

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

5.15 PM Monday, May 9, 2011  
47 West Broadway, Vancouver

**MINUTES**

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Robert Gunn	Chair	Advisory member/BCIT Fish & Wildlife program
Gordon Weetman	Past Chair	UBC Faculty of Forestry
Jeremy McCall	Executive Director/Treasurer	BC Nature
Kathy Whitemore	Director	Four Wheel Drive Association of BC
Cal Kaytor	Director	Quad Riders ATV Association
Don Reid	Director	Trails BC
Jack Bryceland	Director	Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC

Regrets

Hugh Martell	Director	Back Country Horsemen of BC
Erin Hart	Director	BC Snowmobile Federation, Canoe/Kayak BC
Ray Pillman	Senior Advisor	Former Chair

1. Robert welcomed those attending.

2. **Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was approved with the addition of Item 7(c) Assessment of the fee structures of recreational groups and 7 (d) The rights of the public to access crown land.

3 **Minutes of the April 4 meeting of the Executive**

(a) Approval of minutes: **Motion** (Jeremy/Robert): That the minutes of the April 4 meeting be approved. **Motion carried**

(b) Business arising from the minutes: Re Healthy Forests - Healthy Communities, Jeremy updated members on the project's status. Application for a \$10,000 grant has been made to Vancouver Foundation. It is not yet approved. ORC has received a contribution for the project from Luna Trust. Gordon advised that there will be a Community Dialogue event at UBC at 7 PM on June 23. A discussion on forest management followed. The main problem is drastically reduced resources for forest management. Gordon suggested that Alberta is a good model at the present time.

4. **Administration, membership & general**

a. Timing & venue for AGM: The AGM will be in the Townsquare rooms at BCIT from 10 AM to 2 PM on June 11. Vera Vukelich of MFLNRO has agreed to give an update on the ORV Management Framework after lunch.

b. Nominations for 2011 - 2012 Directors: Jeremy advised that Don, Erin, Jack and Kathy have agreed to be nominated for a further term. In view of Hugh's move out of town and Cal's resignation he has invited Backcountry Horsemen and

Quad Riders ATV Association to consider nominating new directors. Possible candidates for Advisory Members to be nominated for the Board were discussed.

- c. 2011 - 2012 membership dues: Dues invoices will be sent out shortly.
- d. Outdoor Recreation Foundation - Prospective members: Nothing to report.
- e. Travel expenses for directors from out of town and/or conference calls: Following the discussion in April Jeremy will set up an account for conference calls so that directors from out of town can participate from home.

**Motion** (Jeremy/Cal) That members of the ORC Executive who are resident in the Fraser Valley be permitted to claim mileage expense at \$0.50 per km if they choose to drive in to attend meetings of the Executive. Motion carried.

- f. Possible termination of MasterCard Affinity program: The Outdoor Recreation Foundation received a letter dated March 22 from Bank of Montreal (BMO) advising that the agreement is due to terminate on July 2 but would be extended to December 31, 2011. Jeremy wrote to BMO on April 11 to complain about the sudden nature of the termination and he discussed it with BMO representatives by phone on April 29. BMO is concerned at the lack of growth in the number of cardholders. Jeremy thinks they may give consideration to a further extension because BMO was not aware how much ORF and ORC depend on this program financially.

## 5. **Correspondence**

Received: March 22 from BMO (see Item 4(f) above)

Sent: April 11 to BMO (see Item 4(f) above).

May 4 to Minister of Environment Terry Lake re lack of progress in discussions about volunteers working in BC Parks (see Item 6(b) below)

## 6. **Business related to ORC's mission - Current initiatives & reports**

- a. Bowen Island National Park Reserve: There was a short discussion in which it was again agreed that the NPR proposal would mainly be worthwhile if the Cape Roger Curtis lands could be secured and included in the proposed NPR.
- b. Liability insurance for volunteers in BC Parks: BC Parks have still not provided a copy of the Individual Volunteer Agreement which volunteers are supposed to sign if they want to have insurance coverage provided by the Province. The Acting Executive Director of BC Parks with whom these issues were being discussed was transferred on April 29. Jeremy wrote to Minister Lake about three major problems:
  - i. The Volunteer Agreement has not been made available.
  - ii. Volunteers have to get a Regional Manager to approve their participation, which would be difficult for them to do.
  - iii. There is no provision for liability insurance for directors and officers of NGOs which organize volunteers, unlike the situation for Recreation Sites and Trails at MFLNRO (the Forest Recreation Insurance Program).
- c. Chilliwack River Valley Trails Association: Jack reported that membership in the group includes: Fraser Valley Mountain Bike Association; Backcountry Horsemen

of BC; Chilliwack Snowmobile Club/BC Snowmobile Federation; Dual-Sport BC; Right Nuts ATV Club/Quad Riders Association of BC; Trans Canada Trail; Canoe Kayak BC; and Chilliwack Outdoor Club/Federation of Mountain Clubs. A third meeting has been scheduled for May 19.

- d. Canadian Trails Federation AGM & Board meeting: Jeremy attended the CTF's 2011 AGM during the Ontario Trailhead conference in Niagara Falls on April 18. The CTF is taking steps to broaden its membership beyond the present 12 provincial and territorial trails organizations and Equine Canada so representatives of several key organizations, such as TransCanada Trail, were invited to attend. There was generally a positive response to this and at their request the CTF will issue a formal invitation to selected national trails organizations to join.
- e. National Trails Roundtable Working Group: The Working Group met on April 19. Progress towards finalizing the Summary Report, survey and media release has been delayed by having a succession of revolving chairpersons. Jeremy is the new Interim Chair of the Group and hopes to finalize the outstanding commitments shortly so that the Group can move onto the next phase.

#### **7. Business related to ORC's mission - Emerging issues**

- a. Special Event permits: Ward Trotter of MFLNRO organized a conference call on May 3 to discuss the revised guidelines and potential criteria for making decisions on when a Special Event Permit might be required.
- b. Potential future role for ORC (tabled)
- c. Assessment of the fee structures of outdoor recreation groups: Jack questioned whether it would be possible to question ORC's members and other outdoor recreation clubs to review the level of fees and the types of services members receive for their fees. Jeremy agreed to consider undertaking this review but suggested that it would be best to defer action until after the AGM.
- d. The right of the public to access Crown Land: Jack asked if ORC could obtain a definitive ruling on this question.

#### **8. Upcoming events & meetings**

- a. The Outdoor Recreation Report: Spring/Summer 2011 issue almost complete.

#### **9. Next meeting date**: AGM on June 11

10. The meeting was adjourned at 7.15 PM

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