RR to join the Endangered Rivers Committee.**

- d. Share the Trails Workshop 2018 with Horse Council BC – Jeremy & Natalia  
The workshop will take place in Nanaimo at the Coast Hotel on May 11. An outdoor program has not yet been confirmed but may take place the following day on May 12. NP will submit a MEC grant application for funding the workshop. The application is due on May 19 and results are determined within 6-8 weeks.
- e. Rail Trails Steering Committee – Jeremy/Natalia  
The Steering Committee agreed upon Terms of Reference (ToR). The goals laid out in the ToR are:
  1. To explore alternative trails or routes between communities in the rail trail corridor of southern BC to ensure that all forms of outdoor recreation have appropriate routes.
  2. To enhance the attraction of rail trails as a tourism destination in southern BC by identifying approximately 150 kms of contiguous non-motorized rail trail.
  3. To explore the viability of establishing one or more Recreation Advisory Groups along the Southern BC rail trail corridor to advise local and regional governments on current and future rail trail use and development in the group's immediate area.
  4. To establish recreation advisory groups in communities where they can be viable and effective so they can determine the needs of local trail users and communities and reconcile those needs with all trails available in their areas.
  5. To identify, through consensus, a pilot project to implement recommended changes, if any.

A working group of 12 was formed to expedite the work of the Steering Committee. The first task of the working group is to identify an appropriate geographic area and section of rail trail for a pilot project. Jeremy is currently engaged in identifying a suitable map system for this work.

- f. PTAB – First Nations brochure status – Jeremy  
A draft should be ready within the next couple of weeks. The draft brochure will be circulated to ORC's Directors for comment. The final version will be published on ORC's website. The purpose of this document is to provide guidance for trail and outdoor recreation groups about working respectfully and effectively with First Nations in British Columbia.

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

- a. Fraser River Main Channel – PMV Restrictions re kayaking, etc. – Roxanne  
The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority recently sent out a notice regarding changes to right of way for non-motorized vessels in certain parts of the Fraser River. ORC members the BC Marine Trails Network Association (BCMTNA) and the Sea Kayak Association of BC (SKABC) object to these changes and have asked ORC to send a letter to the Port Authority. Additionally, BCMTNA and SKABC were not notified as stakeholders and object to the 30-day public comment period, which they feel is insufficient.

**Motion.** Moved & seconded (DWe/PE) that ORC send a letter to the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority and CC: the federal Minister of Transport protesting the current and proposed regulations for traffic on the Fraser River.  
**Motion passed.**

**Action:** JM to write letter to the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority regarding the regulatory changes to traffic on the Fraser River

- b. BC Budget – Possible impact on BC Parks operating budget – Jeremy  
JM has contacted Jim Standen’s assistant at BC Parks requesting confirmation of the new BC Parks operating budget. The 2018 fiscal plan was presented in a different format than last year and JM is unable to directly compare last year’s figures to the new budget. As a result, ORC has not taken a position or made a public statement about the provincial budget and the BC Parks operating budget.
- c. Proposal re Recreation Planning Committee for Sea to Sky Corridor – Jeremy  
Following a discussion with Alastair McCrone at Recreation Sites and Trails BC (RSTBC), JM has also contacted John Hawkings at RSTBC and Jennie Aikman at BC Parks to request their support for a proposed recreation planning group along the Sea to Sky corridor. Alastair recommends that separate sub-committees be formed for Squamish, Whistler and Pemberton as these communities have distinct recreation issues. This is a work in progress.
- d. Future of Park Elders Council – Jeremy  
Colin Campbell is the new president of the Council and he has started a review process to summarize what the Council has achieved since inception, where the Council stands currently, and where it might go in the future. JM is a Director on the Board of the Council. The Council will hold a workshop and produce a report to present to its Board at a meeting in April.
- e. Other?

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

- Next Board meeting (tent.) – 5 PM Tuesday April 3
- BCWF AGM – April 11 – 14, Kamloops
- Share the Trails Workshop - Friday May 11 (firm)
- Annual General Meeting – June 16 (firm)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46pm.

As approved  
NP/JM  
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