



ALPINE CLUB OF CANADA – OTTAWA SECTION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE ON NOVEMBER 4, 2014

A Meeting of the Executive of the Ottawa ACC Section was held on November 4, 2014. 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	Suzanne Boileau
Y	Secretary	Janet Campbell
Y	Hiking/Skiing Coordinator	Grant Blanchard
Y (Karen)	Climbing Coordinator	Karen Choy and Greg Cormier
Y	Mountaineering Coordinator	Helen Tsai
Y	Training Coordinator	Adam Phillips
Y	Safety Coordinator	Bill Barrett
N	Membership Coordinator	OPEN
N	Social Coordinator	Connie Dimond
Y	E-Letter Editor	Elfrieda Bock
N	Newsletter Editor	OPEN
Y	Web Editor	Anne Bursey
N	Access Liason	Stuart Elson
Y	Family and Youth Coordinator	Katharina Goetze
N	Quartermaster	Al Dimond

Diane van Bergen and Kim Lacourciere were also in attendance.

1) Minutes

Steve Dods introduced a discussion on the minutes of the previous Executive meeting which had been circulated. Following discussion, the following resolution was passed:

RESOLVED, the minutes from the September 3, 2014 Ottawa ACC Executive Meeting are approved.

2) Nominations Committee Report

Elfrieda Bock provided an overview of the activities of the Nominations Committee, which is comprised of Lynn Cyr, Michael Bowler, and Elfrieda. Elfrieda noted that there were a couple of people in the room who had agreed to run for election - Diane van Bergen and Kim Lacourciere. The status of the following open positions is as follows:

Hiking Coordinator – Pat McCabe has agreed to stand for election for the position.

Membership Coordinator – One possible person has been identified but not yet confirmed.

Social Committee – The Nominations Committee recommended that a Committee be established.

Training Coordinator – Shaughn McArther has agreed to stand for election for the position.

Chair – Janet Campbell has agreed to stand for election for the position.

3) Website Report

Anne Burse provided an update on the ACC Ottawa Sections new website. Anne indicated that she was very close to being ready for launch and suggested that the Website Committee do one last review and then launch the website, recognizing that further evolution should be expected over time. Anne asked for advice on how to go about training for the website adding that she was happy to provide a document that provides guidance on how to use the website and add content on our behalf as well. Anne suggested that this training activity not act as a gate to the launch. Anne asked for guidance on how to launch it – as a soft launch or a formal announcement. Adam Phillips suggested a soft launch followed by the formal announcement.

4) Annual Dinner

Steve Dods provided an update on the Annual Dinner on behalf of Connie Dimond indicating that 44 people have signed up thus far.

5) NCC/Gatineau Park Update

Stuart Elson provided an update on a recent meeting with the NCC to discuss the possibility of opening up the Farm Rock site. Overall, Stuart indicated that the visit was generally positive, however, the trail leading to the site is an unofficial trail and would therefore need to be opened up to permit access. An additional visit was done to Castle Wall at the request of the NCC. The NCC indicated a concern that people continued to climb at that location. The NCC was encouraged to add signing to the

location to explain the rationale for the climbing ban. The NCC indicated that they were concerned about bolting at closed climbing areas and asked whether the ACC Ottawa Section would be willing to participate in removing hangers from bolts to support the NCCs climbing ban. There was a general discomfort in removing existing hangers, though a willingness to provide further education on the existing bans in place, and links on our website to NCC information providing more information if it was available. Following discussion the Executive passed the following resolution:

RESOLVED, the Executive agreed that the ACC Ottawa Section would not participate in removing the hangers from the bolts at the closed climbing areas identified by the NCC.

6) North Face Winter Leadership Course

Steve Dods asked the Executive if there was anyone that we would recommend for the North Face Winter Leadership Course. No candidates were identified.

7) Responsible Trail Management – NCC Meetings

Grant Blanchard provided an update on the last NCC meeting on responsible trail management. Discussion ensued on how best to proceed. Following the discussion Grant indicated he would contact Dave Foster, in light of historic involvement with the NCC, to seek out his perspective on the issue. Following that Grant indicated that he would confer with the Executive in an effort to form a cohesive perspective for going forward, and if desired, confer with other affected clubs in the area.

8) 2014 Budget to Actual and 2015 Budget

Steve Dods provided an overview of the 2014 Budget relative to actual expenditures. The Executive discussed the 2015 budget and identified the information that was necessary for the development of that budget. During the discussion, the need to consider a climate controlled environment for gear was identified, and a decision was made to discuss this need with Al Diamond, and put a tentative amount in the budget to address the possibility that the Executive might wish to pursue this in 2015.

9) Executive Updates

Adam Philips provided an update on Training. Adam indicated that he would continue his involvement with the ACC Leadership Development Committee, even as he departs his position as the Training Coordinator.

10) New Business

Steve Dods provided an update on the Archiving Committee's activity. The Archivist Committee recommended the creation of a position as an Archivist, and asked for a budget of \$350 to cover expenses related to archiving. Following discussion it was agreed that we would provide the Archiving Committee with \$350 to continue their valued work, and that Steve would ask the Committee to identify someone to act as point person for the group. It wasn't felt that a formal position was needed in light of the existing Committee's involvement.

Karen Choy indicated that November 22th was snow fest at MEC and she was seeking volunteers to help out at the event. Elfrieda asked Karen to provide her with information on the event and she would post it in the E-Letter.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 pm.

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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 November 4, 2014, is attested to and signed by me below.

/s/ Janet Campbell
Secretary of Meeting