

Draft Minutes April 17, 2023 Board of Directors – Meeting Agenda

Monday, April 17, 2023, at 5 PM.

This was a virtual zoom meeting.

- Roll call: Wayne Mercer (Chair), Eric Vanderkruk (Vice-Chair), Barry Huber (Treasurer), Phil Rankin (Secretary), Rod Clapton, Ken McClelland, David Oliver, Dave Wharton, Kim Reeves (left at 6.30 pm), Ciel Sander (past Chair, ex-officio - on the road so in/out) and Louise Pedersen (staff, ex-officio). Regrets: Mike Riedger.

Wayne Chair declared a quorum and at 5:03 meeting called to order

- Approval of agenda.
 - David Oliver requested 2 more items to be added to the agenda
 - Director Mike Riediger's absences from ORC directors' meetings
 - Creation of two new advisory positions for ORC for legacy members Kim Reeves and Dave Wharton.

Moved by Phil and seconded by Ken McLelland that the agenda as amended **carried** unanimously

- Approval of the March 20, 2023 Minutes
 - Moved by Phil Rankin seconded by Dave Oliver **carried**
 - Approval, errors, omissions **none**
 - Action items and business arising from the minutes-**none**
 - No action items to discuss
- Reports

a. Chair (WM)

There will be a major funding announcement for funding for ORCBC to set up a new fund. Funds have been received and deposited, and the decision is to create a trust account at our credit union and use a short-term deposit with locked-in interest rate for 90 days at 4.5%. There will be an official Government Announcement Thursday April 27, as a result, there will also be a special directors meeting on Thursday, April 27 at 7 pm PT, to discuss the new funding.

b. Executive Director

Louise spoke about recent activities and circulated a written update in advance of the meeting. She highlighted that Jenny Aikman is replacing John Hawkings as Executive Director for Recreation Sites and Trails BC. Louise will request monthly meetings with her, as she had with John as a way to share information, interests, and opportunities.

There was some discussion of the Trans Canada Trail Conference, which is to be held in Ottawa in the fall 2024.

Louise also mentioned that pending budget approvals, she will be hiring for a communications and engagement officer and for a fund development officer/manager.

c. Treasurer

Barry (Treasurer) summarized our proposed budget and compared it to last year. Last year ORC approved a budget for 12,000 deficits. It looks like we are actually only having a deficit of \$5,000.00 surplus due to a government contribution.

The new information Barry presented in the proposed budget at Column Q shows no income, but in reality, we expect new grants from the Fund for some of the staffing expenses. There will be two new positions, a communications and fund officer, as well as a fund development manager. The HR proposal is to provide wages and benefits comparable to the NGO sector.

Motion accepts the budget as outlined by Barry Huber. Moved by Erick Vanderkruk and seconded by Dave Wharton carried.

d. Reconciliation Committee (RC) Rodney Clapton Chair

Rodney Clapton said that their recent meeting was cancelled and a new meeting and are thinking of involving New Pathways to Gold Society.

e. Policy Committee (David Oliver)

Dave Oliver proposed a motion to retain legacy members as advisors to ORC directors on the background history and policies of ORC which is an old organization since 1972.

Our by-laws limit any director to 6 years and Dave felt strongly that we do not lose legacy members' memory and that a special advisory position be created for Kim Reeves and Dave Wharton for historical continuity.

Most directors were fine with the goal of not losing them but were not sure how urgent it was. We currently have several advisors that generally don't attend directors' meetings so this proposal to name two with the intention they attend Director's meetings is without precedent

Keeping in mind that and even though the advisors would have no vote, the reality was that the 2 named candidates be both advisors and directors, which Dave Oliver said is allowed in the by-laws. Dave Oliver said this position will allow them to contribute even after their 6-year terms. Currently, Kim has one more year as a director, and Dave Wharton is running.

Motion that Kim Reeves and Dave Wharton be named Advisory members moved by Dave Oliver Seconded Ken McClelland.

Some directors were not sure about naming sitting directors as special Advisors when they are currently directors, and whether we ought first to discuss the policy for all advisors and create some general policy on advisors first, and as both candidates are likely to remain directors for another year so there was no urgency. Dave Olive argued strenuously for his motion, but as there were more questions, it was:

Moved Phil Rankin, seconded EV (check) to table the advisory members' motion until after AGM.

Motion to table Carried David Oliver against, and Dave Wharton abstained.

Dave Oliver reported on the progress his committee has made on by-law and policy changes which were discussed at the last directors' meeting and Dave and Deb McLelland have recommended changes to Quorums at AGM and Directors meetings and allowing AGM and Directors to meet by Zoom

There will be a meeting on Thursday April 25, 2023 By- law committee

- d. At the last meeting we discussed the Staff's work plan and most was approved except the following, which was put over to this meeting.

B. Pursue Indigenous reconciliation and relate the process to the outdoor recreation sector within the context of BC's legislation to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

1. Provide guidance and resources to the outdoor recreation sector on working cooperatively with Indigenous governments and communities on outdoor recreation projects (best practices guide and webinars)
1. Continue to work with the ORCBC Reconciliation Committee to enhance ORCBC's understanding of how the organized recreation sector can best advance its interests within the emerging context of two governments.

Some, of the directors, mostly Phil, objected to the wording, because it seemed inconsistent with the Reconciliation Committees' terms of reference which clearly say ORC's purposes are not to lead reconciliation, but to respect it and that the best strategy was for local members to work out reconciliation in their local dealings with various nations.

This bolded heading seems to suggest that ORC is a leader in reconciliation that we and the government of BC are both implementing and supporting the UNDRIP. Phil's point, we are in danger of becoming an arm of the government policy, and our existence as an independent policy lobbyist and our purpose to promote public recreation could in future be compromised. Some aspects of reconciliation have the potential to compromise public recreation. Our current government policies at some point, may be in conflict with that goal. UNDRIP, which has not even been adopted by our Federal Government, may have unintended consequences for public recreation. Louise and others strongly supported her wording pointing to the strategic plan. After a lively discussion and a promise to consider the issue in the new strategic plan.

Moved Second mover Barry Huber and Dave Wharton that we approved this along with the rest of the staff work plan as originally circulated. Carried, Phil Rankin against

5. e. Membership applications for approval:

Blue Mountain Motorcycle Club
Tumbler Ridge Outdoor Recreational Society
Prince George Backcountry Recreational Society

Moved/seconded DO/DW. Carried

- Next Board meeting - May 15, 2023, at 5 pm PT
- Adjournment.7:06