

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

5.00 PM Tuesday, September 4 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>		
Dennis Webb	Past Chair	Quad Riders ATV Association of BC
Kim Reeves	Vice Chair	Four Wheel Drive Association of BC
Allistair Ball	Director	BC Federation of Drift Fishers
Wayne Mercer	Director	Quad Riders ATV
Cooper Quinn	Director, Secretary	International Mountain Cycling Association
Gordon Weetman	Advisory Member	UBC Faculty of Forestry
Ciel Sander	Director	Trails Society of BC
Scott Walker	Director	Back Country Horsemen of BC
<u>Absent</u>		
Terrance Martin	Director	BC Wildlife Federation

1. Roll call/regrets

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

2. Approval of agenda

Additions to agenda:

4(f)) ORC Individual Member request to attend board meeting.

7(a) Statement of support for bald eagle nests and ORC mandate re conservation.

7(h) UBCM 2018 resolutions B45 & B72.

7(i) LT Minister Wilkinson signed by Mark Angelo opposing DFO office closure in Squamish.

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

Motion carried.

3. July 9 Board meeting minutes

a. Approval, errors & omissions:

C. Sander and S. Walker are listed as present but did not attend the July 9 meeting. N. Pisarek will amend the error.

Motion. Moved & seconded (PR/SW) that the amended minutes of the July 9 Board meeting be approved. **Motion carried.**

b. Action items in June 4 meeting minutes

- 3(b) N. Pisarek to send the Working Effectively with First Nations brochure to the board. – **completed.**
- 3(b). N. Pisarek to contact FrontCounter BC about referral procedures. – **completed.**
- 5(b) N. Pisarek to find out the cost of hiring a bookkeeper to file the Charity Information Return on ORC's behalf. – **completed.**
- 5(d) 1 N. Pisarek to publish draft 2018 AGM minutes on ORC's website. – **completed.**

- 5(d) N. Pisarek to send letter to the federal Minister of Environment and Minister of Fishers in fulfillment of ORC Resolution 2018 – 02 re steelhead. – **completed.**
- 5(e) N. Pisarek to send reminder to ORC's member organizations re: FPB's recreation study. – **completed.**
- 5(g) N. Pisarek to send the directors the 2016 ELC report titled "Enhancing Public Access to Privately Owned Wild Lands". – **completed.**
- 7(c) D. Webb to send the board a list of the international organizations that the CTF has contacted regarding its national trails strategy project. – **pending.**
- 7(c) N. Pisarek to send letter to CTF advising that D. Webb appointed as ORC's representative. – **completed.**
- 8(f) N. Pisarek to send the board a draft motion by e-mail re opposition to logging in the Skagit Valley. – **completed.**

c. Business arising from minutes. None.

4. Administration, membership & general

a. Membership application – Gabriola Land & Trails Trust

Gabriola Lands and Trails Trust is a society that aims to secure, develop, and sustain a network of parkland and trails on Gabriola Island.

Motion. Moved & seconded (PR/CS) that Gabriola Lands and Trails Trust's application for membership as a Regional Organization Member be approved.
Motion carried.

b. ORC website

N. Pisarek reported on a website redesign and upgrade proposal received from Evolve Multimedia. The owner of Evolve has assisted ORC with website management since 2001.

Action: N. Pisarek to get two additional website redesign quotes.

c. Draft policy – E-mail Motion, Discussion and Voting Policy

Deferred to October meeting.

d. ORC CRA filing – financials & budget

S. Walker provided an overview of ORC's draft budget and the directors discussed fundraising ideas.

e. Trail designation in honour of Jeremy McCall – Celebration of Life

Jeremy McCall's family would like to dedicate a memorial trail in Jeremy's name. N. Pisarek asked the board to send her any information they may have about the process.

f. ORC Individual Member Harry Nelson's request to attend board meeting.

Harry Nelson, who is a colleague of Gordon Weetman's at the UBC Faculty of Forestry joined ORC as an Individual Member in July 2018. Mr. Nelson has asked to attend an ORC board meeting to get better acquainted with ORC issues and initiatives. D. Wharton offered to reach out to Mr. Nelson.

Action: D. Wharton to contact Mr. Nelson about his request to attend a board meeting.

5. Correspondence

a. LF Stave West Forest & Rec re ORC Resolution Supporting the Establishment of a Mud Bogging Area

On July 18, 2018 ORC received a letter from Michael Boronowski, Stave West Forest & Recreation Area Project Lead Manager of Civic Engagement, regarding ORC's January 8, 2018 resolution supporting the establishment of a mud bogging area on the foreshore of the Stave Lake Reservoir.

The Stave West Forest & Recreation Area Leadership Team would like to engage directly with ORC to provide an overview of the area, activity, and impacts. D. Wharton explained that the board's decision to support the establishment of a designated mud bogging area is pragmatic and could contain and reduce overall impacts of the activity. C. Sander added that appropriate funding provisions must be put in place to adequately manage the area should a mud bogging site be established.

Action: N. Pisarek to e-mail Mr. Boronowski about scheduling a meeting and CC: D. Wharton, K. Reeves, and C. Quinn.

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

a. Access Committee TOR – TimberWest & Island Timberlands announcement

The directors discussed the August 9, 2018 TimberWest and Island Timberlands announcement that the companies have entered into partnership agreement. The purpose of the agreement is to provide for shared use of facilities, to align best practices and to enhance forest stewardship, including the expansion of recreational access, trail connections and campsites.

ORC's Access Committee was on summer hiatus and will convene again in September. K. Reeves asked the board to review the Committee's Terms of Reference ahead of the October meeting.

Action: K. Reeves to contact TimberWest and Island Timberlands to discuss the partnership agreement.

b. Provincial Trails Advisory Body

PTAB co-chair Tennessee Trent recently reached out to D. Wharton requesting to speak with him. D. Wharton has not been able to reach Tennessee to schedule a call and will follow-up.

c. Skagit "donut hole" – motion – Natalia

On July 25, 2018 the board approved the following motion by e-mail and a letter was sent to Premier Horgan and Minister Donaldson on July 30, 2018.

Motion. Moved & seconded (CS/AB) that ORC send a letter to Premier Horgan opposing logging in the Silverdaisy Creek area "donut hole" adjacent to Manning and Skagit Valley Provincial Parks and to ask the Province of BC to support the Skagit Environmental Endowment Commission in acquiring the mining claims in the "donut hole" and when this is completed to transfer the land to BC Parks. **7 members in favour. W. Mercer and C. Quinn opposed. Motion carried.**

- d. Singing Pass July 26 meeting in Whistler – meeting summary – Natalia
Several outdoor recreation groups, including the Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC, Alpine Club of Canada Whistler Section, and the BC Mountaineering Club are endorsing a new summer access route and parking lot proposal to replace the former summer access route which has been inaccessible since 1991 due to a landslip. BC Parks, Recreation Sites and Trails BC, the Resort Municipality of Whistler, and Whistler Blackcomb do not currently support the new parking lot proposal. D. Wharton explained that the Federation of Mountain Clubs is actively pursuing a satisfactory resolution.
- e. Forest fire campaign – update – Natalia
Deferred to October meeting.
- f. Heart of the Fraser – BC Rivers Day – Natalia
The Heart of the Fraser, which is critical spawning ground for salmon and the endangered white sturgeon, is threatened by two proposed bridge developments to allow for commercial agriculture. ORC's Rivers Chair Mark Angelo formed the Defend the Heart of the Fraser coalition with Watershed Watch Society, BC Wildlife Federation, BC Federation of Drift Fishers, and Raincoast Conservation to oppose the bridge applications. The website www.heartofthefraser.com was launched in June and the coalition is gathering petition signatures, speaking to media, and writing to government to stop the bridge developments. N. Pisarek also reported that twenty events have been registered for BC Rivers Day on September 23, 2018.
- g. Forest Practices Board's recreation study – Natalia
ORC was invited to participate in the Forest Practices Board's recreation study. The directors agreed to encourage ORC's Member Organizations to represent their own recreation interests by participating in the study. C. Quinn added that broad statements about recreation values are not as useful as specific and localized experiences.

Action: N. Pisarek to send a reminder to ORC's Member Organizations about participating in the FPB study.

- h. Canadian Trails Federation update – Dennis
The CTF has not met since the last board meeting. The CTF AGM is scheduled for September in Prince Edward Island.

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

- a. Statement of support for bald eagle nests & ORC mandate re conservation.
On August 23, 2018 the board approved the following motion by e-mail in support of protecting bald eagle nests in the Lower Mainland:
Motion. Moved & seconded (CS/TM) that ORC sign on to the Nature Guides BC open letter titled "Statement of Support for Bald Eagle Nests in the Lower Mainland" addressed to the Provincial Government and the City of Surrey.
Motion carried.
- b. BC Parks Foundation CEO wants to meet with ORC board
The CEO of the BC Parks Foundation asked to meet with the ORC board.

Action: N. Pisarek to send an e-mail to the BC Parks Foundation's CEO and CC: D. Wharton.

- c. Wilderness toilets
Deferred to October.
- d. Tetrahedron Provincial Park boundary adjustment – Natalia/Dave
The Sunshine Coast Regional District has applied to adjust the boundary of Tetrahedron Provincial Park, which would allow them to draw more water from Chapman Lake within the park. D. Wharton reported that the Federation of Mountain Clubs is opposing the proposed boundary adjustment.
- e. Provincial budget 2019 consultations & CPAWS coalition for BC Parks
ORC is invited to submit recommendations to the all-party Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services. Each fall, the Committee conducts an annual consultation and invites the public to participate, either in-person at a public hearing, by making a written, audio, or video submission, or by completing an online survey. The submissions deadline is October 15. In past years ORC has submitted a letter to the Select Standing Committee recommending a funding boost to BC Parks.

N. Pisarek also reported that CPAWS-BC has formed a coalition made up of conservation, nature, and recreation groups concerned about inadequate BC Parks funding. A primary purpose of the coalition is to identify common priorities and to share resources and strategies.

Action: N. Pisarek to prepare a draft letter to Select Standing Committee on Finance ahead of the October meeting.

- f. Fisheries Act Bill C-68 & Regulation & Policy Consultation
ORC is invited to submit comments by September 21 regarding the proposed Bill C-68. No action will be taken at this time.
- g. FrontCounter BC referrals – Crown Land commercial tenures – heli-biking
- h. FrontCounter BC is a service offered by the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (MLFNRO). ORC is authorized to receive referrals for Crown Land commercial recreation tenure applications and to notify its members about these applications.

This summer N. Pisarek was made aware that ORC did not receive a referral for the Coast Mountain Adventures application (file number 2411953) and she wrote to FrontCounter BC staff requesting an explanation. FrontCounter BC reported that the referral was not sent to ORC due to an administrative error but that the process was fixed to prevent future oversights. Land Officers who are assigned to different files and geographic areas process referrals manually and tell the Referral Clerk who to notify.

N. Pisarek also reported that ORC Member Organization BC Wildlife Federation submitted a written statement to the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development expressing concern about commercial heli-biking on Crown Land.

S. Walker added that the 30 day public-comment period is not a sufficient duration of time to adequately review and respond to commercial tenure applications. The directors agreed but decided to defer the discussion to the October meeting in interest of time.

- i. UBCM 2018 resolutions B45 re increased visits to provincial recreation areas and BC72 re backcountry tourism

Full text of resolutions in the [2018 UBCM Resolutions Book](#).

Motion: Moved & seconded (CS/PR) That ORC support 2018 Union of BC Municipalities resolutions B45 and B72. **Carried.**

Action: N. Pisarek to assist C. Quinn in preparing a support letter re UBCM resolutions BC45 and B72.

- j. LT Minister Wilkinson signed by Mark Angelo opposing DFO office closure in Squamish.

ORC's Rivers Chair Mark Angelo wrote a letter to federal Minister of Fisheries and Oceans opposing the planned closure of the Squamish DFO office.

8. Upcoming events, meetings, etc.

- October Board meeting - 5 PM Monday, October 1 – confirmed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18pm.

As approved
Sept. 13/18