



ALPINE CLUB OF CANADA – OTTAWA SECTION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE ON APRIL 15, 2013

A Meeting of the Executive of the Ottawa ACC Section was held on April 15, 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
Y	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
N	Safety Coordinator	Steven Montgomery
N	Membership Coordinator	Rob Truswell
Y	Social Coordinator	Connie Dimond
Y	E-Letter Editor	Elfrieda Bock
N	Newsletter Editor	OPEN
N	Web Editor	OPEN
N	Access Liason	Stuart Elson
Y	Youth Liason	Katharina Goetze
Y	Quartermaster	Al Dimond

Also attending, Ottawa ACC Members Irene and Joe Prokopiak.

1) Minutes from January 31, 2013

Steve Dods provided an update on the planned posting of the ACC Executive Minutes. Though not posted yet, the intention was to do so, following some updates being done to the Ottawa ACC Section Website. The Ottawa ACC Executive approved the minutes from the January 31, 2013 meeting.

2) **Summer Camp Planning**

Elfrieda Bock indicated that a summer camp remained a possibility, but that investigation and planning were still in the early stages. If a summer camp were planned, it is not expected to be a trip to Western Canada. The scope of activities contemplated at the camp has not yet been determined.

Elfrieda also indicated that she was still looking into plans to update the Section's approach to Facebook.

3) **ACC National Training Representative for the Ottawa ACC Section - Report**

Adam Philips reported that there had been no activity in relation to the ACC National Training activity.

4) **NCC Gatineau Trails Group Representative - Report**

Elfrieda Bock provided an update on the NCC Gatineau Trails Group meeting(s). There had been one additional meeting and reports were generally positive to the NCC's response to trail damage that had occurred due to inclement weather conditions. While an additional meeting had been planned, it had not occurred, quite possibly as a result of some layoffs that had recently occurred at the NCC.

5) **Equipment Acquisition**

Steve Dods advised that there had been a request to stock "Freedom of the Hills" in the gear store and then lend it out. There was general consensus that pursuing this was not desirable due to the management effort required and the availability of the book at the local library and bookstores.

6) **Trip Waivers**

Steve Dods asked members of the Executive to be sure to forward copies of signed waivers to him for safe keeping.

7) **Guidelines for Activities other than Climbing**

Steve Dods invited members of the Executive to speak to the possibility of other Guidelines

being prepared outside of the Climbing arena. Grant Blanchard indicated that he had a couple of people from the community approach him and express concerns with respect how “high” the bar is set in relation to such Guidelines. Adam Philips indicated that if additional Guidelines were created, he hoped that they would contain recommendations rather than requirements, and be available for review and comment by others in the community.

8) **Calabogie Cache Initiative**

Rob Galdins had indicated to Steve Dods that some people had expressed concerns regarding whether there was value in creating a Cache at Calabogie. Steve Dods said that he believed that the initiative had value.

9) **Communications**

- i. Calendar Access – All coordinators and Members of the Ottawa ACC Executive are supposed to have access to the Calendar. Coordinators and Executive Members that do not have access to the calendars were asked to contact Elfrieda Bock for access information.
- ii. Aliases – It should be noted that you cannot send email to your alias if your originating email address is a gmail account.
- iii. New Members usually send information to info@alpineclub.ca. Steve Dods, Elfrieda Bock, and Rob Truswell receive the email. Steve Dods asked that any response originating from the alias be answered by Rob or Elfrieda, Steve as a backup. Steve also asked that the alias itself be CCd on the response.
- iv. Newsletter – it’s dead. There’s an interest in having trip reports. Steve Dods indicated that he believed there was an interest in having trip reports made available in the eLetter. Adam Philips and Janet Campbell indicated support for doing so via Facebook. Irene Prokopiak expressed concern that an archival record for the club may not be available with the Newsletter’s discontinuation. Irene also indicated a concern that existing archival records were being lost. There was a general consensus that using Facebook would enable the Club to maintain an electronic copy of trip reports over an extended period of time. Elfrieda Bock reported that the Vancouver Section produces an annual summary report and that was something that could be considered.

10) **Budget**

Katarina Goetze requested that two Grigi’s be included in the gear purchase list as she viewed

them as far more safe to use with youth. Al Diamond indicated that he had used ATCs in teaching youth in the past and viewed them as safer than Grigris. Adam Philips also indicated a preference for people to learn and stay on ATCs rather than trying to change devices at a later date.

The Executive discussed increasing the number of harness purchases from the two currently budgeted and decided to increase the total purchase for 2013 to 4. Steve Dods highlighted the need to have two half-ropes. Further investigation was required to determine whether the Club had top ropes. There was consensus to purchase two half ropes in the event the Club did not have such ropes available.

Each year the Club gives \$200 to the Canadian Alpine Journal. The budget currently has \$300 allocated to allow for an additional donation in the event the Club wished to do so in the future. Katarina Goetze indicated that it would be beneficial to have some funds available in the budget to assist youth that wished to participate in training programs. It was highlighted that donations were possible to support these type of activities.

Joe Prokopiak highlighted that the revenue associated with training was lower than the related expenses. Adam Philips indicated that in general, training programs were self funding, but that the largest discrepancy related a subsidy that was being offered by the Club in relation to Wilderness First Aid Training. Joe also asked how accurate the projected revenue was in relation to Membership Fees. Ivan Petrov indicated a comfort level with the Membership revenue numbers. Ivan added that the 2012 Executive recommended the subsidy for Wilderness First Aid in 2013 and that it was not planned that this would be an annual expense at this point in time. Joe asked to what extent the finances of the Club were audited in light of the growing revenue that the Club was handling. Adam Philips responded that anyone running Club trips must submit a report of their revenue and expenses to Ivan Petrov. Ivan's year-end report would then consolidate reporting of overall expenses.

The Ottawa ACC Executive approved the budget as presented, with the understanding that the expenses of the Club may rise by \$400 as a result of expenditures that had been discussed at the meeting.

10) ACC National

Steve Dods asked if there were ideas for discussion at the upcoming ACC National meeting. Janet Campbell suggested that a discussion with the Insurance Company be approached to see if a more streamlined less-onerous approach to waivers would be possible.

Adam Philips indicated that he would also like to get clarification from the Insurer as to whether contractors contracted to provide training services were covered by the ACC's Insurer. Currently, the cost of contracting such services was higher with some contractors who did not believe they had

insurance coverage with the ACC.

Irene Prokopiak expressed concerns that ACC National Bylaws had been modified in a manner inconsistent with the existing ACC Bylaws (which required a vote of the Membership on any such changes). Steve Dods indicated he would take irene's concerns to ACC national. Irene agreed to provide Steve with the necessary information for him to do so. Joe Prokopiak asked about the potential impact of the new legislation concerning not-for-profits on the Club. Elfrieda Bock advised that ACC National had hired outside counsel to review the impact of the legislation on the club.

11) Adjourn

At 8:48pm, the meeting was adjourned.

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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 April 15, 2013, is attested to and signed by me below.

/s/ Janet Campbell
Secretary of Meeting