



## Outdoor Recreation Council of British Columbia 41th Annual General Meeting

Saturday June 8, 2019  
Yarrow Community School, Wilson Road, Yarrow, BC

### **APPROVED MINUTES**

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#### **In attendance**

##### **Board of Directors**

Dave Wharton (Chair)  
Kim Reeves (Vice-Chair)  
Scott Walker (Treasurer)  
Cooper Quinn (Secretary)  
Allistair Ball  
Phil Rankin  
Ciel Sander

##### **Affiliation**

Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC  
Four Wheel Drive Association of BC  
Back Country Horsemen of BC  
IMBA Canada  
BC Federation of Drift Fishers  
BC Recreational Canoe Association  
Trails Society of BC

##### **Staff**

Louise Pedersen

Executive Director

##### **Provincial Organization Members**

BC Federation of Drift Fishers  
BC Marine Trails Network Assn.  
BC Nature  
BC Off Road Motorcycle Association  
BC Wildlife Federation  
Four Wheel Drive Association of BC  
Horse Council of BC  
Trails Society of BC  
Quad Riders ATV Association of BC

##### **Delegate**

Rod Clapton  
Allan Edwin  
Hilary Miller  
Ken McClelland  
David Oliver  
Rachelle Tomm  
Nancy Spratt  
Leon Lebrun  
Kim Smith

##### **Regional Organization Members**

Andrew Drouin

##### **Delegate(s)**

South Okanagan Trail Alliance

##### **Guest(s)**

Matt Austin  
John Hawkings  
Andrew Day  
David Urban

FLNRO  
RSTBC  
BC Parks Foundation  
Fraser Valley Regional District

##### **Welcome**

D. Wharton began the proceedings at 9.25 AM, with an acknowledgment of indigenous territory and a welcome to all those present.

## **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 10.20 AM D. Wharton called the Annual General Meeting to order.

### **2. Establishment of quorum**

In addition to members of the Board, nine (9) Provincial Organization Members were present and one (1) 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 (P. Rankin/D. Oliver): That the agenda be adopted.

**Motion carried**

### **4. Approval of the minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting**

The minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting have been posted on the Council's website since 2018 and they were also made available in the meeting room during this meeting.

**Motion:** Moved & seconded (K. McClelland/K. Reeves): That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on June 16, 2018, 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, 2019.

**Motion** (C. Quinn/R. Thom): To accept the financial report for the year ended March 31, 2019. **Motion carried.**

### **8. Election of Executive Board of Directors for 2019 - 2020**

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.

### **Continuing incumbents**

**Kim Reeves.** Director since June 2016. Affiliation: Four Wheel Drive Association. Serving second year of a two-year term.

**Scott Walker.** Director since June 2016. Affiliation: Back Country Horsemen. Serving second year of a two-year term.

### **Incumbent nominees**

**Ciel Sander.** Director from June 2016. Nominated for a two year term. Affiliation: Trails BC.

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

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

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

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

**Phil Rankin.** Affiliation: BC Recreational Canoeing Association. Nominated for a two-year term.

### **Additional nominees**

**Ken McClelland.** Affiliation: BC Off-Road Motorcycle Association. Nominated for a one-year term.

**Andrew Drouin.** Affiliation: Federation of Mountain Clubs in British Columbia. Nominated for a one-year term.

**Motion:** Moved/seconded (A. Ball/D. Oliver): That the slate of 8 nominees be elected as directors by acclamation for the 2019-2020 year. **Motion carried.**

### **11. Adjournment**

The Annual General Meeting was adjourned at 11.00 am..

Draft -to be approved by members at the 2020 AGM

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## ***Appendix A***

### ***CHAIR'S REPORT***

The first task I set for myself before I write any report for any organization, is to read my previous report. Primarily I do this, so it does not appear as if I have just made a few adjustments and date changes and then gone to my copy and paste function. But I will do that for my opening remark;

"I would like to start by welcoming everyone to the ORC 2019 AGM. Welcome!!" There, word for word the same, other than the date; because it is difficult to say it differently when it is sincere.

And for any of you who may have read my 2018 report; I do continue to believe [strongly], that ORC remains the number one organization in the province representing the interests of both

motorized and non-motorized outdoor and backcountry recreation. That ORC can do this is a testament to the dedication and commitment of all who sit on the Board of Directors. It is always easy to Chair a Board when we all agree on issues, but that is not always the case at ORC, given the diversity of interests we represent. Yet the job gets done, areas of common interest are identified, and responses to issues affecting outdoor recreation are agreed upon, with the expected compromise that may be required. Or if agreement can not be reached that lack of agreement is acknowledged with respect.

I will no longer be chairing ORC following this AGM, as my 6 years is done. It has been a pleasure to sit as a Board member from the Federation of Mountain Clubs, and to chair the Board. I have learned a great deal regarding the various interests that are represented at ORC. And I hope I have learned that it is essential to represent equally all those interests. And one of the first things I had to learn was that I was not coming to ORC to really represent the FMCBC. I was not there to demand action on FMCBC issues, to pound the table, so to speak. I was there to identify areas of common interest and encourage other organizations to do the same. To that end I don't think I ever gave a report at the ORC Board about the FMCBC, but nearly always gave a report at the FMCBC Board regarding ORC.

I am not going to list the many issues that ORC has been involved with over the past year, to do so would involve needless repetition on the many topics that are spoken to in the monthly Enews. Those with an interest should access that to keep abreast of issues and keep up to date with the latest developments.

The one topic I will comment on though, is the Provincial Trails Advisory Body [PTAB]. Last June those on PTAB representing government were required to step back regarding their involvement and commitment to that committee; due as I understand things, to changing priorities and pressures within government. There will always be changing priorities within government Ministries for a variety of legitimate reasons. Nonetheless, those of us on the ORC Board were disappointed and frustrated to receive this news and advised the government representatives at PTAB that we would not abandon this process. And we did not! As we moved into the Autumn months there were phone conversations specifically regarding the commitment of both government and ORC to PTAB. We were advised that government was in a position to reaffirm its commitment and in May PTAB held its first full day meeting of since last June. It was the first PTAB meeting I have attended, and I left reassured that those representing government are sincere in their commitment to this committee, and to reviewing and working towards implementation of the Provincial Trails Strategy.

I would also like to introduce Ms. Louise Pedersen. Louise was hired as the ORC Executive Director in February. Louise has recently been fully confirmed into this position following the completion of a 3-month period of probationary employment. I have every confidence that Louise will continue to be more than capable in this role, she has transitioned into the Executive Director position more fully than I would have expected during her first 3 months with ORC.

In closing I would like to also acknowledge and thank Dennis Webb, Past Chair of ORC, who worked tirelessly for ORC, and supported my transition into the Chair's position.

Thank-you also to Natalia Pisarek, who was a great help to me as the Chair of ORC following Jeremy McCall's passing almost a year ago, but who also was a good friend and valued employee during her entire stay with ORC. Natalia left the organization to pursue different career opportunities.

And a very big nod of appreciation to the entire Board who through their hard work made my life time as Chair a much more fulfilling experience than I had anticipated!

Sincerely, and Thank-you,

Dave Wharton,

Chair [ for another hour or two!] of ORC.

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## ***Appendix B***

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

I am pleased to inform to the membership that the Council's fiscal year, ending March 31, 2019, has been good however not without its challenges. Our most significant challenge and change was as result of moving forward with filling the role of our Executive Director, formerly a volunteer position held by Jeremy McCall, with Louise Pedersen, former ED of NatureKids BC. This was financially only doable with the retirement of Natalia Pisarek, our Communications Coordinator, who respectfully carried us through the transition period following Jeremy's passing until we found our candidate to fill the vacant role. We are grateful to Natalia and pleased to welcome Louise.

#### **Highlights of this past year of operations;**

- We have been successful in providing the Board with monthly financial reports as requested at our 2018 AGM
- We have developed and approved a working budget which will provide a framework and guidance for our operations
- We have recognized the liability regarding the Sea to Sea Trust fund as identified by Mr. McCall in last year's Financial Report and will be restoring this fund in this year's budget. We have already reduced this liability, in March, by \$2,896.74 Our current Liability is \$21,516.26 which is backed by our Accounts with Tangerine in excess of \$12,000 in conjunction with this years financial commitment within our operational budget.
- Redevelopment of our website
- Launched a Facebook initiative

We are reviewing our operational costs and will adjust were best suited to maintain fiscal responsibility with our operations. As with most not-for-profit businesses, we are faced with ongoing increasing costs.

- The office rent increased effective March 1, 2019.
- Receipt of a \$10,000 grant from Recreation Sites and Trails BC (RSTBC), was originally prior to year end, but it was not received until April 2019. It was set up as an account receivable for the year end and shown as expended. For 2019/2020 fiscal year we will be in discussions with RSTBC in seeking an increase of their financial support to enable ORC to meet the obligations of its working agreement with RSTBC.
- We are very appreciative of the funding provided from the Outdoor Recreation Foundation. During fiscal 2018/19 a total of \$45,000 was received from the Foundation, and we will be seeking the same for 2019/2020
- We will be aggressively seeking out other funding sources and opportunities to assist with ongoing and projected future expenses.

### **Our Cash Position**

Our current budgeting and financial process provides Council Directors with a monthly cash flow projection which will greatly assist with planning for our financial needs. We are currently managing well given our considerable increase in operational costs.

### **Looking Forward**

Subject to receiving requested support from the Outdoor Recreation Foundation as well as an increase from RSTBC, we will manage through this fiscal year. I look forward to further the development of a strategic plan, engaging with both the membership as well as with Government representatives as we identify and build upon “How are we to bring value to the you, the Membership, as well as to Government and how will we get there from both a labor and management as well as securing the necessary funds to do so”.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Walker

ORC Director / Treasurer, Back Country Horsemen of BC, President