



## ALPINE CLUB OF CANADA – OTTAWA SECTION

### (DRAFT) MINUTES\* OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

**\*Actions items are in bold**

A Meeting of the Executive of the Ottawa ACC Section was held on September 16, 2019. Present at the meeting were the following members of the Executive:

Present	Executive Position	Incumbent
Y	Chair & National Rep	Bill Barrett
	Past Chair	Vacant (resigned)
Y	Treasurer	Elfreida Bock
N	Secretary	Nicole Blais
Y	Hiking/Skiing Coordinator	Grant Blanchard
Y	Climbing Coordinator(s)	Phong Nguyen
N		Stefan Kaban
N	Training Coordinator(s)	Hai Pham
Y		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	Damien Brown-Graham
Y	Access Liaison Gatineau Park	Erik Pervin
	Outreach/Social Media	TBD
N	Quartermaster	Al Dimond

**1. Minutes of the previous meeting (review and approve)**

**-May 27, 2019 minutes were approved, Damien will post on website as approved**

**2. Organizational details**

**-Bill reviewed the action items from the previous meeting**

-Elfrieda gave a budget update: we are in a good position financially even though membership is down slightly: spending is less than planned to this point, money was set aside for gear but deemed to not be needed, we are in the black for training; there are concerns around sharing of personal information due to changes to PayPal procedures and as a result we will not be using this service at this time; we now can receive e-transfers for club activities (Elfrieda is stilling working on being able to pay by e-transfer so have to continue using cheques); Elfrieda and Phong will meet to coordinate financial arrangements for the upcoming Rockfest

3. We reviewed the upcoming events:

- Sept 21-22      Rockfest (Phong and Stefan)
- Sept 21          Trail running (Cedric P)
- Sept 20 - 22    Hautes Gorges hiking (Jamie P)
- Sept 28-29      AWFA recert (Helen)
- Oct 5 - 12      Fall hiking camp Catskills (Mike B and Lynne Cyr)
- Oct 10           Pub night
- Oct 12           Gatineau Traverse North to South (Paul W)
- Oct 20           Gatineau Traverse East to West (Grant B)
- Nov 1 - 3        Adirondack Hiking (Mike B and Paul W)
- TBD              Volunteer appreciation, AGM
- Feb '20           IceFest
- summer '20      Summer camp

**-Bill will contact Helen about the AWFA recert (this is now being rescheduled to Nov 16/17)**

**-Elfrieda will ask Darrel to coordinate Oct 10 pub night (she is away)**

**-we decided to combine the AGM and Volunteer Appreciation (plan is to hold it at BitHeads in January, Elfrieda and Bill will coordinate and post date)**

**-we have just learned that our bid for Elizabeth Parker Hut (Lake O'Hara) has been accepted for the week of Aug 1 to 8; Elfrieda will send a deposit to hold the hut and she and Bill will meet to begin planning the summer camp**

4. Activity coordinators updates/issues

-Bill gave a quick summer camp report, all went well. There are plans to have a potluck/slideshow from the camp. **Bill will contact Calvin to arrange.**

**-Grant will put together a plan for reimbursing drivers for gas costs and present at our next meeting**

-we discussed whether we wanted to have a charity and do some fundraising at events like HAP. The feeling amongst the exec was that we weren't interested in going this way and that most club members weren't interested. This was an individual choice for members and there are lots of opportunities to support charities. Our focus continues to be providing good activities for our members and reaching out to attract new members.

-George talked about how we prepare members to lead activities; he proposed that it is best to have an interested member co-lead a trip with an experienced leader and if they showed that they had the ability to lead then we would provide more training and support for them. Exec agreed that this was a better method than providing training before seeing if prospective leaders had good potential, **we will do more on this at our next meeting**

-Phong indicated that we did have some climbing activity thru the summer but that more leaders are needed; **we agreed to discuss this more at our next meeting**; Erik discussed items raised at a recent climbing liason meeting with NCC and ACC-Outaouais. No pressing issues, it was more of a "keeping the relationship going" meeting. They are wondering if we were open to setting up a schedule to more regularly check the emergency caches. We agreed it could be possible if it wasn't too onerous a task. We also asked Erik to let them know that members are willing to help with trail rehabilitation work around the climbing areas as needed. They are not open to reopening closed climbing areas at this time (section priorities would be a multi-pitch area like King Mountain).

## 5. Other items

-**Bill will ask AI to leave a flashlight or headlamp in the gear shed** to make it easier for people returning gear at night

-Bill continues to liason with other clubs who hike in Gatineau Park. Our section goals are to try and maintain as much of a "wilderness" feel as possible as the NCC "expands their trail network", to try and get more access (especially west of Eardley-Masham Rd), but to also maintain a positive working relationship with the NCC. If the other clubs decide to get more aggressive in their stance towards the NCC we will withdraw from this discussion.

-national's partnership with MEC has expanded so that MEC employees get a free membership in ACC-National, they must pay for a local membership if they want it. Bill has presented to MEC-Ottawa about the activities of the ACC

-**Bill will reach out to Cole Anderson who has expressed interest in the archivist role for our section**, we affirmed that we are not adding an exec position for this but do value the work of maintaining our historical memory.

-we are all encouraged to consider section members who might be deserving of a national award

-national has requested an updated list of section members who should be eligible for their trip leader benefits program (there are deals with BD, OR and Spot X), **Bill will begin putting**

**together our list which will include: current exec members, active trip leaders and anyone else who is giving in a substantive way to the section**

-we need to upgrade/change our website in light of its usefulness in supporting our regular communication with section members (e-letter especially); **Bill, Damien and Elfrieda will be a group working on this** (no one else indicated an interest but if you know a section member with expertise please share their contact info with Bill)

**7. Next meeting(s)**

**-our next meeting will take place on Monday Nov 4** at Katarina (and Mike's place)