

Outdoor Recreation Council of British Columbia 40th Annual General Meeting

Saturday June 16, 2018
Yarrow Community School, Wilson Road, Yarrow, BC

DRAFT MINUTES

In attendance

Board of Directors

Dave Wharton (Chair)
Dennis Webb (Past Chair)

Kim Reeves
Scott Walker

Staff

Natalia Pisarek

Provincial Organization Members

Back Country Horsemen of BC

BC Cycling Coalition
BC Federation of Drift Fishers
BC Lapidary Society
BC Marine Trails Network Assn.
BC Nature
BC Off Road Cycling Association
BC Speleological Federation
BC Wildlife Federation

Four Wheel Drive Association of BC
Horse Council of BC
Trails Society of BC
Quad Riders ATV Association of BC

Regional Organization Members

Beaver Canoe Club
Chilliwack Outdoor Club
International Mountain Bicycling Assn.
Sea Kayak Association of BC

Guest(s)

Glen Pilling

Affiliation

Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC
Back Country Horsemen of BC,
Canadian Trails Federation &
Quad Riders ATV Association of BC
Four Wheel Drive Association of BC
Back Country Horsemen of BC

Communications Coordinator

Delegate

Rose Schroeder
Jen Vanderkooi
Richard Campbell
Alistair Ball
Phillip Crewe
Clark Perry-Bater
Hilary Miller
Peter Sprague
Rob Wall
Terrance Martin
Ken McLeod
Rachelle Tomm
Nancy Spratt
Leon Lebrun
Ralph Matthews
Kim Smith
Wayne Mercer

Delegate(s)

Phil Rankin
Harry Waldron
Cooper Quinn
Clark Perry-Bater

Forest Practices Board

Welcome

D. Wharton began the proceedings at 9.10 AM, with a welcome to all those present. He invited each person to introduce themselves and their affiliation.

Members' Forum

Delegates from the member organizations listed above gave brief verbal reports. On completion of the Members' Forum the Annual General Meeting took place. See following pages.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. Call to order

At 9.28 AM D. Wharton called the Annual General Meeting to order. J. McCall was not present at the meeting as he recently offered his resignation from all positions he holds within the ORC organization, including Executive Director. This resignation is effective immediately. For some time now, J. McCall has been dealing with issues related to his physical health. These concerns regarding his health have been managed and treated so that he has been able to continue to fulfill his duties and responsibilities at ORC. In order that Jeremy continues to manage these health concerns effectively it has been necessary for him to offer his resignation

2. Establishment of quorum

In addition to members of the Board, thirteen (13) Provincial Organization Members were present and four (4) Regional Organization Member was present, which exceeded the quorum requirement. A quorum at any meeting of the members shall be ten (10) of the members entitled to vote at the meeting. As per the bylaws, each Provincial Organization Member is entitled a vote on all matters. Each Regional Organization Member is entitled to vote on all matters except the election of directors and amendments to bylaws.

3. Adoption of agenda

Motion: Moved & seconded (D. Webb/P. Rankin): That the agenda be adopted.

Motion carried

4. Approval of minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting have been posted on the Council's website since 2017 and they were also displayed on the wall of the meeting room during this meeting.

Motion: Moved & seconded (D. Webb/K. Reeves): That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on June 17, 2017, be considered as read and approved.

Motion carried.

5. Business arising from the minutes

None.

6. Chair's Report

D. Wharton summarized key points from his Chair's Report. See Appendix A for the full report.

7. Treasurer's Report and Financial Report

See Appendix B for the Financial Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2018.

K. Smith pointed out that at last year's AGM a motion was passed requiring quarterly financial statements for the Board and a second motion was passed that an annual

budget be prepared for member organizations to review at the AGM. D. Webb said that the new Board will follow through on these items.

Motion (D. Webb/P. Rankin): To accept the financial report for the year ended March 31, 2018. **Motion carried.**

9. Resolutions

ORC RESOLUTION 2018 – 01

Amendment to the Council's bylaws to reduce the notice period for issuing a Notice of Meeting and giving notice of special business.

Proposed by the Council's Board of Directors

Preamble

The present bylaws of the Council were adopted at its Annual General Meeting on June 11, 2016. They replaced the former bylaws and generally comply with the Societies Act. The notice period for a Notice of Meeting specified in the Council's 2016 bylaws is "at least 30 days". Furthermore a copy of any resolution which is not "ordinary business" must accompany the Notice of Meeting. The notice period required by the Societies Act is "at least 14 days". The Board of Directors proposes that the notice period in Bylaw 3.2 be reduced from 30 days to 14 days to comply with the Societies Act and, accordingly, that the notice period in Bylaw 3.7 for members to submit a resolution to the annual general meeting be reduced from 45 days to 30 days. It is also proposed that the notice periods specified for Council to send amendments to the constitution or bylaws to members in Bylaw 11.2 be amended from 30 days to 14 days and the date for members to submit such resolutions to the Council be reduced from 45 days to 30 days.

Resolution

Whereas Article 77 (1) (a) of the Societies Act requires that written notice of the date, time and location of a general meeting be sent to every member of the society at least 14 days before the meeting, or the number of days specified in the bylaws if the number of days so specified is at least seven days, and not more than 60 days before the meeting; and

Whereas Bylaw 3.2 presently specifies a notice period for a Notice of Meeting of at least 30 days before the day on which the meeting is to be held; and

Whereas Bylaw 11.2(a) presently specifies that notices of resolutions to amend the constitution or bylaws if proposed by the Council must be sent to the members at least 30 days in advance of a general meeting; and

Whereas Bylaw 3.7 presently specifies a notice period of at least 45 days for a member to send the Council a notice of a resolution which the member wishes have considered at the annual general meeting; and

Whereas Bylaw 11.2(b) presently specifies a notice period of at least 45 days for a member to send a resolution to amend the constitution or bylaws;

Therefore be it resolved that the notice periods in Bylaws 3.2 and 11.2(a) be amended to 14 days to comply with the period specified in the Societies Act and the notice periods in Bylaws 3.7 and 11.2(b) be amended to 30 days.

Motion: Moved/seconded (D. Webb/L. Lebrun): That Resolution 2018 – 01 be approved.

Discussion: This was the second year for this motion to be considered. This motion was tabled in 2017 because ORC did not send it to members within the required Notice of Meeting period as outlined in ORC's bylaws. The BC Societies Act requires that Notice of Meeting must be sent to members at least 14 days ahead of a general meeting and no more than 60 days ahead of a general meeting. ORC's current bylaws require that the Notice of Meeting be sent out at least 30 days ahead of the general meeting. K. Smith pointed out that ORC's bylaws are already in compliance with the BC Societies Act.

Motion defeated: Four votes in favour. Ten votes opposed.

Members present took a short break. AGM resumed at 10.45 AM.

ORC RESOLUTION 2018 – 02

Proposal that Thompson and Chilcotin steelhead be given Species at Risk status

Proposed by the BC Federation of Drift Fishers

Preamble

Fraser interior steelhead stocks, particularly Thompson/Chilcotin fish, are at the point of Extreme Conservation Concern. Despite years of studies and endless meetings these precious BC icons are projected to be extinct within three years unless dramatic recovery actions take place. These stocks, which once numbered in the thousands, were estimated to be fewer than 300 fish for each of these river systems in 2017.

The situation is so dire that a seldom used fast track process has been introduced by Environment and Climate Change Canada to pursue a "Species at Risk Act" (SARA) listing. Official SARA listing could provide some of the immediate protection for these steelhead and result in a scientifically based recovery plan with input from all sectors and First Nations and address priority issues such as net interception and water sustainability for these systems.

Considering the high priority status of the Thompson/Chilcotin rivers on the 2018 Endangered Rivers list it would be appropriate for the Outdoor Recreation Council to officially pursue the efforts to preserve this valuable resource.

Resolution

Whereas Fraser interior steelhead stocks are at the point of Extreme Conservation Concern with current consideration for Species at Risk Act (SARA) listing for Thompson/Chilcotin stocks,

Therefore be it resolved that the Outdoor Recreation Council urge the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change and the Honourable Dominique LeBlanc, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, to grant this SARA listing; and

Be it further resolved that the Outdoor Recreation Council urge Minister LeBlanc to undertake a comprehensive recovery plan for Thompson/Chilcotin steelhead stocks based on best science and with input from all sectors and First Nations. Priorities for this recovery plan must include curtailment of marine and in river chum net fisheries and ensuring water sustainability for both Thompson and Chilcotin systems.

Motion: Moved/seconded (D. Webb/P. Rankin): That Resolution 2018 – 02 be approved.

Discussion: P. Sprague asked whether this issue, and issues like it, could be endorsed by the ORC Board and passed as a motion at a Board meeting. P. Sprague added that he is in favour of the motion but is seeking clarification about process. D. Wharton pointed out that while the Board makes decisions on a number of issues throughout the year, the AGM is an appropriate forum for high priority issues in the form of a resolution. A. Ball explained that steelhead is a species in crisis and at risk of extinction. D. Webb added that a resolution passed by member organizations at the AGM carries more weight than a motion is passed only by the Board.

Motion carried: Unanimous.

ORC RESOLUTION 2018 – 03

Proposal re wilderness toilet facilities on Crown Land

Proposed by the Beaver Canoe Club

Resolution

Whereas the steadily growing population of Greater Vancouver is putting pressure on outdoor recreational possibilities,

And whereas many people who recreate and overnight camp on unregulated and un-serviced Crown lands defecate and leave human waste throughout these areas,

And whereas human waste is a human health and environment hazard,

Therefore be it resolved the Outdoor Recreation Council of British Columbia make the government agencies responsible for these areas aware of our concerns and request wilderness toilet facilities be established and maintained within high use areas such as the Coquihalla, Coldwater, Squamish, Mamquam, and Chilliwack River valleys.

Motion: Moved/seconded (P. Rankin/D. Webb): That Resolution 2018 – 02 be approved.

Discussion: P. Rankin explained that there are many wilderness areas used by the public for recreation and camping where human waste is not managed effectively, causing environmental degradation. The problem areas are on typically on Crown Land outside the boundaries of established recreation sites. Possible low-cost solutions include setting up basic “slit toilets” and educating the public. R. Schroeder pointed out that there are similar problems in the Chilliwack River Valley and that, while the Chilliwack Recreation Advisory Group (CRAG) has managed to reduce negative impacts of human waste, it is an ongoing problem because toilet facilities have been used as dumping sites for garbage, tipped over, and misused in various ways. Government is aware of the issue but lack of time and resources makes it challenging to address all problem areas. R. Schroeder added that it’s necessary to identify viable solutions before contacting government authorities. P. Sprague added that it would be useful for ORC to have a mechanism in place to facilitate open and ongoing communication between member organizations so that members can help each other address issues by sharing ideas and resources. R. Tomm suggested an amendment to the motion to add “including but not limited to” following “within high use areas”.

Motion: (R. Tomm/P. Rankin): To amend the last paragraph in resolution 2018 – 03 to: Therefore be it resolved the Outdoor Recreation Council of British Columbia make the government agencies responsible for these areas aware of our concerns and request wilderness toilet facilities be established and maintained within high use areas including but not limited to the Coquihalla, Coldwater, Squamish, Mamquam, and Chilliwack River valleys.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

Motion: (R. Tomm/P. Rankin): That the amended resolution 2018 – 03 be approved.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

10. Election of Executive Board of Directors for 2018 – 2019

A summary of the current and proposed members of the Executive Board of Directors with brief resumes was distributed to the attendees at the meeting. D. Webb, Chair of ORC Nominating Committee proposed the following:

Continuing incumbents

Ciel Sander. Director from June 2016. Serving second year of two-year term.
Affiliation: Trails BC.

Incumbent nominees

Jeremy McCall. Nomination withdrawn.

Kim Reeves. Director since June 2016. Affiliation: Four Wheel Drive Association. Nominated for a two-year term.

Scott Walker. Director since June 2016. Affiliation: Back Country Horsemen. Nominated for a two-year term.

Dave Wharton. Director since June 2013. Affiliation: Trails BC. Nominated for a one-year term.

Additional nominees

Allistair Ball. Affiliation: BC Federation of Drift Fishers. Nominated for a one-year term.

Terrance Martin. Affiliation: BC Wildlife Federation. Nominated for a one-year term.

Wayne Mercer. Affiliation: Quad Riders ATV Association of BC. Nominated for a one-year term.

Cooper Quinn. Affiliation: International Mountain Bicycling Association. Nominated for a one-year term.

Phil Rankin. Affiliation: Beaver Canoe Club. Nominated for a one-year term.

Motion: Moved/seconded (D. Webb/L. Lebrun): That the slate of 9 nominees be elected as directors by acclamation for the 2018 – 2019 year. **Motion carried.**

11. Other business

N. Pisarek was asked to step out of the room to allow the member organizations to have an in camera session to discuss ORC's staffing in light of J. McCall's recent resignation.

12. Adjournment

The Annual General Meeting was adjourned at 11.56 PM.

Draft - to be approved by members at the 2018 AGM

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Appendix A **CHAIR'S REPORT**

To begin, I would like to start by welcoming everyone to the ORC 2018 AGM. Welcome!

And I would like to thank all those who have volunteered their time and worked hard to ensure that this year's AGM is successful. Thank-you!

The Outdoor Recreation Council continues to be the number one organization in the province with regard to representing the outdoor and back country recreational interests of all user groups, both motorized and non-motorized. And therein, for me, lies much of its value and legitimacy. Although we can always find areas where we can disagree, our participation in ORC enables us to better gain an understanding of the diverse and often unique needs and requirements of ORC's various member organizations. It has been my experience that though there are many areas where we have our own goals and objectives, there are many more issues that need resolving for the common good of all of us.

One of the primary ways that ORC achieves these objectives is through its work to develop and build relationships with a wide range of stakeholders; in all 3 levels of government, in industry (particularly resource-based industry), and with other interests that wish to develop the land base of this province.

One of the priority issues that ORC is concerned with is the issue of access to land on which to pursue our chosen form of recreation, whether that is motorized or non-motorized, land based or water based. We all need access! That may be access to land or access to cross land. I would like to commend the work of the ORC Access Committee in advocating for this access on behalf of all of us.

ORC continues to sit on the Provincial Trails Advisory Body (PTAB), where we represent the interests of all our user groups. Although this committee may not have achieved all it had hoped by this time, it remains a matter of importance that we continue to sit at the table and play a vital role as it goes forward.

The terms of appointment for those from ORC will soon be reaching the end of their tenure, and the ORC Board of Directors will be seeking others to replace them on the PTAB. ORC currently represents both the motorized and non-motorized at this table, and I feel it of importance that we continue with this broad representation. At the time of writing we co-chair the PTAB, though it is currently vacant. It is equally important to me that we continue to have a role in co-chairing this committee.

I will not touch on all the issues that I believe ORC has had success with. I do not wish to write a book length report! And it has been suggested to me on more than one occasion; "The quality of a report is inversely proportionate to its length".

But I will touch on a few:

- Share the Trails Workshop; we have recently participated with the Horse Council of BC in co-hosting another successful workshop. Although I was not able to attend his year, the feedback has been positive.
- ORC continues to publish a monthly e-newsletter which helps us to attract support for campaigns, promote events, and share news that may be of interest to members.
- ORC remains active in the Canadian Trails Federation which allows us to work with other like-minded organizations across the country, as often issues that impact our ability to enjoy the back country are not respectful of provincial boundaries.
- ORC continues to support the annual BC River's Day, by participating in planning and actively promoting events related to this important initiative.

I could go on! I encourage all of you to read both the e-news and other communications from ORC to gain a better understanding of all the issues ORC is working on and involved with.

Before closing this report, I wish to touch on one final matter. As most of you will now be aware, Jeremy McCall has resigned from all positions and committees he has been involved with at ORC. I encourage all of you to read my separate letter regarding this.

Jeremy has made this difficult decision in order that he is able to more adequately manage emerging and ongoing physical health concerns. I know all of you join me in wishing him well in this! It is not realistic to think that Jeremy will return to these positions as we move forward with a new Board following this year's AGM. It will be one of the priorities of the 2018/19 Board of Directors to plan for the continuing smooth operation and continuing success of ORC as we go forward.

To this end I have met with Natalia Pisarek, Communications Coordinator, and amended her contract of employment to increase her hours, which will allow Natalia to take on some of the additional tasks that were formerly managed by Jeremy to ensure that ORC continues to meet its immediate operational obligations and that ORC continues to meet the needs and expectations of its members. I would like to thank Kim Reeves from the 4x4 Association of BC for attending this meeting at short notice.

Thank-you for taking the time to read my report.

Sincerely,

Dave Wharton,

Chair.

Appendix B

OUTDOOR RECREATION COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial summary for the 12 months ended March 31, 2018

The Council's fiscal year ended March 31, 2018 was challenging, to say the least. The principle reasons were as follows:

- The initial budget did not sufficiently take into account the impact of paying wages to the Communications Coordinator for a full year.
- The office rent increased effective March 1, 2017.
- Receipt of a \$10,000 grant from Recreation Sites and Trails BC (RSTBC), was originally expected in late 2017, but it was not received until April 2018. It was set up as an account receivable for the year end and shown as expended.
- The \$3,148 cost of the May 2017 Penticton workshop, shared equally with Horse Council BC, were more than originally expected due to having a facilitator.

- The amount of the approved quarterly grant from the Outdoor Recreation Foundation remained at its traditional level of \$3,000/quarter, or \$12,000 per year. During fiscal 2018 a total of \$15,000 was received from the Foundation, since \$3,000 from fiscal 2016/17 had not been expended. It could have been increased if a revised budget had been prepared but it wasn't.

Impact on Members' Equity

As a result of these factors, the Council took into revenue and expended the balances of miscellaneous unexpended grants which had been approved for projects in previous years.

These totaled \$13,696. Also expended was the balance of a previous RSTBC grant in the amount of \$1,267. Expenditure of these grant balances as well as the effective expenditure of the 2017/18 RSTBC grant resulted in the Council being able to generate a surplus of \$6,362 for the year. Members' Equity at March 31, 2018 was \$2,276, compared with a deficit of \$4,086 at March 31, 2017.

Impact on Cash Position

In contrast to the improvement in Members' Equity, there was a significant negative impact on the Council's cash position as a result of expending funds which had already been received in previous years. As at the year end the Council had to effectively borrow internally against the \$24,413 held in trust for the Sea to Sky Back Country Forum. Future budgeting must take into account the need to build up sufficient cash in the Council so that these funds held in trust can be fully funded by GICs. At present the funds are supported by a GIC in the amount of \$10,645.

2018/2019 Budgeting Requirements

The budget for 2018/19 must therefore make provision for the following:

- A full year of wages for Natalia Pisarek
- The annual office rent increase
- A monthly amount for restoring the cash support for the S2S Back Country Forum funds.
- An allowance for a bookkeeper to process the accounts quarterly.

Fortunately, RSTBC has committed once again to providing the annual grant of \$10,000 for the current fiscal year. Since membership dues received will not increase significantly from the \$5,400 approx. received in fiscal 2018, the Council will need to rely on the Foundation to commit to a quarterly grant sufficient to cover the above requirements in addition to its other regular expenses.

A budget for 2018/2019 is in the process of being prepared

Respectfully submitted
Jeremy McCall
Treasurer