



**ALPINE CLUB OF CANADA – OTTAWA
SECTION
MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE EXECUTIVE
AUGUST 9, 2021**

NB: Action items are in bold

***To be approved at next exec meeting**

A Meeting of the Executive of the Ottawa ACC Section was held **virtually** on April 19, 2021. Present at the meeting were the following members of the Executive:

Present	Executive Position	Incumbent
Y	Chair & National Rep	Bill Barrett
N	Past Chair	Vacant (resigned)
Y	Treasurer	Elfreida Bock
Y	Secretary	Cynthia Modjeski
Y	Hiking/Skiing Coordinator	Paul Way
Y	Climbing Coordinator(s)	Phong Nguyen
Y		Stefan Kaban
Y	Training Coordinator(s)	George Gebara
Y	Family and Youth Activities Coordinator	Katharina Goetze
N	Safety Coordinator	Helen Tsai
Y	Social Coordinator	Elfrieda Bock – Interim
Y	E-Letter Editor/Membership	Elfrieda Bock
N	Web Editor	Tian Yuan
N	Access Liaison Gatineau Park	Conor Mccarthy
N	Quartermaster	Paul Baker

1. Bill welcomed all and outlined the plan for the meeting.

Revised minutes of June 21 meeting were approved. **Cynthia will arrange for Tian to post on the website**

2. Organizational details:

- Due to continued decrease in membership, Elfrieda reported that funding has halved from what was projected. Decrease in spending has helped to maintain adequate funds.

- Budget : Elfrieda will forward \$250 to Grant Blanchard as a subsidy for TNF Summer Leadership course which he recently completed. **Bill to ask Grant to provide an article, including a picture, for an upcoming e-letter.**
- A member donation of climbing boots, to subsidize the inventory of mountaineering gear, stimulated discussion on donation evaluation, acceptance and inventory maintenance. As a token of appreciation, a one year's single membership will be offered. **Stefan to draft a description of gear donation subsidy and share with executive.**
- Weaved door mats from old climbing ropes could be good idea for raffles, gifts, etc.
- Two hikes took place during the past weekend in Gatineau Park thanks to Mike Bowler and Darrel Newman.
- scheduled activities:

Aug 15	Gatineau Park hike (Paul W) postponed
Aug 22	Gatineau Park hike (Darrel N)
Sept 18	Bill has set up a tentative work day in partnership with Protect our Winters-Ottawa (POW) at Dacre Heights (details to follow).

3. Activity coordinators updates:

- Current COVID Restrictions
Phase 3 hasn't changed much for club activities.
- ACC-Ottawa COVID Guidelines:
 - Carpooling – Some groups have organized, at discretion of driver and individual preference. Carpooling to be specified in posting, asking for those who need a ride to contact leader beforehand as well as those willing to take a passenger. Conditions may apply, i.e. proof of vaccination as vaccine hesitancy continues to exist. **Bill to draft guideline for "covid times carpooling" and share with executive.**
 - Usual parking lot on Parkdale has closed. Lot before to be used.
 - Access Liaison:

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- Hiking
- Limited opportunities with US boarder closed.

- Climbing
- In the market for 3 - 70 meter long, thick dry ropes, approximate budget \$300 each. Discount from Black Diamond was noted, although not necessarily brand to be purchased.
- New management at Montagne D'Argent, which continues to be welcoming to ACC Ottawa, Outaouais and Montreal clubs. Understand current membership to include Laurentian club provides access till end of year. **Bill to validate and draft notice for e-letter. Bill to copy Stefan and Phong on communication.**
- Bill to forward thank you to Home Cliff access landowner for maintaining access to this area of Gatineau Park.
- Vandalism at the Calabogie climbing area was discussed. Club has donated \$200 to support the CragCare group who are maintaining this climbing area
- Training:
- Need to expand climbing training options. Challenges remain in trying to recruit climbing leaders and people to assist. **George will work with Phong and Stefan to set up a climbing leaders training/refresher weekend with Charles in the fall.** In some instances, training could be offered in exchange to assist in trips; with an incentive to participate in more advanced trips.
- Have not received any special requests from members. Introduction to ice climbing may be a good winter training course.
- **George to investigate alternate climbing instructor should Charles not be available for future programs.**

- Family
- Kat and Nicole continue to brain-storm ideas.
- Safety:
- Training to be sought with expanded providers. **Bill will connect with Helen to check whether Mike Hill can be an alternate provider of AWFA courses (a past or present member who is certified to train).**
- Social: A member has inquired about volunteering to organize a pub night. Pub nights have been cancelled during pandemic. **Elfrieda to explore possibility of outdoor event for early Sept.**
- Awards celebration planning - A number of long-time members are due to be honoured. Possibility exists for first-time Club indoor event. **Elfrieda to explore possibility of awards ceremony in the fall.**
- Upcoming Events:
- Rockfest: As there are no trip leaders available, event will be a no-go this year.
- Hopefuls: Winterpalooza, SOIcefest, Western Summer Camp

5. Other Items

Two additional items for reflection:

-diversity and ACC-Ottawa

- (1) Is ACC Ottawa welcoming to all in all activities?
- (2) What are the barriers?
- (3) How to reduce these barriers?

-relationship between ACC-Ottawa and ACC-National: National has a new Section Representative, Steve Traversari, from Montreal section. He is looking for input from us on the relationship. **Bill will also discuss with Steve the possibility of joint climbing day with Montreal and Ottawa in Rigaud.**

Bill to forward additional emails on these topics.

- **Next Meeting:** tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 20.