

**Outdoor Recreation Council of BC
Meeting of Board of Directors**

5.00 PM Monday, October 1 2018

1101 - 207 West Hastings Street, Vancouver

MINUTES

<u>Present</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Natalia Pisarek	ORC Communications & Administration	
Dave Wharton	Chair	Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC
Phil Rankin	Director	Beaver Canoe Club
<u>By phone</u>		
Allistair Ball	Director	BC Federation of Drift Fishers
Terrance Martin	Director	BC Wildlife Federation
Cooper Quinn	Director, Secretary	International Mountain Biking Association
Ciel Sander	Director	Trails Society of BC
Gordon Weetman	Advisory Member	UBC Faculty of Forestry
Scott Walker	Director	Back Country Horsemen of BC
Dennis Webb	Past Chair	Quad Riders ATV Association of BC
<u>Absent</u>		
Wayne Mercer	Director	Quad Riders ATV
Kim Reeves	Vice Chair	Four Wheel Drive Association of BC

1. Roll call/regrets

D. Wharton began the meeting at 5:05pm.

2. Approval of agenda

Motion: Moved & seconded (PR/AB) that the amended agenda be approved.

Motion carried.

3. September 4 Board meeting minutes

a. Approval, errors & omissions:

Motion. Moved & seconded (PR/SW) that the minutes of the September 4 Board meeting be approved. **Motion carried.**

b. Action items in September 4 meeting minutes

3(b) D. Webb to send the board a list of the international organizations that the CTF has contacted regarding its national trails strategy project. – *in progress.*

- **4(b)** N. Pisarek to get two additional website redesign quotes. – *completed.*
- **4(f)** D. Wharton to contact Mr. Nelson about his request to attend a board meeting. – *completed.*
- **5(a)** N. Pisarek to e-mail Mr. Boronowski about scheduling a meeting. – *completed.*
- **6(a)** K. Reeves to contact TimberWest and Island Timberlands to discuss the partnership agreement. – *pending.*
- **6(g)** N. Pisarek to send a reminder to ORC's Member Organizations about participating in the FPB study. – *completed.*
- **7(b)** N. Pisarek to send an e-mail to the BC Parks Foundation's CEO about meeting with the ORC board – *completed.*

- **7(e)** N. Pisarek to prepare a draft letter to Select Standing Committee on Finance ahead of the October meeting. – **completed.**
 - **7(i)** N. Pisarek/C. Quinn to write a support letter re UBCM resolutions BC45 and B72. – **completed.**
- c. Business arising from minutes. None.
- 4. Administration, membership & general**
- a. Admin & Membership – CRA filing – BC Mountaineering Club membership application
 ORC’s Registered Charity Information Return was completed and mailed ahead of the September 31 deadline.
Motion. Moved & seconded (PR/CQ) that the British Columbia Mountaineering Club’s application for membership for Regional Organization Member be approved. **Motion carried.**
- b. ORC website redesign quotes
 The board agreed to defer a decision about the website redesign.
- c. Draft policy – E-mail Motion, Discussion and Voting Policy
 S. Walker suggested that e-mail motion policy should restrict the use of e-mail motions for extenuating circumstances including items that are time sensitive or urgent for which a vote can’t be deferred until the next regular board meeting.

Action: NP to revise the draft e-mail motion policy.

5. Correspondence

- a. LF Stave West Forest & Rec re: mud bogging
 N. Pisarek contacted Stave West Forest & Rec about scheduling a meeting and is waiting for a response.
- b. LF RSTBC re: Provincial Trails Advisory Body
 The board held an in camera session.
- c. LF C. Stagg, FLNRO Assist. Deputy Minister re: Skagit
 The Assistant Deputy Minister of BC’s Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations responded to ORC’s August 2018 letter regarding logging activity in the Skagit Valley. The board appreciated the additional information provided by the Ministry but raised concerns about the 2012 stakeholder engagement process pertaining to these logging plans. To the board’s knowledge ORC was not invited to comment on the Province’s plan to log in the Skagit Valley “donut hole”.

Action: NP to draft response letter to FLNRO re: “donut hole” stakeholder engagement

- d. LF K. Leslie, Species at Risk Program re: steelhead
 Following an emergency assessment undertaken in February 2018, the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife (COSEWIC) has found both the Thompson and Chilcotin Steelhead Trout populations to be endangered. The federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change must form an opinion on whether imminent threat to survival exists, and if the Minister is of the opinion there is an imminent threat, she must recommend to Governor in Council (GiC) that the population(s) be listed as a species at risk. Fisheries

and Oceans Canada (DFO) is conducting public consultations to help inform the listing decision, more information at https://www.registrelep-sararegistry.gc.ca/involved/consultation/default_e.cfm.

- e. UBC Forestry student re: adventure tourism study
A UBC's Forestry student is conducting research on the political economy of recreational land use and adventure tourism and reached out to ORC for comment.

6. Financials

- a. Treasurer's update and draft budget
The Outdoor Recreation Foundation (ORF) approved ORC's request for a \$45,000 operating grant for fiscal 2018 – 2019.

7. Ongoing initiatives, projects & reports.

- a. Access Committee update
Deferred.
- b. Campaigns/events updates
N. Pisarek reported that thirty-seven events were registered for the 38th Annual BC Rivers Day on September 23, 2018.
- c. Summary from August Caribou Teleconferences
Based on feedback received during the public comment period that closed in January 2018, the scope of the draft joint Section 11 Conservation Agreement regarding recovery measures for the Southern Mountain Caribou (SMC) in British Columbia was expanded and now applies to all SMC in BC (North, South, and Central). The Section 11 is a joint agreement between the Province of BC and the federal government under the Species at Risk Act and the original draft was scoped to just the Central Designatable Unit of Southern Mountain Caribou, better known as the Central Group. In January 2018 ORC submitted a letter during the public comment period questioning the decision to exclude the North and South SMC groups.
- d. Canadian Trails Federation update
D. Webb shared a brief update about the CTF's current activities.

8. Emerging and deferred issues.

- a. BC Parks Foundation – CEO Andrew Day meeting
The board agreed to invite Mr. Day to present at the beginning of ORC's next board meeting.
Action: N. Pisarek to invite Mr. Day to attend November meeting.
- b. Wilderness toilets update – CRAG September meeting
Deferred.
- c. BC 2019 budget consultations re BC Parks
The board agreed that the Province should increase the BC Parks operating budget to help bridge the divide between funding for tourism marketing funding and funding for parks management. C. Sander pointed out that the Province invests \$98 million annually in the tourism industry. D. Wharton added that this recommendation aligns with UBCM Resolutions B-45 and B72 which ORC recently supported.

Action: NP to revise draft budget consultation letter re: BC Parks budget recommendations.

e. FrontCounter BC – 30-day public comment period

The board agreed that the 30-day public comment period is not adequate for reviewing and responding to Crown Land commercial recreation applications. The board agreed to write a letter to the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations to address the issue.

Action: NP to write draft letter re: 30-day public comment period for Crown Land tenure applications.

9. Upcoming events, meetings, etc.

- October Board meeting - 5 PM Monday, Nov. 5 – confirmed.
- BC Budget 2019 Consultations – comment period deadline – Monday October 15

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

As approved
Nov. 5/18