

# Outdoor Recreation Council of BC

## Meeting of Board of Directors

5.30 PM Monday, January 9, 2017  
(originally scheduled for January 2 and postponed)  
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>		
Penny Cartwright	Director	BC Snowmobile Federation
Penney Edwards	Director	BC Nature
Kim Reeves	Director	Four Wheel Drive Association of BC
Ciel Sander	Director	Trails Society of BC
Rose Schroeder	Director	Back Country Horsemen of BC
Dennis Webb	Director, Past Chair	Quad Riders ATV Association of BC
Gordon Weetman	Director	Advisory Member, UBC Faculty of Forestry

#### Absent

Roxanne Rousseau Director, Vice Chair Sea Kayak Association of BC

1. Dave called the meeting to order at 5.35 PM and welcomed those present and on the phone. He then welcomed Natalia who was attending her first Board meeting.

#### 2. **Approval of agenda**

**Motion:** Moved & seconded (RS/KR). That the agenda be approved. The following items were added: 7(c) Parks Canada meetings; 7(d) Okanagan Rail Trail. **Motion carried.** The agenda was approved as amended.

#### 3. **December 5 Board meeting minutes**

##### a. Approval, errors & omissions:

**Motion:** Moved & seconded (JM/GW). That the minutes of the December 5 Board meeting be approved. **Motion carried.**

b. Action items: Items 4(b) and 6(c) completed. Item 6(e) ATVBC would not be able to attend the Share the Trails Workshop if held on April 21.

c. Business arising from the minutes: Okanagan Rail Trail – added to agenda.

#### 4. **Administration, membership and general**

a. Reinstatement of Penny Cartwright as a director: Penny introduced herself. She has had 10 years' experience on NGO Boards. She is no longer a director of the BC Snowmobile Federation but is a member of her local club in Prince George.

b. Introduction of Natalia Pisarek: See Item 1 above.

c. General Liability (GL) insurance: Jeremy confirmed that the policy was renewed effective January 1 with Capri Insurance, ORC's broker. A question was raised about Directors & Officers Errors & Omissions (D & O) insurance. Jeremy advised that ORC has not carried D & O insurance for at least ten years. Rose said she thinks D & O is more important than GL insurance. Kim suggested that ORC's directors could become exposed on access issues. Penny said her snowmobile

club had to defend two claims, one related to a misinterpretation of the minutes and the other with respect to the alleged misuse of funds. In both cases the insurer paid the lawyer to defend the club. Jeremy suggested that it should be up to someone to make the case for D & O insurance. Penny agreed to.

**Action item:** Penny to develop a case and/or make a proposal with respect to carrying Directors & Officers Errors & Omissions insurance..

d. Annual general meeting: Directors were requested to inform the office which were their preferred Saturdays for holding the AGM in June. Rose was requested to see if the Yarrow Community School would be available for one more year once the preferred dates were known.

**Action items:** All directors requested to inform office of their preferred June Saturdays and Rose requested to check availability of Yarrow Community School.

e. Restructuring of membership categories: ORC's member organizations haven't yet been informed about their revised membership status. ORC's new bylaws are being posted on the website for reference prior to informing them. E-mails will be sent to each member organization shortly, drawing attention to specific changes affecting them, the reasons for the restructuring and with a request to appoint a Designated Representative.

f. Revised ORC budget: A revised budget for 2016/17 was distributed with the agenda. Jeremy said that comparing a mid-year estimate with actual results for the 2015/2016 year is not a precise exercise.

## 5. Correspondence

Letter dated December 19 from Jim Standen, ADM for BC Parks, re allowable terrestrial motorized access to Provincial Parks, attaching a spread sheet listing Provincial Parks where some form of terrestrial motorized access is allowed.

Jeremy reminded directors that this response from BC Parks arose from a resolution passed at ORC's 2016 AGM. It specifically relates to terrestrial motorized activity, so does not include heli-ski or aircraft. Ciel asked about connectivity and management values. Jeremy responded that those matters were not part of the resolution. Penny said some parks were omitted from the list. Dave said grandfathered agreements with cabin owners were not included. Dennis said he had been kept out of parks which are on the list. Penny referred to a 10 year user agreement between the Prince George snowmobile club and BC Parks providing for specific access. Questions arose about access to the boundaries in the case of some parks, especially in cases where there is no road access.

**Action item:** Distribute the spread sheet to ORC's member organizations with requests to notify ORC about the following:

- Variations from the list as presented by BC Parks;
- Provincial Parks where access is permitted but which are not on the list; and
- Provincial Parks where there are user agreements providing for regular ORV or snowmobile access.

## 6. Business related to ORC's mission – Ongoing initiatives and projects

a. BC Parks Future Strategy – Next steps: Jeremy expressed concern that the Future Strategy does not address BC Parks' basic budgetary problems. It included neither assurances that it would address those problems nor specific information on how the Park Ranger deficiencies would be addressed. However he is reluctant to

make too big an issue of these aspects until it can be seen whether these concerns will be addressed. He has been advised by members of the BC Park Elders Council that it plans to take a wait and see approach and also offer its assistance to BC Parks with the implementation of appropriate components of the Future Strategy. Penny advised that BC Parks has begun the process of recruiting new Park Rangers.

- b. ORC Access Committee: The next meeting will be on January 25. Kim advised that the sharing of minutes will be discussed.
- c. 2017 Share the Trails Workshop with Horse Council BC (HCBC): Jeremy advised that the planning committee is considering whether to hire a professional facilitator to ensure that all other participants are free to participate fully. There was some support for this approach.
- d. PTAB – Year-end bulletin and dedicated website: Jeremy plans to prepare a year end bulletin to summarize the PTAB's achievements in 2016. There has been no progress on the dedicated website.
- e. Planning for Trailhead Canada 2017: Regular planning conference calls continue. It is intended that there be some financial support for key participants' travel and accommodation.
- j. Okanagan Rail Trail: Deferred to January meeting.

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

- a. Reprint of Trail user's Code of Ethics: Deferred.
- b. Completion of Policy Manual: Deferred
- c. Parks Canada meetings: Parks Canada has invited the public to visit it at UBC on January 18 for "Let's Talk Parks Canada" discussions and has scheduled a workshop at Creekside Community Centre on January 20. ORC has distributed the invitation to UBC. Dave and Jeremy will attend the workshop.
- d. Okanagan Rail Trail: Dennis described the proposed 60 km trail on the former CN line between Vernon and Kelowna. It is located beside Kalamalka and Woods Lakes and has been purchased by the North Okanagan and Central Okanagan Regional Districts, and the Cities of Lake Country and Kelowna. An Okanagan Rail Trail Society has been formed. Intended use will include walking and cycling but will exclude equestrian use. Rose said equestrians are already using it. Recreation Sites and Trails BC is not involved. Dennis said he agreed with the non-motorized use of the trail. Questions were raised about use by motorized wheelchairs and e-bikes.

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

- a. Next Board meeting: 5.30 PM Monday February 6
- b. National Trails Conference to celebrate Canada's Sesquicentennial – Ottawa - November 13/16, 2017

## **9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7.35 PM.

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