

Outdoor Recreation Council of BC

Meeting of Board of Directors

5.00 PM Monday, May 7 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
Penney Edwards	Director	BC Nature
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
Scott Walker	Director	Back Country Horsemen of BC
Gordon Weetman	Director	Advisory Member, UBC Faculty of Forestry
<u>Absent</u>		
Dave Wharton	Director, Chair	Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC
Karen Black	Director	Quad Riders ATV Association of BC

1. Roll call/regrets

The meeting began at 5:03pm. D. Wharton is on vacation. D. Webb chaired the meeting initially. R. Rousseau took over chairing at 4(b).

2. Approval of agenda

Addition: 6(g) PTAB membership. **Motion:** Moved & seconded (JM/SW) that the amended agenda be approved. **Motion carried.**

3. April 3 2018 Board meeting minutes

a. Approval, errors & omissions:

Motion. Moved & seconded (CS/KR) that the minutes of the April 3 Board meeting be approved. **Motion carried.**

b. Action items in April 3 meeting minutes:

6(a) JM to write draft letter opposing Herrling and Carey Islands bridges – **tabled.**

4c) JM to write letter to ORF requesting money transfer / grant to ORC – **tabled.**

6(c) JM to contact FMCBC ED re FMCBC's access project – **completed.**

c. Business arising from minutes.

4. Administration, membership & general

a. AGM - arrangements for June 16

i. Resolutions: ORC, BCFDF, Beaver Canoe Club – Jeremy

There are three resolutions for consideration. The first is special business proposed by the Council's Board of Directors. The remaining two resolutions, submitted by member organizations, are in draft form and undergoing the necessary edits to be presented at the AGM:

- ORC Resolution 2018 – 01 (special business)
Amendment to the Council’s bylaws to reduce the notice period for issuing a Notice of Meeting and giving notice of special business.
 - ORC Resolution 2018 – 02 (Draft)
Steelhead resolution proposed for Species at Risk status. Proposed by the BC Federation of Drift Fishers.
 - ORC Resolution 2018 – 03 (Draft)
Resolution regarding toilet facilities. Proposed by the Beaver Canoe Club.
- ii. Logistics – Natalia
Yarrow Community School booked from 8:00 am to 2:30pm. Catering is being arranged.
 - iii. Board attendance – All
Attending: SW, KR, DW, GW, JM
Not attending: CS, PE,
Pending: RR, DW, KB was not present.
 - iv. Guests – Jeremy
Glen Pilling, the Manager of Audits and Investigations at the Forest Practices Board (FPB) has confirmed and will speak about FPB’s upcoming Forest Recreation Project, a survey and study of recreation in the forests. Tom Blackbird, the District Recreation Officer at Recreation Sites and Trails BC, will speak about the Rural Dividend Fund. Tom’s schedule may not allow him to attend, in which case another RSTBC staff member will attend.
- b. Nominating committee for directors – Dennis
CS is the only current director in mid-term and there are nine open spots on the Board. DW and the nominating committee will accept nominations until May 10. The nominations will be presented as a slate at the AGM.

Action: JM to look up Roberts Rules should the slate be rejected.

- c. April e-newsletter – The Outdoor Recreation Report – Natalia
The monthly “member news board” is being utilized by ORC’s member organizations, to share information, attract support for campaigns, and promote events.
- d. ORC’s yearend financial position and long term funding – Jeremy
JM is preparing financial statements for the year-end. RSTBC sent ORC its annual grant in time to be captured in the year-end financials.

5. Correspondence None

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

- a. 2018 Share the Trails Workshop with Horse Council BC – Jeremy & Natalia
- b. 48 people have registered for the workshop on May 11 in Nanaimo where we will explore three topics: e-bikes, mixed-use trails, and public access to private forests for recreation. KR will moderate the panel on public access to private forests and present ORC Access Committee’s draft recreation access principles document to the workshop attendees. Leonard Krog, MLA for Nanaimo, will attend in the morning to say a few words to the attendees.
- c. ORC Access Committee – Kim

The Access Committee last convened via teleconference at the end of April. The Committee completed the first draft of its recreation access principles document. KR asked the Board to review the recreation access principles document and to prepare comments for the next Board meeting. KR clarified that the definition of agricultural lands used by the Committee does not include cattle range lands nor tree farms.

- d. Rail Trails Steering Committee – Jeremy
Work in progress. No updates at this time.
- e. PTAB – First Nations Best Practices brochure status – Jeremy
Jeremy is seeking a graphic designer to take on a contract to format the brochure.
- f. Canadian Trails Federation – The National Trails Project – Jeremy
The Canadian Trails Federation (CTF) is moving forward with its plans to undertake a national trails project. The CTF has retained the services of contractors to submit grant applications on behalf of the CTF.
- g. PTAB membership
The PTAB has 5 members appointed by ORC with 4 of the members having their term already expired or about to expire. JM will begin the process of soliciting nominations. The PTAB is scheduled to meet in-person on June 12 in Richmond.

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

- a. Tetrahedron Provincial Park – Jeremy
BC Parks recently issued a “Public Notice of Open House” concerning the future of Tetrahedron Provincial Park, a Class A park on the Sunshine Coast. The notice was issued only one week ahead of the scheduled open house on May 2 and did not disclose that the outcome of this meeting could result in Tetrahedron Park either being re-classified from Class A Park status to the lesser protection of Protected Area under the Environment and Land Use Act, or, having Chapman Lake and Edward Lake removed from the park. Chapman Lake, located in Tetrahedron PP, is the primary water source for the Sunshine Coast. Two significant droughts in the summer of 2015 and 2017 pushed the region into Stage 4 water restrictions, forcing the district to reassess its water supply, including how much water it draws out of Chapman Lake. The two-hour open house is supposed to be a substitute for the “public consultation” required under the Protected Area Boundary Adjustment Policy, which requires that “suitable public consultation will be required, consistent with the significance of the proposed change”. ORC member organization Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC (FMCBC) rang the alarm about this substantial disregard of the Protected Area Boundary Adjustment Policy, and FMCBC’s Executive Director has talked to the media. The Board asked whether ORC should issue a statement or send a letter to the Minister. JM advised the Board that ORC Advisor, Mel Turner, who is a former BC Parks planner and who was one of the signees of the Tetrahedron PP master plan, is recommending that ORC first contact BC Parks and ask whether they intend to pursue the boundary adjustment. The Board agreed.

Action: JM to contact BC Parks’ Planning Section, South Coast region.

- b. Park Elders Council planning workshop – Jeremy
The Park Elders Council is undertaking a strategic review of its operations.
- c. Proposal re Recreation Advisory Group/Planning Committee for Sea to Sky Corridor – Jeremy
Work in progress.
- d. BC proposed species-at-risk legislation and caribou recovery stakeholder meeting April 10 – Natalia
On April 10 NP attended a meeting in Vancouver organized by the Fraser Basin Council on behalf of the Province of BC to oversee a stakeholder engagement process about proposed provincial species-at risk legislation, caribou recovery measures, and wildlife management. ORC was in the Tourism and Recreation group, which included: the BC Snowmobile Federation, the Commercial Bear Viewing Association, the Tourism Industry Association of BC, the Wilderness Tourism Association, Helicat Canada. The provincial government is in the early stages of working towards BC species-at-risk legislation. At the April 10 meeting, government staff also presented a [caribou recovery discussion paper](#). The federal government is initiating conservation efforts for caribou under the authority of the federal Species at Risk Act, and the Province is expected to reduce threats to caribou herds and their critical habitat. As a result, the provincial government is developing its Caribou Recovery Program, which is intended to be a long-term commitment that will include all BC caribou herds. A second stakeholder meeting is being planned for June 2018.
- e. FrontCounter/ Crown Land applications – Retallack – Natalia
A recent adventure tourism Crown Land application is raising concerns that the commercial recreation activity proposed by the applicant may negatively impact caribou, among other species such as grizzly bears. The applicant currently holds two adventure tourism tenures (one for mechanized skiing and the other for guided mountain bike tours) and the company has now applied for a new 30-year tenure, encompassing 70,992 ha on the east side of Kootenay Lake, south of Purcell Wilderness Conservancy, within the Purcell Mountains. The intent of the new tenure is to provide a range of guided adventure tourism activities, both summer and winter, including heli-skiing, heli-biking and heli-hiking. ORC forwards all Crown Land applications referrals to its member organizations.
- f. Sasquatch Mountain Resort Public Recreation Plan – finalization
Formerly Hemlock Valley Resort, rebranded Sasquatch Mountain Resort (SMR) is planning future investment for year-round recreational opportunities. SMR is updating its master plan and facilitating a stakeholder engagement process, in which a number of ORC's member organizations are taking part.

8. Upcoming events, meetings, etc.

- Next Board meeting – 5 PM Monday June 4 (confirmed)
- Annual General Meeting – June 16 (firm)

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

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