

# Outdoor Recreation Council of BC

## Meeting of Board of Directors

5.00 PM Tuesday, April 3, 2018

1101 - 207 West Hastings Street, Vancouver

### **MINUTES**

| <u>Present</u>   | <u>Position</u>                     | <u>Affiliation</u>                       |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 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        |
| Kim Reeves       | Director                            | Four Wheel Drive Association of BC       |
| Roxanne Rousseau | Director, Vice Chair                | BC Marine Trails Association             |
| Penney Edwards   | Director                            | BC Nature                                |
| Dave Wharton     | Director, Chair                     | Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC       |
| Ciel Sander      | Director                            | Trails Society of BC                     |
| Karen Black      | Director                            | Quad Riders ATV Association of BC        |
| <u>Absent</u>    |                                     |                                          |
| Scott Walker     | Director                            | Back Country Horsemen of BC              |
| Gordon Weetman   | Director                            | Advisory Member, UBC Faculty of Forestry |

#### 1. Roll call/regrets

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

#### 2. Approval of agenda

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

#### 3. March 5, 2018 Board meeting minutes

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

**Motion.** Moved & seconded (JM/RR) that the minutes of the March 5 Board meeting be approved. **Motion carried.**

##### b. Action items in March 5 meeting minutes:

4(b) Identify speaker for AGM – *work in progress*

4(c) DWe to form nominating committee. – *completed*

6(c) RR to join the Endangered Rivers Committee. – *completed*

7(a) JM to write letter to the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority (VFPA) regarding regulatory changes to traffic on the Fraser River – *called off because VFPA is in the process of reviewing public comments and revising the initially proposed regulatory changes.*

##### c. Business arising from minutes. None.

#### 4. Administration, membership & general

##### a. Membership update and annual dues invoices – Natalia

Salmo Valley Seniors ATV Club submitted an application for membership in March. **Motion:** Moved & Seconded (JM/PE) that Salmo Valley Seniors ATV Club's application for membership be approved. CS and DWe abstained to vote. **Motion carried.**

JAG Outdoor Adventures submitted an application for membership in March. **Motion:** Moved & Seconded (JM/RR) that JAG Outdoor Adventure's application for membership be approved. **Discussion:** The Board referred to the bylaws and determined that JAG Outdoor Adventures is not eligible for membership since it is a commercial operation. ORC's bylaws allow only not-for-profit societies, recreation groups, and government organizations to join as Organization Members. **Motion not passed.**

- b. Travel & accommodation expenses – ORC Access Committee – Kim  
KR requested to have his expenses reimbursed for his 2017 trip to the Private Forest Landowner's Association where he was a speaker.  
**Motion:** Moved & Seconded (DWe/PE) to pay KR's expenses up to \$400.  
**Motion carried.**
- c. 4(b) Report on year-end financial position – Jeremy – added to agenda  
**Motion.** Moved & Seconded (DWe/JM) that ORC write a letter to the Outdoor Recreation Foundation to request a \$10,000 grant. **Motion carried.**
- d. AGM - arrangements for June 16 – Natalia  
Yarrow Community school is booked on June 16 for the AGM. RR asked for clarification regarding the role of the Designated Representative. JM explained that the Designated Representative is responsible to act as the contact and liaison person between ORC and their Member organization. They have the responsibility of disseminating information sent by ORC to their Member Organization and they have the privilege of voting on behalf of their Member Organization either by mail-in ballot or in-person at the AGM.
- e. Nominating committee for directors – Dennis  
DWe is the chair of the nominating committee and the other members of the committee are PE and former ORC Directors Don Reid and Rose Schroeder. The nominating committee will contact ORC's Member Organizations to solicit nominations for the Board of Directors for 2018 – 2019.
- f. March e-newsletter – The Outdoor Recreation Report – Natalia  
No updates.

## 5. Correspondence

- a. Watershed Watch Salmon Society re preservation of the Fraser River for salmon. ORC has been asked to sign on to this letter.  
**Motion.** Moved & Seconded (JM/DWe) to support and sign on to Watershed Watch's letter to the Ministers Donaldson and Heyman. **Motion carried.**

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

- a. 2018 Endangered Rivers Survey and campaign – Jeremy  
The Endangered Rivers survey closed on March 12 and the 2018 Endangered Rivers List was published on March 19. Steelhead-bearing rivers along with "Heart of the Fraser" top the 2018 most endangered rivers list. Waterways listed include the Fraser, Thompson, Chilcotin, Gold, Seymour, Cowichan, Peace and Kettle rivers. Recent and extensive clearing of Herrling and Carey Islands in the "Heart of the Fraser" along with a corresponding private bridge proposal is threatening salmon and sturgeon habitat.  
**Motion.** Moved & Seconded (JM/PE) that ORC write a letter to the appropriate authorities to recommend that the Herrling and Carey Islands bridge not be approved and that governments turn their attention to exploring options that would enable riparian habitats to be reclaimed. **Discussion.**

DWe asked JM to provide more information about this proposal. **Motion tabled.**

**Action: JM/NP to write draft letter for the ORC Board to review.**

- b. Share the Trails Workshop 2018 with Horse Council BC – Jeremy & Natalia  
Planning is well underway for the 2018 Share the Trails workshop in Nanaimo and registration will open within the next few days. The workshop will include segments on e-bikes, mixed-use trails, and access to private forests for public recreation. KR will moderate the access segment.
- c. ORC Access Committee – Kim  
The Access Committee is on track to complete its recommendations report in time for ORC's May Board meeting. The report will be circulated to ORC's Directors for comment. JM asked DWh about the FMCBC's "Right to Roam" project and asked whether ORC and FMCBC can work together on access issues. DWh suggested that JM contact FMCBC's Executive Director.

**Action: JM to contact FMCBC ED Barry Janyk re FMCBC's access project.**

- d. Rail Trails Steering Committee – Jeremy  
JM has identified a number of suitable maps and will schedule a conference call with the working group.
- e. PTAB – First Nations brochure status – Jeremy  
JM asked the ORC Directors to send comments about the draft document by email to ORC's office. Once the content is approved, the document will undergo formatting.
- f. Canadian Trails Federation – The National Trails Project – Jeremy  
The Canadian Trails Federation (CTF) is working on a national trails project. The CTF has retained the services of contractors to submit grant applications and acquire funding, and Parks Canada has committed its support for the project. The CTF is also undertaking preliminary planning for the Trailhead Canada conference in 2019. CS asked whether a report was published about the 2018 Trailhead Canada conference. DWh said that McMaster University student volunteers took extensive notes at the conference and that the students will eventually produce a report.

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

- a. BC Budget – Possible impact on BC Parks operating budget – Jeremy  
JM contacted Jim Standen's assistant at BC Parks in February requesting confirmation of the new BC Parks operating budget, and JM is waiting on confirmation of the BC Parks budget figures. JM also noted that BC Parks has launched a Student Ranger Program from the proceeds of the BC Parks Licence Plate program. This program will offer 48 young British Columbians the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in BC Parks. The Province is contributing annual funding of \$610,000 over two years and additional funding of approximately \$260,000 through 2019-20 will be provided by a partnership between Project Learning Tree Canada and the Canadian Parks Council, through the Government of Canada's Summer Work Experience program.

- b. Proposal re Recreation Advisory Group/Planning Committee for Sea to Sky Corridor – Jeremy  
Work in progress.
- c. Park Elders Council planning workshop – April 10 – Jeremy  
The Elders Council for Parks’ Directors met on April 10 for a strategic planning session and will convene again by conference call in May to decide on next steps.

**8. Upcoming events, meetings, etc.**

- Next Board meeting – 5 PM Monday May 7
- Share the Trails Workshop - Friday May 11 (firm)
- Annual General Meeting – June 16 (firm)

**9. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25pm.

As approved  
NP/JM  
April 30/18