



ALPINE CLUB OF CANADA – OTTAWA SECTION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE ON FEBRUARY 6, 2014

A Meeting of the Executive of the Ottawa ACC Section was held on February 6, 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
Y	Treasurer	Suzanne Boileau
Y	Secretary	Janet Campbell
Y	Hiking/Skiing Coordinator	Grant Blanchard
Y	Climbing Coordinator	Karen Choy and Greg Cormier
Y	Mountaineering Coordinator	Helen Tsai
Y	Training Coordinator	Adam Phillips
N	Safety Coordinator	Bill Barrett
N	Membership Coordinator	Rob Truswell
Y	Social Coordinator	Connie Dimond
Y	E-Letter Editor	Elfrieda Bock
N	Newsletter Editor	OPEN
Y	Web Editor	Anne Bursey
N	Access Liason	Stuart Elson
N	Family and Youth Coordinator	Katharina Goetze
Y	Quartermaster	Al Dimond

1) Approval of the Minutes of the December 16, 2013 Minutes

The Ottawa ACC Executive approved the minutes from the December 16, 2013 meeting.

2) NCC Agreement

Steve Dods provided the Executive with an update on the discussions with the NCC regarding the Agreement between the ACC and NCC. Steve reported that the NCC had agreed to remove the

provisions of the Agreement that required the ACC to report any unapproved activity from the terms of the Agreement. In addition, the NCC had agreed to modify the Agreement to provide that the NCC would supply the equipment necessary for the Emergency Cache's, and proposed that the ACC be responsible for inspect and maintain the Cache's and report back to the NCC on what additional equipment may be needed. Steve Dods moved that the ACC Ottawa Executive support in principal the proposed changes to the NCC ACC Agreement as proposed. The Ottawa ACC Executive agreed.

3) Plans for 2014

Adam Philips indicated a desire to do more of what had been successfully completed in 2013. Hai Pham has agreed to run another beginner ice day in late February. A second mountaineering course will be coming up. Adam also indicated that Darrel had run two navigation courses already this year and that Bill Scott completed his Nordic backcountry skiing course. Adam indicated a desire to pursue a climbing leadership program which would make use of mentors.

Rob Truswell proposed that he be new member secretary and help new members find other members in the club to do things with. Rob had proposed to NCC National that they provide a service to update him when new members sign up. In speaking with Elfrieda and Dave he does not believe that will happen quickly. In the interim, Elfrieda has indicated that she is able to provide Rob with that information on new members so that he can help connect them with other members in the club.

Suzanne Boileau asked whether there was any notice provided in the event that a member's membership expires. Elfrieda Bock indicated that she had a process whereby she would notify Ottawa ACC members when someone leaves the club. Anne asked whether conducting an exit interview made sense. The general consensus was that we wanted to put more focus on arriving rather than departing members.

Grant Blanchard indicated that there had been roughly 120 trips held in 2013, adding that there was a desire to do more of the same in 2014. Grant added that the hiking coordinators had discussed the fact that for every one organized trip there were three or four informal trips. They further discussed having a greater focus on beginners to have the formal hikes operate as a gateway to other (and perhaps more informal) activities with club members. Grant indicated a desire to continue providing introductory clinics on topics such as navigation and backcountry skiing. He added that there was also a desire to continue to have camps, more Guidelines similar in spirit to the Top Rope Guidelines., and a desire to grow our leadership base.

Steve Dods read from a document that Bill Barrett had provided for the Ottawa ACC Executive's review, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit B. Related, Adam Philips indicated a preference to have both one full Wilderness First Aid and a refresher.

Helen Tsai reported that she had three new members as a result of running a Mountaineering clinic early this year. Helen outlined a plan to do an ice axe refresher, and a clinic to discuss Mountaineering tools. Helen also indicated a desire to do a beginner Mountaineering trip. Helen reported that Bill Barrett had also indicated a desire to do a couple of Mountaineering Trips to the Adirondacks.

Connie Dimond reported that the Annual Dinner was attended by 51 people and seemed to go quite well. Connie reported that the Ottawa ACC Executive provided a \$500 donation to one of Sean Dawson's chosen charities. Connie is working on setting up a Members appreciation evening at Boston Pizza on Carling in late March or early April. Steve asked what we were going to do to show our appreciation. Elfrieda indicated that she would sit down with Connie and go over what was one in the past; highlighting the fact that free entrance to the event was one way that some Members had been appreciated. Connie indicated that she would also be planning an annual dinner for November or December of 2014. Grant Blanchard suggested that we consider an Ottawa ACC Barbeque as well.

Elfrieda Bock reported that by the end of the summer she expected to publish nomination information for 2015. Elfrieda indicated a desire to have the graphics in the e-Letter consistent with whatever approach Anne ultimately takes with the website. Al Dimond indicated that the Quartermaster had no issues to report and that things seemed to be working well.

Greg Cormier and Karen Choy reported that they planned to have a climbing committee kickoff in the coming weeks. Karen indicated that in terms of ice the season, it was quickly coming to a close. Karen added that there was only one visible woman ice leader – Karen herself. Karen suggested doing more to mentor women leaders. Karen added that there are a lot of strong women climbers who she'd like to see leading trips. Karen also indicated a desire to have an ice-fest and rock-fest. Greg Cormier added that he'd like to see more members. Greg suggested getting involved in a Reel Rock event, and getting people engaged early. Greg also suggested getting involved in community events, such as events in bouldering. Greg suggested tying in new members with an experienced member be present at their early events to greet the member. Elfrieda added that she often gets emails from new members interested in going to the climbing gym and expressing an interest in meeting people on those evenings. Greg reported that there was a desire to put on Rock Fest again. Greg asked about the process for buying gear. Steve Dods indicated that it would need to be an agenda item for an Ottawa ACC Executive Meeting.

Suzanne Boileau expressed a desire to have a list of the gear that the Club currently has, as well as a list of what has been replaced, and the plan to retire existing gear. Al Dimond indicated that most gear is a year old with a planned useful life of a couple of years. Suzanne asked if there were any written guidelines with respect to purchasing. Al reported that there were not. Suzanne asked whether, other than paying up front events, there were not many other expenses. Elfrieda Bock indicated that there was not. Steve Dods asked if Ivan Petrov had provided Suzanne with information on the possibility of registering us as a charitable organization. Suzanne said no. Elfrieda indicated that National had advised against the Ottawa ACC pursuing registration in light of

their current fundraising, or lack thereof, and lack of property ownership. Susanne indicated that she would follow up with Elfrieda.

Anne Burse reported that she sent an email to everyone on the Executive to gather some information from members of the Executive. As a next step Anne indicated an interest in meeting with each member of the Executive. Anne indicated her intention was to first determine what the Executive wanted from the website. From there, she would, as desired, provide fixes to the website and evolve it as need be. Following discussions, Anne wanted to provide a needs assessment to the Executive for discussion. Anne indicated an interest in determining who our audience was for the website and what we want to convey to that audience. Based on the input, Anne would review the website and either evolve it or, if a re-design was desired, present a plan to bring that to fruition. Anne indicated a desire to have a social media committee. Adam, Suzanne, Rob, Anne, Elfrieda, and Janet all volunteered to participate on the committee.

4) New Business

Helen Tsai indicated a desire to purchase two pairs of strap-on crampons for her upcoming Mountaineering clinic. The Executive approved the purchase of two sets of strap-on crampons. Steve Dods indicated that he would be out of commission for health reasons for approximately a month beginning next week and asked that Elfrieda take on any chair responsibilities should the need arise. Elfrieda agreed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 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 February 6, 2014, is attested to and signed by me below.

/s/ Janet Campbell
Secretary of Meeting