

# Outdoor Recreation Council of BC

## Meeting of Board of Directors

5.00 PM Monday, February 5, 2018

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
Kim Reeves	Director	Four Wheel Drive Association of BC
Ciel Sander	Director	Trails Society of BC
Scott Walker	Director	Back Country Horsemen of BC leaving 6:10pm
Gordon Weetman	Director	Advisory Member, UBC Faculty of Forestry
<u>Absent</u>		
Penney Edwards	Director	BC Nature
Roxanne Rousseau	Director, Vice Chair	BC Marine Trails Association

#### 1. Roll call/regrets

The meeting began at 5:12pm. D. Wharton chaired the meeting.

#### 2. Approval of agenda

The following items were added to the agenda: 4(d) AGM location and nominating committee and 6(e) ORC Access Committee: Update **Motion:** Moved & seconded (JM/GW) that the amended agenda be approved. **Motion carried.**

#### 3. January 8, 2018 Board meeting minutes

- a. Approval, errors & omissions: None.

**Motion.** Moved & seconded (JM/SW). That the minutes of the Jan. 8 Board meeting be approved. **Motion carried.**

- b. Action items in January 8 meeting minutes:

3(b) NP to send Directors Member of the Month schedule. – **completed.**

4(e) NP to produce draft funding plan. – **work in progress.**

4(e) NP to prepare application for MEC spring grant. – **work in progress.**

5(a) Advise ORC's member organizations about the public comment period re BC government's review of the Province's professional reliance model. – **completed.**

6(a) JM/NP to submit letter re draft Section 11 Conservation Agreement for Southern Mountain Caribou. – **completed**

6(c) NP to send draft Rail Trails Steering Committee Terms of Reference (TOR) to Directors. – **completed**

6(e) DWh to send FMCBC letter and Ciel to send Trails BC letter to ORC re Coquihalla expansion campaign. – **DWh completed / CS pending.**

6(e) JM to write letter in support re Coquihalla expansion. – **work in progress.**

7(a) KR/JM to amend the Mud Bogging resolution as approved. – **completed**

7(f) JM to contact RSTBC to acquire its support re Sea 2 Sky advisory group.  
– **completed.**

c. Business arising from minutes. None.

#### 4. Administration, membership & general

a. Membership update, Vermillion Trails Soc. Application, campaign – Jeremy  
The Vermillion Trails Society applied for membership in January. The Board voted on the membership application. The Vermillion Trails Society is also participating on the Rail Trails Steering Committee.

**Motion:** Moved & Seconded (JM/KB) that Vermillion Trails Society's application for membership be approved. D. Webb opposed. **Motion carried.**

**Action:** NP to revise membership application form to include request for information re why the applicant wants to join ORC.

b. January e-newsletter – The Outdoor Recreation Report – Natalia  
Natalia provided a brief update on the e-newsletter. Jeremy suggested that the e-newsletter include more content about ORC's active projects.

c. Strategic plan update – Natalia

Natalia is preparing an application to MEC's spring community grant, which is due on March 18. The intention is to use funding received from this grant toward the 2018 Share the Trails workshop. Natalia is also overseeing a volunteer graphic design student from LaSalle College. The student reached out to ORC in January regarding a course assignment and will be producing a tri-fold brochure at no cost to ORC. Scott and Kim suggested that ORC look into other opportunities to work with volunteer students such as from BCIT.

d. AGM location and nominating committee – Jun. 16.

The Directors asked Jeremy to check if Yarrow Community School near Chilliwack is available, which is where the AGM has been held the past few years. Dennis agreed to join the nominating committee. Jeremy said he'll ask Roxanne to be on the nominating committee as well. The primary task of the nominating committee is to review current Directors' terms.

**Action:** JM to contact Rose Schroeder re: Yarrow Community School.

**Action:** JM to ask Roxanne Rousseau to join the nominating committee.

#### 5. Correspondence

a. Dec.12 letter from Jim Standen, ADM, BC Parks, re ORC's submission to Select Standing Committee

Jim Standen thanked ORC for submitting a letter to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services advocating for an increase to BC Parks funding. The Committee made a recommendation to increase the funding for BC Parks, specifically Recommendation # 74 on page 39 of its Report. The Committee also noted the importance of BC Parks for tourism, among other things, on page 37 of the Report.

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

a. Caribou Recovery Project – Ciel/Natalia

The public comment period recently closed for the draft Section 11 Conservation Agreement for BC Southern Mountain Caribou. [Click here](#) to read ORC's letter, in which ORC requested a clear statement explaining why

- the initial focus is exclusively on the Central Group (the Pine, Narraway and Quintette Local Population Units in Northeastern BC). The Agreement currently excludes the population known as the Southern group, which contains the Purcell and Selkirk herds. Population estimates for both the Purcell and Selkirk herds are among the lowest on record.
- b. PTAB – Revised modus operandi, First Nations brochure status – Jeremy  
The PTAB may retain the services of a contractor to review the status of the 22 Key Actions outlined in the Provincial Trail Strategy. The government reps on the PTAB and Jeremy are producing a list of “deliverables” for the contractor. Jeremy added that the last PTAB meeting was held in November 2017. The ORC Directors were concerned that a contractor would do work that the PTAB should be doing. The Directors asked Jeremy to prioritize the convening of the PTAB as soon as possible to clarify its intentions. Jeremy clarified that the role of the PTAB is to advise on the implementation the Provincial Trails Strategy. He added that there are a number of Key Actions which require support from other Ministries such as Tourism, Environment and that the PTAB has not yet reached out to other Ministries. Jeremy also reported that the draft document for working effectively with First Nations has been through a number of edits and that a copy will be eventually be circulated to ORC’s Board.

**Action: JM to request the scheduling of a PTAB meeting.**

- c. Rail Trails Steering Committee – Jan. 24 C/C report – Jeremy/Natalia  
The Rail Trails Steering Committee convened via conference call on Jan. 24 and agreed on Terms of Reference (ToR). The Committee also decided to split into a working group comprised of a smaller number of Committee members. The working group’s task will be to identify an appropriate geographic region and section of rail trail for a pilot Recreation Advisory Group.
- d. Share the Trails Workshop 2018 with Horse Council BC – Suggested date, location and themes – Jeremy & Natalia  
ORC and workshop partner Horse Council BC (HCBC) have tentatively decided on May 11-12 for dates and Nanaimo for location. The focus of the workshop will be mixed-use trails and related issues including: access to private forest lands for recreation as well as electric bicycles. ORC’s Access Committee will be given a platform at the workshop to speak about its work. ORC and HCBC are currently seeking appropriate speakers, drafting a tentative agenda, and coordinating logistics such as hotel and meeting space. Scott said that the issue of mixed-use trails is contentious in some parts of the US due to liability concerns. The perception is that single-track trails reduce liability for landowners and land managers. Kim added that there are important differences in litigation and liability law between Canada and the US.
- e. ORC Access Committee: Update – Kim  
Kim reported that the Access Committee’s last meeting was on February 28. The Committee has made significant progress with its “access principles” document and it’s close to completion. The draft document will be circulated to ORC’s Board for comment.

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

### **a. 2018 Endangered Rivers Survey and campaign – Natalia**

The nominations survey is open until March 12, 2018. To date, 12 nominations have been submitted:

1. Fraser River (3 nominations)
2. Anzac River
3. Columbia River
4. Kanaka Creek
5. Okanagan River Channel
6. Seymour River
7. Stikine River
8. Thompson River
9. Vedder River

### **b. Proposed South Chilcotin Provincial Park expansion – Jeremy**

Jeremy participated in a conference call hosted by Assistant Deputy Minister for BC Parks, Jim Standen, on January 22 regarding the proposed expansion of South Chilcotin Provincial Park. The purpose of the call was Dennis Perry's letter to Environment Minister regarding re-establishing the 71,487 hectare South Chilcotin Mountains Park. Mining poses a barrier to expanding the park but BC Parks' position is that land use changes are not BC Parks' mandate. However, Mr. Standen said that should Mr. Perry's campaign succeed in getting the mining companies to cooperate and rescind their mining stakes then BC Parks would be in a better position to support the expansion. ORC has not taken a formal position on the expansion proposal.

### **c. Proposal re Recreation Advisory Group for Sea to Sky Corridor – Jeremy**

Jeremy sent a message to the Squamish office of RSTBC's Sea to Sky Recreation District asking for support in starting an advisory group to address the many access issues in the Sea to Sky corridor. A new Recreation Advisory Group (RAG) in the Sea to Sky corridor would be a constructive and effective way to deal with various access issues. Jeremy is asking RSTBC to act as initial host and provide meeting space for the group to get started.

### **d. Planning process for Pinecone Burke Provincial Park – Dave**

Pinecone Burke Provincial Park was established about twenty years ago but does not have a management plan in place. Dave attended a stakeholder meeting hosted by BC Parks on January 29. The meeting was attended by representatives from the FMCBC, Valley Outdoor Association, BCMC, Varsity Outdoors Club (UBC) and Alpine Club of Canada - Whistler section. These groups met with Vicki Haberl, Planning Section Head, BC Parks, South Coast Region, and Jim DeHart, planning consultant from Katzie First Nation. BC Parks has a Memorandum of Understanding with Katzie to work collaboratively on the management plan. The meeting was an opportunity for the club representatives to provide input and comments about potential trails, routes, huts, zoning and issues to be addressed in the management plan. BC Parks and Katzie plan to complete the draft plan by late spring for review by the public prior to approval by other First Nations and government. BC Parks will also likely host public open houses in fall 2018. Dave is knowledgeable about the south portion of the park in particular.

e. BC Parks Marine Strategic Plan -- Jeremy

Jeremy decided to opt out of participating on stakeholder conference calls regarding the BC Parks Marine Strategic planning process because he does not have the marine experience to make a meaningful contribution. George Creek, president of Council of BC Yacht Clubs (an ORC Member Organization) has agreed to represent ORC and report back to ORC's Board when appropriate.

f. Park Elders Council AGM – Jeremy

Jeremy attended the Parks Elders AGM on February 1 and was voted in as a Director. Ric Careless, who stepped down from the role of President was replaced by new President Colin Campbell.

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

- Next Board meeting – 5 PM Monday March 5
- Association of BC Forest Professionals conference – JM presenting – Thursday Feb. 22
- BCWF AGM – April 11 – 14, Kamloops  
The Board agreed to send a Director to the BCWF AGM. Dave expressed interest and Jeremy suggested that Dave speak with Dennis about who should attend.
- Share the Trails Workshop - Friday May 11 (tent.)
- Annual General Meeting – June 16 (firm)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59pm.

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