



ALPINE CLUB OF CANADA – OTTAWA SECTION

(DRAFT) MINUTES* OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE ON MARCH 18, 2019

***Actions items are in bold**

A Meeting of the Executive of the Ottawa ACC Section was held on March 18, 2019. 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	Elfrieda Bock
Y	Secretary	Nicole Blais
Y	Hiking/Skiing Coordinator	Grant Blanchard
Y	Climbing Coordinator(s)	Phong Nguyen
Y		Stefan Kaban
N	Training Coordinator	Hai Pham
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. Welcome/plan for meeting/celebrating the section/minutes of previous meeting

- Welcome to new members Nicole and Erik who have joined the executive.

Previous minutes:

- we reviewed and approved the minutes of the Feb. 4/19 meeting
- **d**raft of minutes will be sent to Damien to be posted very shortly after the meeting and any changes can be done after the minutes are posted to the website.
- action points from previous meeting have been completed and were reviewed (see below)

2. Organizational details

-action items from previous meeting:

- Confirmation that wilderness first aid refresher will be offered, still no confirmed date, budget of 2000\$ set aside for this purpose.
- Committee coordinators will send emails to members having taken courses to begin planning new trip for the coming season. Bill has shared a list of the members concerned with the activity coordinators
- Fall camp: Lynn has made reservations for the camp and she has advanced personal money for the booking. Interested participants have paid 1500\$ so far towards the camp, but Lynn is still owed 1500\$. Due to interest and wait lists, the club will forward the missing balance to Lynn as the club waits for the second installment from members. **Elfrieda will contact Lynn to sort out the remaining balance and discuss the second installment.**
- Access/Liaison will be filled by Erik Parvin. Bill and Erik have already begun work on consultation with other outdoor clubs (RTA and the Ramblers) about future directions for Gatineau Park. **Erik will take the time to meet with a past liaison in order to gain more knowledge of the history of the park and our relationship with them.**

Outreach and social media:

The executive discussed the potential expectations and need for this role as well as the possibility of combining it with other roles within the executive as there are still no candidates. The possibility of combining web and social media, or getting individual committees to take on more of a social media component to their roles. No decisions were taken. **There will be further discussion as to how we will get club news onto a variety of social media platforms and who will take on this role and more clear expectations set for what the role entails.**

Training Coordinator:

This role has seen lots of turnover, and Hai feels that the task is too large for him to take on individually, George has agreed to be a partner. Together they will develop and implement the training plan for the club. Both of them will be attending executive meetings, thus adding a member to the executive.

We discussed the Black Diamond deal pro-deal our club has arranged (ACC-National also has deals with various sponsors). Greg Cormier still updates the list Bill will connect with him to add names to our section list.

Budget update:

Ivan Petrov said thank you for the 750\$ for the Mystery Mountain project. There will be an article in National Geographic about the project.

The club has about 10 000\$ in bank, there has not been any recent purchases of gear or training. Elfrieda has noted that there has been less money from membership recently. We have been getting about 1300\$ in membership and it would normally be around 1500\$. The fear is that

people are taking Facebook as being members, but are not registering and paying. **Bill will put a blast out reminding new members that facebook does not make them members.**

Gifts and prizes for events: in the past some of these have been very inexpensive, some of these we get through donations, the rest we solicit. We have no money set aside for this purpose, but we could set aside a little. Further discussion will take place as needed.

3. Upcoming events:

When planning an event, members were asked to note that on May 4th we should avoid Home Cliff because ACC-Outaouais is hosting a large event there.

The weekend of Hike-apalooza is June 21st to June 23rd. We hope to use Keene Farm and **Bill will contact ACC-Montreal to confirm that we can have a large group there for the HAP 6 weekend.**

ACC-National, Respect the Mountains event, is June 15th. The Ottawa section is proposing a cleanup day as a local initiative. Mount St-Patrick (Dacre) could be an option for trail clearing and we could turn the day into a potluck/trail cleaning event.

- Mar 28 Book Club
- Mar 31 Bustukah SWEET Night
- April 11th Pub night
- April 27th Possible start of spring climbing, to be confirmed
- June 21 - 23 HAP VI (Grant)
- July 21 - 27 ACC-Ottawa summer camp (Bill B)
- Sept Rockfest (Stefan/Phong)
- Oct 5 - 12 ACC-Ottawa fall hiking camp (Mike Bowler and Lynne Cyr)
- Nov Volunteer appreciation, Possible for AGM
- Jan ,2020 Possible for AGM
- Feb 2020 Icefest (or connect with SOIce?) **Stephan will reach out to the Southern Ontario Ice climbing festival in order to see about the possibility of ACC-Ottawa participating.**

4. Activity coordinators updates/issues

-Are there "must do" activities that we should be planning on and ensuring we have a trip leader(s) planning to run? (ex. winter ski travers, summer traverse) No concrete decisions were made.

Hiking:

- Without Darrel the calendar is quite thin. There needs to be regeneration of leaders so more trips are added to the calendar.
- Grant wants to try and bring in some new members to the committee in order to plan more new events.
- He would also like to have some female leaders as there are strong women in the club, but no women leading hiking trips. Grant wants to get the spring events out there and get some new trips to the calendar.
- Mentorship could be key to getting people out leading new trips as this has worked this past year in climbing. We need people who will plan out trips, so there are organizers and they can be paired with route finders/map readers.
- A concern was raised about some other clubs and meet-ups which have large groups and there will be the issue of having sustainable group numbers to have a lesser footprint in Gatineau Park. Most of our hiking trips having a cap of 10 to 15 participants.
- An idea was proposed: as there become less local options, due to trail closures in Gatineau, the club may try and focus on bigger trips in the 'daks and White Mountains, and other further out areas.
- More of our hikers need to gain familiarity with unmarked trails in Gatineau. Traditionally old maps of unmarked trails have been held back until someone leads a few trips, this may need to change in order to have more trips on the calendar.
- Last year saw almost 80 trips under hiking last year.
- Rob Galdins will be taking on a larger role with family hiking.

Ice Climbing:

- The section hosted 10-15 trips for winter this season.

Rock climbing:

- Next step will be to put together a calendar with suggested dates and it will coordinate with the training calendar. The climbing committee hopes to plan an equivalent trip the weekend following training so participants in training can gain practical experience right after training. The committee will identify leaders and will ask leaders to plan around training dates.
- Rockfest: there will be a subcommittee who will take the lead of larger events like rockfest. We will hopefully consult with George as last year's event was successful and appreciated by members.

5. Other items

- AGM minutes - Bill is still working on these

TNF leadership course:

- There were two interested members but neither has decided to apply. The applicants need to be active trip leaders and a plan has been created with one of the applicants for them to lead more trips prior to attending the course. The club makes a small contribution towards the course, and would like some return for that investment.

ACC-Ottawa and Gatineau Park Master Plan (Phase 3)

We discussed what our next steps should be for our membership.

Our use of Gatineau Park is impacted by their conservation initiatives. The NCC will be shutting down some used unmarked trails and opening some other unmarked trails. They are thinking of publishing maps but still have not made any decisions and are looking for input. NCC has made a decision about some trails they will open, does the ACC want to work with them to suggest how to roll out the Trails Management Plan or not? **Bill will attend a meeting on Thursday with two other outdoor clubs who use the park and see what changes they are suggesting to the NCC's plans.**

Katherine and Pierre from the NCC want us to be involved and do seem open to our concerns. As a club, we may face a hikers code of conduct , or other limitations.

Erik and Bill will plan an evening to see how ACC members feel about participating in the group and what we would like to advocate for. This would give members some say as to what goes on in the park. April 29th could be the potential date for this group to meet. The room at Clocktower is a potential venue. **Elfrieda will follow through on room. Bill and Erik will plan this event.**

-Student Outdoor Club partnership agreement

-Helmet slide show - was organised a little last minute and suffered from bad weather. Having Helmut share with the club would be wonderful for all members. It was proposed to be made a part of this years volunteer appreciation night. This would be a great addition to the volunteer evening. **Bill will follow up with this as a potential suggestion for Helmut.**

-interest in community outreach ex. adopt-a-lean-to, climbing/hiking for new Canadians, women's trip leadership? no discussion, to a future meeting

- The club was approached by an Algonquin student for a possible mapping with project. It was suggested that he contact NCC instead of working with ACC as the NCC would better fit into his interests/project.

6. Next meeting(s)

- Next EXEC meeting May 27th.