



# ALPINE CLUB OF CANADA – OTTAWA SECTION

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2014

A Meeting of the Executive of the Ottawa ACC Section was held on September 3, 2014. Present at the meeting were the following members of the Executive:

| Present  | Executive Position           | Incumbent                   |
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| 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 (Greg) | 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                        |
| Y        | Social Coordinator           | Connie Dimond               |
| Y        | E-Letter Editor              | Elfrieda Bock               |
| N        | Newsletter Editor            | OPEN                        |
| N        | Web Editor                   | Anne Bursey                 |
| N        | Access Liason                | Stuart Elson                |
| Y        | Family and Youth Coordinator | Katharina Goetze            |
| Y        | Quartermaster                | Al Dimond                   |

George Gebara was 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 May 29, 2014 Ottawa ACC Executive Meeting are approved.

## **2) Annual Dinner**

Connie provided an update on planning for the Annual Dinner. Two dates are currently under consideration - November 22<sup>nd</sup> or November 29<sup>th</sup> – both Saturdays. A couple of venues are under consideration, both which have space limitations of 65 people and a price of 25 to 30 dollars. Connie reported that last year the Ottawa ACC had 44 people attend the Annual Dinner. There was a general feeling amongst the Executive that years prior to last year had more significant attendance and that the cap of 65 people could be problematic. Following discussion, the following resolution was passed:

**RESOLVED**, Connie was directed to move forward with plans for the Annual Dinner.

## **3) Succession Planning**

Steve Dods reported that the list of currently serving Executive who will reach the end of term this year included: Steven Dods, Elfrieda Bock, Janet Campbell, Grant Blanchard, Helen Tsai, Adam Phillips, Connie Dimond, Stuart Elson, Katharina Goetze, and Al Dimond. Steve Dods surveyed those individuals in attendance to determine who was interested in continuing in their position. Of the individuals surveyed, Katharina, Elfrieda, Al, and Helen indicated their desire to continue in their positions. Connie, Janet, Grant, and Adam indicated that they would not be seeking to renew their term in their current positions. Adam noted that Suzanne had recently moved to Toronto and as such we may wish to consider a new person for the Treasurer position.

Steve Dods noted that it was typical for an existing member of the Executive to pursue the Chair position, and asked who may be considering the post. Janet replied that she was considering the position, adding that individuals from outside of the current Executive were also welcome to run.

Elfrieda noted the existing approved policy with respect to succession planning, and that the nomination process was outlined in that document and that the process is run by the Past Chair. Elfrieda indicated that she would begin the process.

## **4) Financial Support for CERMA.**

Steve Dods introduced a request from Gaetan Castilloux, Director of CERMA and chair of the ACC Laurentian Section for financial support. As CERMA over the last year extended an offer from CERMA to allow all members of the ACC free access to its sites at Montagne d'Argent, Lake Boisseau and Lake Gervais, the Executive indicated their support for the request. The request had been sent to the Ottawa, Toronto, and Outaouais, Montreal Section. It was felt that financial support from the Toronto Section was unlikely given their distance from the location, and it was unlikely that the Outaouais is a very small Section and likely lacked the funds. It was determined that if all three supported the initiative, the Ottawa Section would pay \$1,000, and if two Sections supported the request, then \$1,500. The following resolution was approved:

**RESOLVED**, that the Ottawa Section would contribute up to \$1,500 towards the CERMA's development efforts.

## **5) Updates from Existing Executive Members**

Bill Barrett indicated that he did not expect to do a full Wilderness First Aid course next year, but rather a refresher. He further added that he believed a full course would be available from other providers in the city for those interested to pursuing that option. Bill also suggested giving a safety oriented climbing book to every person that leads a climbing trip as one means of creating a safety culture. Bill added that maintaining the safety oriented cards and distributing those was also a low cost means of raising and maintaining awareness over time.

Katharina talked about doing another family climbing day next year. Katharina also indicated that she wanted to plan a family hike. She highlighted the creation of a new toddler group within the Ottawa ACC Section. Katharina indicated that she also wanted to try another ADK family weekend. She added that no budgetary requirement was expected in relation to these activities.

Greg indicated that the Ottawa ACC Section now has a pro deal with Black Diamond to benefit Ottawa ACC Section leaders. Greg also indicated that he was also looking at other pro deals. Greg has contacted Reel Rocks organizers, and wants to discuss with them the possibility of being able to speak at the beginning of the event to raise awareness of the Ottawa ACC Club. Recently a bouldering trip was proposed. The climbing coordinators will take steps to ensure that there are sufficient mats and spotters, and that a single helmet be made available in case a person wishes to use it while bouldering. Greg indicated there was no climbing purchases needed for bouldering, and that there would be minimal climbing expenses next year – primarily in the form of ropes. Katharina added a desire to purchase a couple of toddler harnesses. MEC Member night has changed to November 6<sup>th</sup>. Greg also reported that out of 16 weekends, there were 12 climbing events. Greg also reported 4 successful ambassador pairings.

Adam indicated that he had no training plans for the fall. Adam added however that now was really the time to start planning for next year, and that when he started in December he found that he was well behind the 8 ball in terms of planning.

Helen indicated that she had planned two ice and snow skills in the past year. Two mountaineering courses were also conducted. There was also a 5 week Mountaineering Trip in Peru, but interest was limited due to the distance of travel required. The plan next year was to do something closer to home next year, perhaps in the Gunks. Helen indicated a desire to purchase two additional pairs of strap on crampons.

Grant indicated a belief that the Hiking component of the club was very active over the past year, and perhaps even more so than previous years. Greg reported a focus on doing more multi-day hikes in Maine. There was hike-a-palooza that was very successful, and another one was being

considered for October of this year. There was a purchase of two additional radios. The Executive discussed the possibility of purchasing SPOT radios, and it was generally felt it wasn't a suitable purchase for the Club. Greg added that Elfrieda had also had a very successful hiking trip out west.

Connie indicated that for planning purposes for next year, a budgetary amount of \$2,000 was what she would recommend. Connie indicated that a clip and climb would be interesting to consider for January. Katharina agreed.

## **6) New Business**

Adam suggested the creation of a new position as a Leadership Coordinator to help foster new leaders. There was no consensus on creating a new position. Following the discussion, Bill Barrett volunteered to coordinate activities surrounding educating the Ottawa ACC Section on the Trip Guidelines.

Helen suggested that the Ottawa ACC Executive use the Google Drive more extensively so that useful information becomes part of the corporate memory. Following discussion it was determined that Helen would circulate a memo to the Ottawa Executive on how to use the Google Drive.

## **7) Ottawa Outdoor Club Social Proposal**

Steve Dods introduced a discussion on an Ottawa Outdoor Club's proposal to get a variety of outdoor oriented clubs to get together for a social. After discussion, it was decided that Connie would respond to the request and let the Club know that the Ottawa ACC Executive is interested.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 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 September 3, 2014, is attested to and signed by me below.

/s/ Janet Campbell  
Secretary of Meeting