

# Outdoor Recreation Council of BC

## Meeting of Board of Directors

5.00 PM Monday, October 2, 2017

1101 - 207 West Hastings Street, Vancouver

### MINUTES

<u>Present</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Dave Wharton	Director, Chair	Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC
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
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>		
Karen Black	Director	Quad Riders ATV Association of BC
Kim Reeves	Director	Four Wheel Drive Association of BC
Roxanne Rousseau	Director, Vice Chair	BC Marine Trails Association

#### 1. Roll call/regrets

The meeting began at 5:10pm. D. Wharton chaired the meeting.

#### 2. Approval of agenda

The following item was added to the agenda: 7(d). Update on the Hudson's Bay Company (HBC) Heritage Trail – D. Wharton. **Motion:** Moved & seconded (JM/PE) that the amended agenda be approved. **Motion carried.**

#### 3. August 28 Board meeting minutes

- a. Approval, errors & omissions: SW pointed out that his affiliation is missing in the Aug. 28 draft minutes. Natalia to correct this before posting minutes online.

**Motion.** Moved & seconded (DW/GW). That the minutes of the Aug. 28 Board meeting be approved. **Motion carried.**

- b. Action items in August 28 meeting minutes:

5(b) Action: Dave to draft a letter to members regarding the financial statements motion. – **completed.**

5(c) Action: Jeremy to prepare a contract for Patrick's review – **completed.**

5(d) Action: Expense Claim policy approved – **completed.**

5(f) Action: Natalia to produce a first draft strategic plan outline. – **in progress.**

6(a) Action item: Jeremy to send the approved letter to BCSF President. – **completed.**

7(a) Action: Jeremy to arrange Groups.io access for all current Directors. – **completed.**

7(b) Action: Jeremy to notify Tennessee Trent that Kim has been appointed to serve on the PTAB. – **completed.**

7(d) Action: All Directors to encourage their organization's Members to register and attend Trailhead Canada. – **completed.**

8(c) Action: Natalia to send all Directors Del William's contact information at Forest Practices Board – **completed.**

c. Business arising from minutes.

At the last Board meeting DWh described ORC's mileage allowance as "generous". As a result, JM suggested that ORC amend the current compensation model for ORC's mileage allowance. He proposed the following: \$0.50/km up to 300km and \$0.25/km after the 300km threshold, or the equivalent airfare if the cost of flying is lower. SW and DW were not in favour of the new model as it was presented. They felt that the threshold of 300km was too low. JM pointed out that directors have the option to fly if they are required to travel long distances, which is often more cost effective than driving.

**Motion.** Moved/seconded (JM/GW). That the revised mileage allowance model be approved. **Motion carried.** SW and DW opposed.

4. **Administration, membership & general**

- a. ORC interim financial statements & 2017/2018 budget (attached) – J. McCall  
JM provided an update on ORC's finances and presented the draft budget for 2017-2018. JM will attempt to complete the six month statement by the next Board meeting.

**Motion.** Moved/seconded (JM/DW). To approve the budget for 2017-2018.

**Discussion:** JM confirmed that the Outdoor Recreation Foundation has approved an increase in the annual grant to ORC from \$12,000 to \$18,000. JM also confirmed that of the \$10,000 ORC received from RSTBC, \$3,000 has been allotted to contractor Patrick Lucas to produce a "best practices" guidelines document for engaging with First Nations. DW thought that the amount budgeted for conference calls should be higher. SW added that the amount budgeted for travel, mileage, accommodation and meal should be increased.

**Amending motion.** Moved/seconded (DW/PE): To increase the amount budgeted for conference calling to \$1,250, the amount for accommodation and meals by \$1,000 and the amount for travel/mileage by \$500. **Amending motion carried.** GW opposed.

**Amended budget motion carried**

- b. PTAB – ORC contract with Patrick Lucas

Patrick Lucas is a community planner, independent consultant and founder of the Aboriginal Youth Mountain Bike Program. He has been commissioned to produce an informational brochure that will serve as a source of strategic actions, best practices, and recommendations for trail and outdoor recreation groups on how to engage with, and build effective and mutually beneficial relationships with, First Nation communities. The cost of Patrick's services will total \$3,000. PE pointed out a typo in the contract; under 2.2 it should read "extend term to 2018". JM will correct the typo.

**Motion.** Moved/seconded (JM/PE). To approve the contract as signed by Patrick Lucas. **Motion carried.** None opposed.

**Action:** JM to update the typo, sign the contract and send to Patrick.

- c. September e-newsletter – The Outdoor Recreation Report – Natalia  
NP provided a brief update on the e-newsletter.
- d. Proposal to develop a strategic plan – Natalia  
NP is in the early stages of this project, and she is currently collecting and reviewing data on the value of trails and outdoor recreation. She is also doing research into the strategic planning process. ORC may consider hiring a professional facilitator in the future to help ORC produce a final Strategic Plan. The Directors agreed. GW suggested that NP reach out to ORC's former Executive Director, Norma Wilson. NP agreed and said that she'll contact Norma once she's further along in her research.

**Action:** NP to draft a backgrounder, which will include data on outdoor recreation as well as ORC's past and current projects to help the Directors decide on next steps related to the strategic plan.

## 5. Correspondence

- a. LT BC Snowmobile Federation re termination of membership (sent)  
JM sent the letter on Aug. 29. BCSF has not yet responded.
- b. LT Minister of Environment letter dated August 18 re priorities (outstanding)  
Work in progress.

**Action:** JM to write draft letter to the Environment Minister.

- c. Chair's letter to members re motion about financial statements (in progress)  
DW has drafted letter to members regarding the motion passed at the AGM. The other Directors had not yet seen the letter. JM asked to make a small revision to the letter. The Directors agreed to the revision and will review and approve the draft letter via email.

**Action:** JM to send the amended letter to Directors.

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

- a. ORC Access Committee: Update, access to Groups.io – Kim  
KR was absent. JM provided a brief report. The Committee is currently focused on the TimberWest proposal, which would allow privileged access through their private lands to individuals who are members of pre-approved organizations. Individuals wishing to enter TimberWest lands would also need a fob to open gates. To date, the Victoria Fish & Game Protection Association and the BC Wildlife Federation have been approved. The Access Committee discussed the possibility of ORC taking on the role of managing this program, thereby granting all ORC's members access through these private lands. JM also confirmed that the Committee will select up to three "public access regimes" to recommend to the ORC Board for further action. The Board would select one regime to support and champion. The Committee intends to complete the selection process by June 2018.
- b. Mountain Bike Tourism Symposium – Report – Jeremy  
JM provided a brief report on his experience at the Symposium. JM noted that he had a productive conversation with AJ Strawson, IMBA's Executive

Director, about the recently formed BC Mountain Bike Council. JM believes that the mountain bike community is moving in the right direction and that he's pleased with the creation of the provincial body for mountain bikers.

c. PTAB – October meeting and agenda priorities

JM confirmed that the next PTAB meeting will be in late October by conference call. The upcoming PTAB meeting will focus on what more can be done to advance the Provincial Trails Strategy. There is a limited degree of support from the BC Government for the Trails Strategy, which means a limited amount of resources for PTAB.

d. 2017 Share the Trails Workshop - Follow-up & Steering Committee

Work in progress. JM is planning to complete draft Terms of Reference for the Rail Trails Steering Committee with the objective of forming one or more recreation advisory groups to address rail trail issues.

e. Trailhead Canada – Ottawa – November 21/23 – Program & BC representation (Tennessee Trent, etc.)

Funding was approved for Tennessee Trent – RSTBC Trail Manager – to attend Trailhead Canada. Tennessee will make a presentation about BC trails at the conference.

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

a. Public recreation vs. commercial land tenures

Following Nature Vancouver's difficulties obtaining approval to hold its 2018 Summer Camp at McGillivray Pass due to opposition from the local lodge owner who also holds a commercial tenure, JM consulted Scott Benton, Executive Director of the Wilderness Tourism Association (WTA). JM noted that there have also been other instances where tenure holders have impeded public recreation. Scott Benton has agreed to take this issue to the WTA Board.

b. Annual submission to Select Standing Committee on Finance & Government Services re operational funding of BC Parks

Work in progress. JM noted that this is his most urgent priority at the moment, as the deadline is October 16. JM pointed out though BC Parks has received some additional funding to hire more Park Rangers and build more campsites, the BC Parks operational budget has not increased and the agency remains strapped for resources.

**Action: JM to complete submission to Select Standing Committee by Oct. 16.**

c. Proposed Park Issues Committee

Work in progress. JM has not yet formed the Committee.

d. HBC Trail update – Dave Wharton

DW reported on correspondence related to the Hudson's Bay Company (HBC) Heritage Trail, which runs between Hope and Princeton. The Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC (FMCBC) recently received an email from an FMCBC member claiming that motorized users were causing damage due to inappropriate use of motorized vehicles on the HBC trail. DW reached out to the Four Wheel Drive Association (4WDA) who advised that they discourage off-trail riding and take measures to educate their members. DW concluded that only about 8km of the total 75km of this trail are designated motorized, and that this use is historically recognized and legal.

