



ALPINE CLUB OF CANADA – OTTAWA SECTION

(DRAFT) MINUTES* OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE ON MAY 27TH, 2019

***Actions items are in bold**

A Meeting of the Executive of the Ottawa ACC Section was held on March 27th, 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
Y	Training Coordinator(s)	Hai Pham
Y		George Gebera
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
N	Access Liaison Gatineau Park	Erik Pervin
	Outreach/Social Media	TBD
Y	Quartermaster	Al Dimond

1. Welcome/plan for meeting/celebrating the section

- Climbing: Wonderful group at the outdoor beginner climbing event. Everything went well. Numbers were down from last year's group, and we will continue to consider group sizes and impact on environment and other climbers with the potential for more events, each containing fewer participants than in the past. Beginners are also welcomed at other events. We discussed a fee for this type of event with a dinner after to avoid the high drop out numbers that we have seen.
- Training: Three courses scheduled, a beginner course, a trad course and an outdoor wilderness first aid refresher course. The club has made a small amount of money with the fees because the courses have full to date. Although the club is conscious of not overcharging, there is a consideration made for wear on club gear and the possibility of some spots being unfilled and the cost needing to be covered.

2. Minutes of previous meeting: Mar 18/19 ; AGM minutes

The minutes were reviewed and approved, no changes made.

3. Organizational details

Action items from previous meeting:

- There will be wilderness first aid refresher this fall.
- Elfrieda has sorted out the Fall Camp financial arrangements with Lynn
- Erik is working with the NCC on the responsible use of trails project.
- Black Diamond deal is sorted with Greg Cormier. Also Edmonton section has a deal for all national club members on their website, **George will send out the email to inform us what the details are.**
- We met with two other clubs who are working with us to coordinate access to some unofficial trails in the Gatineau Park. At our club meeting last month, Ottawa ACC members have voiced that they want to preserve back-trail experience, we want to keep the conversation efforts going with the NCC. One of the other groups is getting aggressive with the NCC and other clubs; we are not certain we want to continue this relationship with these other groups as a result. We need to preserve our relationship with the NCC. We respect the idea of conservation, but climbers would like to potential discuss the opening of at least one potential multi-pitch area, this would meet a need locally. **Bill Barrett will continue fill us in on the relationship with other clubs and NCC.**
- unfilled positions on exec: Outreach/social media
- budget update: We are on track, we have some money in the bank, we haven't run any big activities or purchased gear this year. E letter fees and website renewal was this month, both have been paid.

4. Upcoming events:

- June 1 Climbing at Calabogie (Phong)
- June 6-8 Hiking in ADK (Phong)
- June 15 ACC-National Respect the Mountains event: *Dacre work day (Bill and Deb C) every section was asked to lead an event. 22 of 24 of the sections are running events. MEC is giving t-shirt as they are a sponsor for all those who help with our local project.*
- June 15-17 Trad leading course (Hai and George) FULL
- June 21 – 23 HAP VI (Grant):
- July 21 – 27 ACC-Ottawa summer camp (Bill B)
- Sept 14 Rockfest (Stefan/Phong)
- Oct 5 – 12 ACC-Ottawa fall hiking camp (Mike Bowler and Lynne Cyr)
- Nov ? Volunteer appreciation and AGM
- Feb ? 2020 Icefest (or connect with SOIce?)

5. Activity coordinators updates/items for discussion

- Hiking: The potential for the Ottawa section to release guidelines for giving gas money to drivers was discussed and approved. Leaders has noticed that this has been awkward for some to ask for when driving and offering when being driven. We will create a guideline for all to use as needed. **Grant has started a framework for prices. Points to consider are wear on car, distances vs number people in the car, overall distance of the trip. Elfrieda will help Grant. We can approve this via email over the summer and review how it has been going at our fall meeting.**
- Recruiting hiking leaders: There has been some work in this area, and leaders will continue to be vigilant on their trips to support any members who show interest. Mentor-ship is a great way forward. We will be more open with sharing maps of unofficial trails, members can find them on online platforms also.
- Training: We decided that club gear can be used for beginner courses. Otherwise, people should have their own gear for more advanced courses. The training coordinators will work with the executive to get the gear to Charles Laliberte for the beginner course. *Best practice for leaders, and training coordinators is to*

meet participants at pre-arranged spot to hand over gear and collect waiver forms from all participants. Participants will also return gear to a member of the executive with any missing waivers at the end of training. Training coordinators will get back past waivers from Charles to be filled.

- Climbing: We have received emails from members about providing recommendation about guides. The executive feels that we should not be making any specific recommendations beyond stating that we use Charles Laliberte. Otherwise we will give list of accreditations to look out for in eastern guides, but members will need to do the research in their own. **George and Hai will help Stefan build an accreditation guideline that we can suggest to members.**

-Climbing: There has been some inquiry on gym nights to figure out who club members are to figure out who is available to welcome newer members. Eric Armstrong is leading a Friday night social climbing night and we are happy to give him a blue t-shirt so he can be better identified.

- Website: We need to update our site and E-letter as ours are out of date and not meeting their potential. **Damien and Bill are going to look into this. The website will be developed as a first point of contact to introduce the club. The content needs to be reduced, and certain things needs to be prioritized. We will be looking for input as this develops.**

6. Other items

- ACC-Ottawa and Gatineau Park Master Plan (Phase 3): **Bill will be going to next meeting to decide our future approach with the park.**

- New owner at Cregheur Road farm: a fence is going up but the owner will continue to allow access for the moment. He wants people to walk on the agreed upon trails. There has been a development request made to potentially develop cabins on the land.

- ACC-National:

- National is looking to harmonize fees. This would mean more money for the section, a global rescue insurance would also be included with membership if this happens. We do not feel that this would be good for our members at the moment and do not support the streamlining of fees. The insurance would not cover the Ottawa section members on most of their trips due to limitations built into the insurance plan.

- North face winter course: national looking at alternatives. We pitched something that could be more relevant to the east portions of Canada.

- National is also developing a member code of conduct, this is in a preliminary stage at this time. National is pursuing partnerships with companies (eg. MEC), they do not want this to be done at local level, they are trying to foster links between these companies and the national club.

- Archivist work and role: Work is being done but we do not feel a need for this to be an executive position.

- Awards recognition: We will recommend Darrel for the next level of award

- Rockfest: **Bill B to connect with Gaetan to make sure we are still welcomed for Rockfest. Moneys are still owed after members did not pay last year. Once this is sorted, George will connect with Charles to plan a date.**

- Non approved leaders have been posting official events on Facebook. We will continue to encourage all members to reach out with each other in the news feed feature of FB, but official events will now need approval prior to being added to the club page. **Grant will follow up with Chris MacDonald who currently has an unapproved event posted. Elfrieda and Bill will change the settings to allow for approved people to add events, not all members.**

- AGM and volunteer appreciation: These events will be help together with the possibility of a speaker. They will be held in November. **Elfrieda and Bill will look at booking the location.**

7. Next meeting(s)

-Touch base in August: Sept 23rd tentative date.

- Oct meeting will be to prep AGM and Volunteer Appreciation, date TBD.