

Outdoor Recreation Council of BC

Meeting of Board of Directors

5.30 PM Monday, July 11, 2016

1101 - 207 West Hastings Street, Vancouver

MINUTES

| <u>Present</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Affiliation</u> |
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| Dave Wharton | Director, Chair | Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC |
| Roxanne Rousseau | Director, Vice Chair | Sea Kayak Association of BC |
| Jeremy McCall | Executive Director | Canadian Parks & Wilderness Society Gordon |
| Gordon Weetman | Director | Advisory Member, UBC Faculty of Forestry |
| <u>By phone</u> | | |
| Dennis Webb | Director, Past Chair | Quad Riders ATV Association of BC |
| Penny Cartwright | Director | BC Snowmobile Federation |
| Kim Reeves | Director | Four Wheel Drive Association of BC |
| Ciel Sander | Director | Trails Society of BC |
| <u>Absent</u> | | |
| Penney Edwards | Director | BC Nature |
| Rose Schroeder | Director | Back Country Horsemen of BC |

1. Dave called the meeting to order at 5.35 PM.

2. Approval of agenda

Motion: Moved & seconded (DWe/KR). That the agenda be approved. It was noted that the agenda items were numbered incorrectly. They have been renumbered sequentially for these minutes. **Carried**

3. Minutes of the June 6 meeting of the Executive Board of Directors

a. Approval, errors & omissions:

Motion: Moved & seconded (DWe/JM). That the minutes of the June 6 meeting be approved. **Motion carried.**

b. Action item in June 6 meeting minutes: Item 5(a) – Terms of reference for the access to private forest lands committee to be drafted - completed – see today's agenda Item 7(a).

c. Business arising from the minutes: None

4. Approve Revised Final Draft of Annual General Meeting minutes

Motion: Moved & seconded (GW/JM). That the Revised Final Draft of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting be approved. Jeremy added two missing participants in the revised version which will be a draft until the 2017 meeting. **Motion carried.**

5. Minutes of the June 11 meeting of the Board of Directors (N.B. Name changed to comply with new bylaws)

a. Approval, errors & omissions:

Motion: Moved & seconded (JM/DWe). That the minutes of the June 11 meeting of the Board of Directors be approved. **Motion carried.**

b. Action items: None

- c. Business arising from the minutes: Re switching banking to VanCity and signing officers: Jeremy said the new bylaws have not yet been accepted for filing at the Corporate Registry and there is a month's delay apart from a possible Canada Post lock-out. VanCity requires a copy of the bylaws. He is arranging for Dave to be added as a signing officer on the HSBC account as an interim measure until the new bylaws have become effective and can be provided to VanCity. Kim suggested that Prospera Credit Union offers a number of features including free e-transfers. Jeremy said he would prefer to stick to the decision to bank with Vancity because it is convenient for the office and it could be a source of grants in future. E-transfers may not be practical when two signing officers are required.

6. Administration, membership and general

a. 2016 Annual General Meeting – Business meeting items:

- (i) Progress of filings in Corporate Registry: Form 11 (Annual Report) and Form 10 (Filing a Resolution) were received by the Corporate Registry on July 5.
- (ii) Progress of Resolution 2016 – 04 re 2016 Campaign for BC Parks: Recent publicity given to the shortage of campsites for BC residents was discussed. Troy Halliday of BC Wildlife Federation wrote an op ed in the Vancouver Sun on July 9. Environment Minister Polak was challenged about the situation in radio interviews. Sam Waddington of Chilliwack, a member of FMCBC suggested on CBC that there was some evidence of scalping, which was denied by the Minister. Jeremy wants to get a solid statistical basis for the campaign and plans to work with George Creek of the Council for BC Yacht Clubs on that. Jeremy plans to make a fresh submission to the Legislature's Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government relations when it tours the province in the fall.
- (iii) Progress of Resolution 2016 – 05 re Coalition for BC Rivers: Mark Angelo, with Rod Clapton, BC Federation of Drift Fishers, and Al Martin, BC Wildlife Federation, were due to meet with Minister Polak in Vancouver earlier in the day to brief her on the Coalition's plans as set out in the resolution. Jeremy attended an earlier meeting of 25 or so members of environmental organizations committed to stopping the Site C Dam project. He described ORC's Endangered Rivers List to the group and reminded those present about BC and World Rivers Days. He offered ORC's support at the meeting but does not plan to play an active role for now. Several directors questioned the possibility of being able to stop Site C at this stage. In response to a question about the Endangered Rivers List Jeremy described the role and membership of ORC's Rivers Committee and provided an overview of the project, which was reintroduced in 2016. He referred directors to the ORC website for Media Releases and Backgrounders of recent years. A director referred to the current issue of BC Magazine which has related content. Roxanne pointed out that Amnesty International is involved in the campaign to stop Site C, primarily because of its impact on indigenous peoples in the Peace River Valley. Mention was also made of the court case being pursued by the Treaty 8 Tribal Association.
- (iv) Progress of Resolution 2016 – 06 Terrestrial motorized recreation in BC's Provincial Parks: A draft letter to Jim Standen, ADM for BC Parks, was circulated before the meeting.

Motion: Moved & seconded (GW/CS) To approve the draft letter to Jim Standen.
Carried

Discussion: Roxanne asked if the government responds to this type of letter. Jeremy said letters to government ministers or bureaucrats are invariably answered and they can get results. Dave gave the example of a recent letter from an individual to Jim Standen which received a detailed reply. Gordon said that BC Government representatives cannot initiate issues themselves so they like it when an NGO like the Council does so. With respect to Resolution 2016 – 06, Penny said the BC Snowmobile Federation has a good relationship with BC Parks and they are working together to organize a meeting of groups using Kakwa Provincial Park. One current issue is the possible loss of a concrete bridge giving access which will be moved following deactivation of a forest service road. Gordon referred to coordinated area management plans which have been developed for some areas.

- b. Review final financial statements: The final version of the statements was completed subsequent to the AGM and they were circulated to the Board several days prior to the meeting. Jeremy summarized the main sources of the Council's funding, namely quarterly grants from the Outdoor Recreation Foundation, occasional grants from Recreation Sites and Trails BC and up to \$6,000 per annum in membership dues. The total budget tends to be less than \$20,000, with rent being the principal outlay.

Motion: Moved & seconded (PC/DWe) To approve the June 20, 2016, version of the March 31, 2016, financial statements. **Carried**

- c. 2016 membership renewals and updated membership list: Jeremy advised that most Provincial Group Members have renewed their memberships and a few Participating Group Members may not do so. An updated membership list will be distributed once most of the dues have been paid.
- d. ORC website: Jeremy said he recently reviewed several pages of the website and asked all directors to let him know if they see errors on the site.
- e. ORC Administration & Communications Assistant - Revised job description: A revised description was distributed prior to the meeting. Jeremy said he divided the responsibilities from previous drafts between what an assistant could reasonably be expected to do and the policy related functions which would remain with the Executive Director. Dave added the need for a periodic review, including after three months. Reference was made to the BC Employment Standards Act, especially with respect to daily hours worked and a living wage. Ciel recommended the contract approach.

Motion: Moved & seconded (KR/PC) That Administration & Communications Assistant be posted as a contract position with a three month trial period and wages of \$18 per hour. **Carried.**

7. Business related to ORC's mission – Ongoing initiatives, projects and reports

- a. Outdoor recreation access to private forest lands – Review draft terms of reference and members of sub-committee - Next steps: Jeremy referred to recent articles in the Vancouver Sun (June 11) and Times Colonist (June 26). Kim recommended a wording change in the Terms of Reference. See appendix to these minutes for the final wording. Kim is continuing to recruit members for the sub-committee, including Rick McGowan of the Nicola Valley Fish and Game Club. He has also contacted motorized groups in the Merritt area. Vancouver Island Spine Trail Association is not interested in participating in spite of its plans being affected by its inability to cross private forest lands in

some places. Kim suggested that all members of ORC be solicited for names of persons wishing to serve on the subcommittee and this was agreed to.

Action Item: E-mail all ORC members with a request for volunteers to serve on the Access to Private Lands Subcommittee.

- b. Mt. Seymour and Cypress Provincial Park issues: Mel Turner, an ORC Advisory Member, has recommended that ORC take a firm position on these, especially the question of parking on busy winter weekends. Jeremy has advised Mel that he is not presently in a position to take a position but is prepared to go to any meetings organized by BC Parks to deal with these issues. He will also meet with members of the Federation of Mountain Clubs and/or Friends of Cypress to learn more about the background.

8. Business related to ORC's mission – Emerging issues

- a. Reprint of Trail user's Code of Ethics: Deferred pending final changes.

9. Upcoming events & meetings:

- a. Next Board meeting: 5.30 PM Monday September 12
- b. Off Road Vehicle Joint Advisory Group 10 AM Monday September 12
- c. Provincial Trails Advisory Body: Thursday September 22, Richmond (face-to-face meeting)

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7.10 PM.

As approved
Sep. 12/16
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APPENDIX

Access to Private Lands Sub-committee

Terms of Reference

At its regular monthly meeting on April 4, 2016, the Outdoor Recreation Council's Executive Board of Directors decided that a sub-committee should be formed for the purpose of improving access to and through private forest lands. It was intended that this subcommittee develop recommendations based on suggestions contained in the report by the University of Victoria's Environmental Law Clinic entitled "*Enhancing Public Access to Privately Owned Wild Lands*" (the ELC Report).

The following terms of reference are proposed for this subcommittee:

1. Recruit sufficient members from the Board of Directors and ORC's member organizations having an interest in this issue to form an effective sub-committee.
2. Schedule conference calls for the sub-committee at appropriate intervals to inform the members of the sub-committee about the issue and develop possible solutions.
3. Review the ELC Report.
4. Review Section 3 of the ELC Report concerning Access Regimes in Other Jurisdictions.

5. Review the provisions of the Private Forests Managed Lands Act.
 6. Review the website of the Private Managed Forest Lands Council at <http://mfcouncil.ca/>
 7. If appropriate meet with the chair of the Managed Forest Council (Phil O'Connor - 250 - 386-5737)
 8. Select two or three of the Access Regimes described in Section 3 of the ELC Report for further consideration as possible models for application in BC. These might require either legislation or coordinated advocacy with the BC Government or the owners of private Lands.
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