

Outdoor Recreation Council of BC
Meeting of Board of Directors

5.00 PM Monday, December 4, 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
Karen Black	Director	Quad Riders ATV Association of BC - LATE
Kim Reeves	Director	Four Wheel Drive Association of BC
Roxanne Rousseau	Director, Vice Chair	BC Marine Trails Association
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>		
Penney Edwards	Director	BC Nature

1. Roll call/regrets

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

2. Approval of agenda

Motion: Moved & seconded (RR/SW) that the agenda be approved. **Motion carried.**

3. November 6 Board meeting minutes

a. Approval, errors & omissions: **Motion.** Moved & seconded (DW/CS). That the minutes of the Nov. 6 Board meeting be approved. **Motion carried.**

b. Action items in Nov. 6 meeting minutes:

4(a) Action: NP to finalize the "Members of the Month" candidates for the upcoming 3 months. – *in progress.*

4(b) Action: JM to include CTF funding in next month's agenda. – *completed.*

4(c) Action: NP to send Master Membership List to all Directors. – *completed.*

4(d) Action: NP to send strategic planning backgrounder to Directors – *completed.*

5(b) Action: JM to contact Mr. Perry re South Chilcotin Mountains Provincial Park – *See Agenda item 5(a) below.*

c. Business arising from minutes. None.

4. Administration, membership & general

a. Financial statements for six months ending September 30, Memo to File dated Nov. 8 re ORC's Unexpended Grants, RSTBC funding – Jeremy
Jeremy provided a summary of the Memo re financials, the comparative income statement, and the comparative balance sheet, which were distributed to ORC's Directors ahead of the meeting. Jeremy also confirmed that the total grant to be transferred from the Outdoor Recreation Foundation (ORF) to ORC in the 2017/18 fiscal year will total \$18,000. Scott pointed out that wages were under budgeted for the current fiscal year.

- b. Strategic plan backgrounder – Natalia
Natalia asked the Directors for comments about the strategic planning backgrounder document, which was distributed to the Directors ahead of the meeting. The Board discussed next steps, including preparing an action plan for organizing a strategic planning process, assessing costs, and possibly obtaining grant funding.
- c. November e-newsletter – *The Outdoor Recreation Report* – Natalia
Natalia is mapping out the Member of the Month schedule for the year.
Action: NP to send Directors proposed Member of the Month schedule.
- d. Expenses for directors who attended Trailhead Canada – Jeremy
Dennis and Jeremy will submit expense claims to the Canadian Trails Federation (CTF). Jeremy has submitted a net claim to ORC. Dennis will not submit an expense claim to ORC.
- e. Membership update and proposed ORC membership campaign – Jeremy
Metro Vancouver Regional District joined ORC in October and the BC Cycling Coalition joined ORC in November. Jeremy is planning a membership campaign. Some of the organizations that will receive an invitation to join ORC include:
 - BC Society of Landscape Architects
 - MEC
 - North Shore Mountain Bike Association
 - Steelhead Society
 - Underwater Council of BC

5. Correspondence

- a. Follow-up re originally proposed LT Minister of Environment to support Dennis Perry's letter re South Chilcotin Mountains Provincial Park
Jeremy contacted Mr. Perry following the last Board meeting. Jeremy suggested that Board wait for the Environment Minister's response to Mr. Perry's letter before taking further action in support of the initiative. The Directors agreed.

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

- a. November 27 Media Release re decline in steelhead stocks – Jeremy/Natalia
At the request of ORC's Rivers Chair Mark Angelo, ORC sent out a media release on November 27 to declare strong support of other organizations, including ORC Members BC Wildlife Federation and the BC Federation of Drift Fishers, in sounding the alarm over dwindling steelhead populations. According to experts and conservation groups, BC steelhead stocks are in crisis; the iconic fish is perilously close to extinction and decisive action from the government is required.
- b. ORC Access Committee update – Kim
The Committee last met on November 29 and completed the second round of reviewing core principles that will underpin the recommended access regime. The Committee will convene again in January and intends to finalize its list of principles. The Committee has also been interested in the BC Wildlife Federation's (BCWF) and Victoria Fish and Game Federation's (VFGF) negotiations with TimberWest in implementing a gate access system. Kim and Jeremy plan to meet with BCWF and VFGF in January but pointed out

that the Committee's mandate is advocating for legislation change; negotiating access with landowners is a parallel track. Jeremy also suggested that the Committee reach out to Green Party leader, Dr. Andrew Weaver, who introduced a private member's bill entitled Bill M223 — Right to Roam Act on February 27, 2017.

b. Trailhead Canada Report – Jeremy

Jeremy and Dennis said the conference was well attended and very informative. Jeremy added that notes recorded at the conference will provide a solid foundation for forthcoming planning regarding a national trails strategy. The Canadian Trails Federation (the conference hosts) will convene soon via conference call to discuss the outcomes of the event. Jeremy will provide a summary to ORC's Directors at the next Board meeting.

c. Caribou Recovery Project – Natalia

The federal government and the BC government recently announced a draft conservation agreement under section 11 of the federal Species at Risk Act (SARA). The purpose of the agreement is to support southern mountain caribou recovery, starting with the population known as the Central Group, and aims to reverse population decline. The Agreement will be open for public comment for 30 days on the SARA website. Government staff are hosting a conference call on December 13 to provide more information and Jeremy and Natalia will participate. Directors were asked to send questions and comments to ORC ahead of the call.

Action: NP to send Directors information about the conference call re caribou.

d. PTAB – Revised modus operandi, Patrick Lucas contract – Jeremy

The Provincial Trails Advisory Body (PTAB) last convened via conference call on November 16. The purpose of the call was to discuss a change in strategy. The PTAB is looking into hiring a contractor to perform a thorough review of the status of the 22 Actions outlined in the BC Trails Strategy. The PTAB agreed to complete a scoping exercise to identify a draft list of deliverables for a contractor to undertake. The goal of the contract would be to assess progress of the BC Trails Strategy, to complete a review on implementation measures undertaken to date, and to provide recommendations where opportunities for improvement exist in implementation of the Trails Strategy.

e. Rail Trails Steering Committee – Draft Terms of Reference – Jeremy/Natalia

Due to schedule conflicts the conference call was postponed to January.

f. Share the Trails Workshop 2018 with Horse Council BC – Ideas wanted – All directors

The Directors agreed to table this discussion until January.

Action: JM to add this to meeting agenda for Jan. 8.

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

a. Designation of West Stave Mud Flats as a mud bogging area – Kim

Kim presented his resolution re West Stave mud bogging area to the Board. The Directors requested additional information before voting on the resolution.

Action: KR to send relevant documents to Directors for further reading.

Action: KR and JM to revise the resolution for next Board meeting.

- b. Proposed expansion of Coquihalla Summit Recreation Area – Jeremy
ORC has not formally declared a position on this issue. Dave confirmed that the Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC (FMCBC) are in support. Ciel added that Trails BC is also in support. Jeremy agreed to review FMCBC's and Trails BC's support letters.

Action items: DWh and CS to send letters of support to JM.

- c. BC Parks Marine Strategic Plan – Conference call Dec. 15 – Jeremy
BC Parks will be working on implementing the BC Parks Marine Strategic Plan in the coming months. As a first step, a teleconference will be held on December 15 with key stakeholders to review past collaborations, gather input, identify areas of mutual interest, and develop a timeline and framework that will guide future engagement. ORC Member BC Marine Trails Association will participate on the call, and Jeremy will participate to represent ORC.
- d. American Trails e-bikes webinar – Natalia
On Nov. 9 Jeremy and Natalia participated in an American Trails webinar about e-bikes. The webinar presenters were Morgan Lommele of PeopleForBikes and Chris Bernhardt of Sentieros Consulting. Jeremy added that RSTBC is currently working on a draft e-bike policy. Once the draft is complete, it will be shared with the PTAB for comment. BC does not yet have an e-bikes policy for BC Parks or crown land.

Action: NP to send out the e-bike webinar presentation slides.

- e. Park Elders Council matters – Jeremy
Jeremy reported to the Board that he was asked by the Council's Secretary to help the Council transition to the BC Societies Act.
- f. Proposed Park Issues Committee (tabled) – Jeremy
This committee is tabled because of recent progress made on the Cypress Backcountry Access Corridor issue. The public can now cross the Backcountry Access Corridor in Cypress Provincial Park before 9:00 a.m. thanks to the efforts of volunteers from many organizations who have engaged with BC Parks and the past 2 years, including ORC member the Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC (FMCBC). Dave added that FMCBC will meet with the BC Environment Minister in January regarding the Singing Pass issue.

8. Upcoming events, meetings, etc.

- Proposed next Board meeting – 5 PM Monday January 8
- Association of BC Forest Professionals presentation – February 21

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59.

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