



ALPINE CLUB OF CANADA – OTTAWA SECTION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE ON DECEMBER 16, 2013

A Meeting of the Executive of the Ottawa ACC Section was held on December 16, 2013. Present at the meeting were the following members of the Executive:

Present	Executive Position	Incumbent
Y	Chair & National Rep	Steven Dods
Y	Past Chair (ex-officio)	Elfrieda Bock
N	Treasurer	Ivan Petrov
Y	Secretary	Janet Campbell
Y	Hiking/Skiing Coordinator	Grant Blanchard
N	Climbing Coordinator	Terry Lipovski
Y	Mountaineering Coordinator	Helen Tsai
Y	Training Coordinator	Adam Phillips
Y	Safety Coordinator	Steven Montgomery
N	Membership Coordinator	Rob Truswell
N	Social Coordinator	Connie Dimond
Y	E-Letter Editor	Elfrieda Bock
N	Newsletter Editor	OPEN
N	Web Editor	OPEN
Y	Access Liason	Stuart Elson
N	Family and Youth Coordinator	Katharina Goetze
Y	Quartermaster	Al Dimond

1) Minutes from November 15, 2013 Executive Meeting

The Ottawa ACC Executive approved the minutes from the November 15, 2013 meeting.

2) Annual General Meeting

Steve Dods provided the Executive with an overview of the Agenda for the January Annual General Meeting (AGM). Steve indicated a desire to include reports from the Executive including both a review of the past year and a presentation on future plans. Steve also indicated a desire to include a presentation of the budget for 2014. Elfrieda noted that AGMs typically focus on the past year rather than the upcoming year and budget. Elfrieda also noted a concern that we are limited in the time we have available for the meeting and that we would need to keep this in mind as we prepare our agenda. The Executive approved the proposed agenda as presented.

3) Executive Positions for 2014

Steve Dods announced that Terry Lipovski, Steven Montgomery, and Ivan Petrov had indicated that they would not be returning to their positions in the New Year. Elfrieda indicated that she had been made aware of a number of people that were interested in open positions. Elfrieda Bock encouraged people to let her know in the event people wished to nominate someone. She would then approach that individual and ask if they were willing to stand for election. Steve Dods indicated that Richard Tokarczyk had volunteered to be the Climbing Coordinator in the event that the position was not filled. Elfrieda indicated that he should get in touch with her, let her know that's the case, and she will record his name on that basis.

Steve Dods then introduced a discussion of whether the Ottawa Club should continue to have the Safety Coordinator position. Adam Phillips and Elfrieda Bock indicated that they had spoken to a number of members and there was general support to have the position. A discussion ensued on whether the safety position should be part of a Training Coordinator Committee or a separate Safety Coordinator position. Steve Dods indicated a concern that the description of the Safety Coordinator as written is intimidating and would require a high degree of expertise across many areas and as proposed, there would be few qualified to do the job. Steve suggested that the Executive consider appointing an individual(s) instead. Adam Phillips suggested that we down-scope the position description instead. There was general support for this approach. Karen Choy added that this could be characterized as a baseline of what the Safety Coordinator role was responsible for.

The Executive decided to keep the Safety Coordinator position and down-scope the role to provide a baseline expectation for the position. The baseline discussed was training. Al Dimond indicated a desire to run for the position while retaining his Quartermaster position.

4) Ottawa ACC Club Archives

Steve Dods indicated that records from the early years of the Ottawa ACC that required storage and asked if there was anyone who could volunteer to store the records. Elfrieda Bock suggested

that we advertise in the E-Letter. Following discussion it was agreed that the request for a volunteer for storage would be the baseline request, but that if someone were interested in converting the documents to electronic format that would certainly be welcome.

5) Agreement between ACC and NCC

The Executive discussed the draft Agreement between the ACC and NCC. There was general consensus that the Ottawa Section not sign the Agreement directly. Concerns were expressed with respect to the policing provisions in the Agreement, and the requirement that the emergency caches were maintained on a best efforts basis by the ACC.

A further discussion ensued on whether the Section should support the ACC signing this Agreement on a National basis. The benefits of signing the Agreement were discussed, including the benefits to the NCC of having the insurance provisions in the Agreement. Following discussion it was agreed that the Executive did not support signing the Agreement itself, but was supportive of ACC National signing the Agreement provided a number of issues were addressed. In particular, the Executive wanted to see the provisions regarding reporting unapproved activity in the park to the NCC and the requirement that the ACC maintain the emergency cache's on a "best efforts" basis removed. In addition, the Executive wanted other climbing areas that we wished to have access to re-assessed, noting Farm Rock in particular.

Stuart indicated that he would prepare an email to David Foster and copy the remainder of the Executive. The expectation was that David would speak on behalf of the Ottawa Section to the NCC.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm.

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This being a true and accurate record of the proceedings of this Meeting of the Executive of the ACC Ottawa Section held on December 16, 2013, is attested to and signed by me below.

/s/ Janet Campbell
Secretary of Meeting