



## Board of Directors – Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 15, 2024, at 6.19 PM PT.

1. Roll call: Wayne Mercer (Chair), Eric Vanderkruk (Vice-Chair), Ken Matthews (Treasurer), Amanda L'Heureux (Secretary), Rod Clapton, Phil Rankin, Ken McClelland, Dave Wharton, Kim Reeves, Ciel Sander (past Chair, ex-officio) and Louise Pedersen (Staff, ex-officio). Guest: Soraya Olszewski (Membership update) Absent: Byron Spinks
2. Approval of agenda. Motion to approve agenda made by Phil Rankin and Seconded by Kim Reeves. Carried.
3. Approval of the December 18, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion to approve minutes was made by Phil Rankin and seconded by Rod Clapton. Carried.
  - a. Approval, errors, omissions - None
  - b. Action items and business arising from the minutes - None
4. Reports
  - a. Chair (WM): Louise's proposal to work from Denmark for a year, starting in July 2024. Motion to continue with Louise Pedersen as ED while remotely in Denmark for a year made by Dave Wharton and Seconded by Kim Reeves. Carried
  - b. Executive Director (LP): Concluded annual appeal, 10K target, close to 8K raised, including \$2500 from our insurance company, 3-4 corporate donors, Ambler donated 100 hats. Meeting last week with Minister Cullen and PS Donnelly which resulted in commitments to quarterly meetings between ORCBC and WLRS and Minister Cullen spoke positively about funding for ORC. LP also had recent meeting with with MLA Roly Russell, PS for Rural Development. He's interested in outdoor recreation and benefits to rural communities. Next webinar is on outdoor recreation and reconciliation - 300 registrants so far. For project with UBC, LP committed to having 5 people being interviewed about volunteering, looking for anyone interested. ORC needs to establish ourselves as being able to work with diverse groups, put forward a proposal to establish doing work for funding. LP will look into more funding options. (see action items)
  - c. Treasurer (KM):
  - d. Reconciliation Committee (RC): suggestions on how to approach reconciliation issues, simplify a draft/primer to get out to member organizations.
  - e. Policy Committee (EV): changed pronouns from him/her to directors/staff.  
Financial Reporting - the board treasurer and ED may share responsibility for

financial reporting. (change wording) “The treasurer on behalf of the board, in consultation with the ED, is responsible for internal and external financial...etc”

Motion to accept the first financial policy made by Phil Rankin and Seconded by Dave Wharton, Carried.

- f. Rail Trail Committee (KR): next meeting is in January.
  - g. Fund Investment Committee (KM): meeting this morning, address the question, what do we do with our funds? Vancouver Foundation, will lock it up and manage it, manage it ourselves or engage George and Bell. The committee will take a week to think about a final decision and meet again, then will bring it to the board.
5. Matters for board discussion and information.
- a. Outdoor Recreation Fund of BC (LP): Update - **tabled**
  - b. 2023 Membership Survey (SO): Short presentation of highlights - **strength of ORCBC’s work**, collaboration and collective impact, government engagement and advocacy, communication and knowledge sharing. **Funding**, BC trails grants. **Areas to grow**, visibility. **Suggestions**, increased waterway advocacy, attending more in-person events, timing discrepancies. **Areas of Focus**, finding funding, RSTBC support, community-building, and reconciliation. **Challenges**, volunteers, board issues, funding, partnership agreements, First Nation engagement. **Wins**, successful events, trails and infrastructure, grants, funding, board recruitment and planning, partnership, and program success. SO and LP to dig into getting a better understanding of how we measure representation. .
  - c. Policies for review and approval (EV): Financial Management Policy - See 4.e.
  - d. Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas (RC): Discussion - **tabled**
6. Membership applications for review and approval:
- a. Tourism Fernie Society Motion to accept Tourism Fernie Society Membership made by Dave Wharton and Seconded by Eric Vanderkruk. Carried.
7. Establishment of next Board meeting - February 15, 2024, at 6 pm PT
8. Adjournment at 8:04 PM PT Ciel Sander

### Action Items

Fundraising - help from the board, hire someone?

### Tabled Items

5. a. Outdoor Recreation Fund of BC (LP): Update
5. d. Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas (RC): Discussion