

**Outdoor Recreation Council of BC
Meeting of Board of Directors**

5.00 PM Monday, July 9 2018

1101 - 207 West Hastings Street, Vancouver

MINUTES

<u>Present</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Natalia Pisarek	ORC Communications & Administration	
Dave Wharton	Director, Chair	Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC
Cooper Quinn	Director, Secretary	International Mountain Cycling Association
Phil Rankin	Director	Beaver Canoe Club
<u>By phone</u>		
Dennis Webb	Past Chair	Quad Riders ATV Association of BC
Kim Reeves	Vice Chair	Four Wheel Drive Association of BC
Allistair Ball	Director	BC Federation of Drift Fishers
Terrance Martin	Director	BC Wildlife Federation
Wayne Mercer	Director	Quad Riders ATV
Gordon Weetman	Advisory Member	UBC Faculty of Forestry
<u>Absent</u>		
Ciel Sander	Director	Trails Society of BC
Scott Walker	Director	Back Country Horsemen of BC

1. Roll call/regrets

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

2. Approval of agenda

Additions to agenda were proposed:

5(j) New membership application

8(e) BC Parks: Singing Pass Access Meeting: July 26, 2018 in Whistler.

8(f) Manning Skagit "donut hole"

Motion: Moved & seconded (PR/KR) that the amended agenda be approved.

Motion carried.

3. June 4 2018 Board meeting minutes

a. Approval, errors & omissions:

Motion. Moved & seconded (PR/KR) that the minutes of the June 4 Board meeting be approved. **Motion carried.**

b. Action items in June 4 meeting minutes

6(d). N. Pisarek to send the *Working Effectively with First Nations* brochure to the board. – **completed.**

7(c). N. Pisarek to attend the species-at-risk workshop. – **N. Pisarek was unable to attend.**

7(d). N. Pisarek to contact FrontCounter BC about referral procedures – **in progress.**

c. Business arising from minutes. None.

4. June 16 2018 Board meeting minutes – after AGM

Motion. Moved & seconded (PR/CQ) that the minutes of the June 16 Board meeting be approved. **Motion carried.**

5. Administration, membership & general

- a. Advisory members – Natalia
Gordon Weetman, Mark Angelo, Ken Farquharson and Mel Turner agreed to continue serving as advisory members.
- b. CRA filing requirements – Natalia
ORC must file a Registered Charity Information Return no later than six months after the end of its fiscal period, which means that the filing must be submitted no later than September 31, 2018.

Action: N. Pisarek to find out the cost of hiring a bookkeeper to file the Charity Information Return on ORC's behalf.

- c. Vancity change of signing officers – Natalia
K. Reeves, S. Walker, D. Wharton and N. Pisarek have an appointment on July 18 at Vancity Credit Union to authorize the new signing officers.
- d. AGM draft minutes and resolutions
Motion: That the draft 2018 AGM minutes be accepted and posted on ORC's website. Moved/Seconded. (AB/PR). **Motion Carried.**

Action: N. Pisarek to publish draft 2018 AGM minutes on ORC's website.

Action: N. Pisarek to send letter to the federal Minister of Environment and Minister of Fishers in fulfillment of ORC Resolution 2018 – 02.

- e. Forest Practices Board – recreation special report
The Forest Practices Board (FPB) is undertaking a study of recreation in the forests and conducting interviews to identify opportunities to improve management of forest recreation values. Forest recreation is one of the eleven values for which government may set objectives to manage under the Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA), yet recreation does not have its own legislation and government program to fully manage its diverse activities and requirements. C. Quinn advised that representatives from the International Mountain Cycling Association (IMBA) and the BC Bike Council have participated in interviews for the study.

Action: N. Pisarek to send reminder to ORC's member organizations re: FPB's recreation study.

- f. Sovereign's medal for volunteers re Jeremy – Natalia
The Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers recognizes the volunteer achievements of living Canadians who have made significant contributions to their community. Unfortunately, no further action is possible given J. McCall's passing.
- g. UVic Environmental Law Centre students available – Natalia
Calvin Sandborn, the Legal Director of the University of Victoria's Environmental Law Centre (ELC), contacted the ORC office to advise that ELC law students are once again available to take on special projects.

Action: N. Pisarek to send the directors the 2016 ELC report titled "Enhancing Public Access to Privately Owned Wild Lands".

- h. ORC's accounting – Natalia/Scott
N. Pisarek reported that she and S. Walker are preparing a draft budget for the remainder of the fiscal year, which will be presented to the board.
- i. Communications update - Natalia
N. Pisarek explained that ORC's website is over 15 years old and requires an update to enhance user experience, make it easier to publish updates, improve visibility on mobile devices, and enhance security. N. Pisarek is exploring options.
- j. New member application
ORC received an application for individual membership from Harry Nelson. Mr. Nelson is an Associate Professor at UBC's Department of Forestry and is a colleague of G. Weetman.
Motion. To approve Mr. Nelson's application. Moved/Seconded. (PR/AB).
Motion carried.

6. Correspondence None.

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

- a. ORC Access Committee – Kim
K. Reeves advised that the Access Committee has completed nearly all of its mandates as laid out in the current Terms of Reference (TOR) and suggested that the ORC board and the Access Committee jointly draft new TOR. The Access Committee's next meeting is in September.
- b. PTAB – Working Effectively with First Nations brochure – PTAB nominations – Natalia/Kim
N. Pisarek is waiting to hear back from a graphic designer about formatting the brochure. K. Reeves and N. Pisarek reported that the board will need to solicit new PTAB nominations as the terms of four member seats have expired. ORC appoints five public outdoor recreation seats on the PTAB, which are held by individuals nominated by ORC's province-wide member organizations and appointed by ORC's board.

Action: N. Pisarek to contact ORC's current PTAB appointees regarding the upcoming nominations process.

- c. Canadian Trails Federation – Dennis
Motion. That Dennis Webb be ORC's appointee to represent ORC at the CTF. Moved/Seconded. (PR/KR). **Motion Carried.**

Action: D. Webb to send the board a list of the international organizations that the CTF has contacted regarding its national trails strategy project.

Action: N. Pisarek to send letter to the CTF advising that Dennis Webb has been appointed as ORC's representative.

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

- a. Tetrahedron Provincial Park – Natalia/Dave
Due to local water shortages and supply management concerns, the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) is seeking a park boundary adjustment to Tetrahedron Provincial Park, which would to allow the SCR to

draw more water from Chapman Lake. The lake, located in within Tetrahedron Provincial Park, is the primary water source for the Sunshine Coast. SCRD's proposal could result in Tetrahedron PP being stripped of its "Class A" park status, or, could result in Chapman Lake being removed from the park. D. Wharton and T. Martin advised that Tetrahedron could be a precedent setting case. The board agreed to table the discussion until the September meeting.

b. BC Parks Marine Strategy – G. Creek report – Natalia

In 2017 ORC's board appointed George Creek, affiliated with the BC Marine Parks Forever Society and the Council of BC Yacht Clubs, to serve as ORC's designated representative with regard to BC Parks Marine Strategy consultations. N. Pisarek reported this item for information purposes only.

c. CPAWS-BC's BC Parks budget meeting Jun. 5 – Natalia

N. Pisarek attended a stakeholder meeting hosted by CPAWS-BC. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss strategies to increase the BC Parks operating budget. Organizations represented included Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC, BC Spaces for Nature, BC Parks Foundation, Wilderness Committee, Elders Council for Parks, CPAWS-BC will send meeting summary notes.

d. FrontCounter/ Crown Land applications – Natalia

ORC is authorized to receive e-referrals notifying us of new commercial recreation tenure applications, yet ORC did not receive a referral for the Sunshine Coast Mountain Adventures application. N. Pisarek contacted FrontCounter BC for an explanation and is waiting for a response

e. BC Parks: Singing Pass Access Meeting: July 26, 2018 in Whistler.

ORC received an invitation from BC Parks to attend a stakeholder meeting in Whistler about the Singing Pass/Garibaldi Park access issue. The original route, which goes through land owned and operated by Whistler Blackcomb, has been blocked since 1991 due to a landslide slump.

Motion: That N. Pisarek attend the Singing Pass stakeholder meeting on July 26. **Moved/Seconded.** (PR/CQ). **Motion Carried.**

f. Manning Skagit Donut Hole

ORC Advisory Member Ken Farquharson is asking the ORC board to send a letter to Premier John Horgan opposing logging in the Skagit Valley "donut hole" between EC Manning and Skagit Valley Provincial Parks. The "donut hole" is a parcel of Crown Land completely surrounded by provincial park lands, but which does not have "Class A" status protection because of existing mineral claims. BC Timber Sales (BCTS) has issued cut blocks in the upper Skagit Valley, allowing roadbuilding and logging.

Action: N. Pisarek to send the board a draft motion by email regarding writing a letter to Premier Horgan opposing logging in the Skagit Valley.

9. Upcoming events, meetings, etc.

- September Board meeting - 5 PM Tuesday, September 4 – confirmed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

As approved
Sept. 04/18