



**ALPINE CLUB OF CANADA – OTTAWA
SECTION
MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE EXECUTIVE
OCTOBER 4, 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 **in person** on October 4, 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
Y	Web Editor	Tian Yuan
Y	Access Liaison Gatineau Park	Conor Mccarthy
N	Quartermaster	Paul Baker

1. Bill welcomed all and thanked Mike and Katharina for hosting. Agenda was accepted.

It was noted that activities calendar was filling up and members thanked who are leading these activities. Adjusting to COVID is more / less considered a permanent situation.

Long-time ACC Ottawa member Stan Rosenbaum has passed away. Jim Whittaker to write article.

2. Upon review of action items of August 9 meeting, minutes of previous were reviewed and accepted. **Tian to post on the section website.**

Review of action items:

- POW event well-participated. Good location for possible family event.
- Car-pooling appears to be working well.

- Climbing leaders refresher / self-rescue courses well received. George has discussed with Charles on climbing possibilities at Montagne D'Argent
- To follow-up with Helen on first aid courses.
- Possibility of booking awards celebration at Britannia commencing Jan for spring event. Elfrieda to follow-up.

3. Organizational details:

Schedule activities

- Oct 9/10: Top ropes anchor course cancelled (George) due to lack of interest. Minimum requirement is 4, and only 2 signed up.
- Oct 16: Climbing Rigaud (Bill, Phong). Filled up, limit of 10, 2 on wait list.
- Oct 23: Family Climbing Calabogie (Kat, Stuart R)
- Oct 31: Halloween Hike (Marcel D)
- Winterpalooza (Eric Gratton) Interested in reactivating, possibly in the Laurentians.
Bill will connect with Eric G re planning.
- Awards: Celebrations to be organized.
Elfrieda will continue planning for an outdoor awards celebration aiming for June 2022.
- AGM: Normally held in Jan. Likely to be online event. To discuss logistics at next meeting.
Bill will begin prep for our AGM 2021 which will be virtual, in January 2022.
- Website: Old site content-heavy making it difficult to maintain. Moving to new platform; however revised content can be put on current website. Phong/Stefan and George will forward revised content for to Elfrieda.
Elfrieda will continue working on new website (can Tian help in any way? can it be ready for Jan 2022?)

4. Activity coordinators updates:

- Access Liaison:

Bridge issue at Calabogie has created some difficulties.
Crag Care continues to support climbing at Calabogie
Good turn-out for a Calabogie bouldering fest and cleanup

Access to Crag via farmers property was discussed. Bill has written to express our thanks for on-going access. Waiting for a response.

- Hiking

Trying to organize Gatineau Park traverse, which requires car pooling due to limited amount of parking. Article to be written for news letter.

A couple new leaders have stepped up. Some have expressed interest in hut-to-hut backpacking overnight hikes. Training course on what to bring / what to expect for backpacking hike was suggested.

- Climbing

Will focus on more trips for the coming months. Emphasis is currently on training trip leaders, and continue with mentoring. Upcoming trip to Rigaud would be good opportunity for mentoring.

George seeking recommendations from Charles L on alternative climbing instructors (alternative if needed?)

- Training:

Climbing and Self Rescue two-day training course was a success. Cost was \$50 and 6 people participated. Pleased with interest and outcome.

- Family

Kat organizing family climbing event Oct 26 at Calabogie.

- Safety:

- Social:

COVID restrictions has limited organization of pub nights. Book club has provided some socializing.

- Possible Upcoming Events:

- SOIcefest (involvement); **Stefan/Phong will connect with SOIcefest to look at involvement of ACC-Ottawa, section will continue as a sponsor (\$250)**

- Hikeapalozza: Grant Blanchard exploring

- Western Summer Camp: Hut booking currently on a 3-month basis, plus increase in price, makes it difficult to plan.

5. Other Items

COVID Guidelines

Carpooling: OK with revised practice

Vaccine passport for Quebec: Need to be enforced. Regulations are mainly for indoors, although involves some outdoors activities.

Much discussion took place on vaccine passports. George indicated that rock climbing training would be impossible without proof of vaccine and that he had no difficulties collecting information.

Travel outside Ont / Quebec: Guidelines required when applicable. Ex, BC as well as for international travel.

George established a spreadsheet with names of participants indicating those that have provided proof of vaccination and could elaborate for future events. However, two issues – legality and should club mandate across the board for all activities. Medical exceptions may exist, although limited expected.

George will share a spreadsheet for tracking vaccine status of participants

Agreed to mandate full vaccination for both climbing and hiking.

Bill will prepare a statement re. vaccination requirement for section trips to share with exec for approval then publication

Bill will prepare updated covid guidelines for e-letter

- ACC Outaouais negotiating with FQME to improve this add on, allowing climbing access and back country skiing.
- Steve from ACC Montreal called Bill to introduce himself and inquire on ACC Ottawa issues of concern. Plan to meet at end of Oct, on line, with regional reps. Bill to raise hut bookings in Eastern region.

Bill will share contact info for a WFA provider (alternate service provider if needed?)

- Every year a partnership with Ottawa University Climbing Club is established, allowing their members to sign up for ACC activities. Although membership fee not required, they have to pay trip costs that members would pay. Partnership is useful in promoting ACC Ottawa section. An example of this was Heather who joined climbing training course recently.
- Diversity: Conor suggested an Instagram page be establish, noting that it may help with diversity along with attracting new members. Conor to take lead on establishing. Will send email inviting members to submit pictures. Kat said there was no link on FB to ACC Ottawa. Elfrieda to check. **Conor will set up an instagram page for our section.**

- Gear budget: Stefan's request for \$1250 was confirmed for the purchase of climbing gear - ropes etc. Elfrieda noted caution with customs / brokerage fees, GST, etc.
Stefan will order 4 new ropes (budget has been allocated)

-Stefan will prepare a gear donation policy

6. Next Meeting: proposed Monday, November 15. Three weeks in advance Bill will canvass interest for zoom, outdoor or indoor with mask.