



Outdoor Recreation Council of BC

Board of Directors – Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 12, 2023, at 5 PM - virtual meeting.

1. Roll call: Wayne Mercer (Chair), Eric Vanderkruk (Vice Chair), Barry Huber Treasurer), Phil Rankin (Secretary), Rod Clapton, Ken McClelland, David Oliver, Kim Reeves, Ciel Sander (past Chair - ex officio) and Ximena Diaz Lopez (staff, ex officio - part of the meeting). Regrets: Mike Riediger and Dave Wharton.
2. Approval of agenda. Motion to approve the agenda - PR/EV - carried.
3. Approval of the May 15, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion to approve the minutes - PR/DO - carried.
 - a. Approval, errors, omissions
 - b. Action items and business arising from the minutes.
4. Reports:
 - a. Chair (WM): No updates.
 - b. Executive Director (LP):
 - i. LP referred to her written report and provided a brief overview of some of the key activities and meetings. Directors were interested in who LP met with, what forums she attended and what issues are being dealt with. LP will update written reports with this information in the future.
 - ii. LP mentioned her new staff Sorya Olszewski, a former teacher with degrees in visual communication lives in Nelson has been hired to support with communication, membership growth and administration, fundraising and projects such as BC Rivers Day and BC Trails Day.
 - c. Treasurer (BH):
 - i. Barry reported that he, LP and our bookkeeper Natalie Marsnik had negotiated a new bookkeeper contract for \$350.00 per month plus the cost of getting a paid QuickBooks instead of the free service for another \$350.00. Directors all agreed that this was needed. Natalie will continue to do our GST return and the financial report (T3010) to CRA, among her other duties, which will now be quarterly instead of monthly.
 - ii. Barry gave the Treasurer's Report. He notes that at the last meeting, he reviewed our finances and that his report is basically the same except for a few noncontentious changes due to this or that. This is Barry's last meeting and the Directors gave him a huge thanks for his efforts and effectiveness.

- iii. Barry has kept us up to date. We are in good shape, particularly with the addition of the first \$100,000 term deposit available. Barry has presented his draft budgets and reconciliations on numerous agendas and he feels he is ready for the Board of Directors to approve his proposed 2022-23 financial statements as circulated. Motion to approve the 2022-2023 Financial Statements, including (balance sheet) statement of financial position and (income) statement of financial activities as circulated - Motion: DO/KR - carried.
 - d. Reconciliation Committee (RC): Committee met on May 25, 2023, 10 members and 2 guests. Rod reviewed his minutes and spoke about the ongoing and future meetings, including future speakers and indigenous representation on the committee. There was a brief discussion on the sensitivities on who represents who, for example, hereditary chiefs' elders and elected band council members and the potential minefield of representatives and their authority, apparent or real.
 - e. Policy Committee (David Oliver): The policy committee has met regularly and DO has presented annotated changes in red and circulated mostly straightforward proposals for by-law changes on, for example, quorum size 10%, not a number, electronic meetings permitted, responsibilities of chair clarified as in Chair cannot vote on tie-breaking, but the past chairs now do not sit ex officio, they are voting directors whether their organization continues in ORC or not. The committee did not recommend we send the bylaw changes to lawyer Jonathan Ackeland but rather have Deb McLelland review them before an upcoming general meeting. Motion: Directors to approve the recommended amendments as circulated to Directors by the Policy Committee. Motion: PR/EV - carried.
- 5. Matters for board information and discussion.
 - a. Recent Revelstoke Conference was very successful and those that went expressed positive feedback. It was noted that conference was basically for professional wildlife biologists, government personnel and other academics and focused on environmental protection, habitat, and animal protection and data such as how to deal with wolverine habitat, bear dens and herd animals such as caribou with the new infrared technology to avoid impacts on animals' dens and herds more than recreation. ORC's contribution to the conference, particularly Ximena's workshop, was highly regarded. Notably, indigenous values were the official government new way of viewing the issues. The general feeling of the group was the next such conference in 2 years we ORC must go to.
 - b. OR fund update mostly dealt with in Ximena's report.
 - c. AGM June 24, 2023 an electronic meeting looks like it is a go no glitches anticipated and nothing much was said. Phil sent regrets he will be canoeing on Similkameen out of cell service.
 - d. Membership Applications: Motion to accept Alpine Club of Canada and Qathet Regional Cycling Association applications. Motion: PR/EV - carried.
- 6. Next Board meeting July 17, 2023
- 7. Meeting adjourned at 7 pm.