

2018 Annual General Meeting - Ottawa Section January 14, 2019: Minutes

Chairperson: Janet Campbell

ACC Nomination Committee: Karen Choy, Lynne Cyr

Participants: ACC Ottawa Section Members (refer to sign-in sheet for exact names)

Agenda Item	Discussion
<p>Call to Order Approval of the 2018 Agenda Approval of the 2017 AGM Minutes</p>	<p>The Chairperson called the meeting to order.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The 2018 Agenda was approved as presented without changes. The Minutes of the 2017 AGM were approved as presented without changes.
<p>Past Year in Review</p>	<p>A general overview of the activities for the Club was provided by Janet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We remained within budget in 2018. ● Membership remained stable throughout the year. There were some issues with ACC-National's database, impacting section finances. Some of these were resolved but further attention will be required to address ongoing database challenges in the coming months. ● The Facebook Page is very popular amongst members, with over 1,000 people signed up (many being non-members). We will continue to use this as a way to reach out to the wider community and local members.
<p>Report – Hiking & XC Skiing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bill Barrett outlined the various hiking activities that took place. There were 85 different events, mainly day hikes, in 9 different locations (Gatineau Park, Kanata North, Calabogie, Adirondacks, Frontenac Park, Larose Forest, Mont Tremblant, New Hampshire, and Vermont) with Gatineau Park being the most frequent location for day trips. ● Bill read the names of hiking leaders who led trips this year, giving special thanks to Darrel Newman for his ongoing significant contribution to our hiking activities. ● Recognition, in the form of a t-shirt, for having led more than three trips in the year was awarded to Sarah Reiling, Phong Nguyen and Stephan Keban. ● The 6th Edition of the Summer Hike A-Palooza will be held next June in the

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Adirondacks and planning is underway for the 2nd annual Winter Palooza, to be led by Eric Gratton based out of the Keene Farm.

- Georges Gebara and Sara Rykov provided information on the various activities that took place in 2018 and recognized the contributions made by Committee members: Karen, Kevin, Henry, Deniz, and Al as well as veteran trip leaders: Bill Scott, Bill Barrett and Karen Choy.
- Sarah listed names of new trip leaders: Phong, François, Deniz, Sarah Reiling, Eric, Yannick, and Greg.
- RockFest was the “big event” in 2018 providing a full 2-days of climbing. The high heat did not turn away participants, with 46 adults and 9 children attending. A huge thank you to Karen for running the BBQ while having to juggle an emergency at work. Charles Laliberte ran various clinics at no charge during the weekend.

- There were no items brought forward for discussion.

- Janet provided a report in the absence of the Training Coordinator, Kevin Heiss. Despite some turnover in this committee we were able to offer a full slate of courses for section members. Kevin enlisted Charles Laliberte to run most of the courses, assisted on some by Greg Miller. Greg also led a leadership development workshop as a way to solicit new leaders for climbing and hiking. The activity chairs in each of these areas reached out to participants encouraging them to lead a trip and providing them with an experienced mentor. This was seen as successful, especially in the climbing area, and should be a model for future leadership development.

- Janet provided a report in the absence of the Coordinator, Helen Tsai. We offered a full AWFA and WFR course this year, both of which were well attended. There will be an AWFA re-cert in 2019.

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- Katarina Goetze provided information on the various activities that took place in 2018. The Club continues to see good youth and family participation at some of its events. For 2018, these included: Hike A-Palooza, Rockfest and multiple local hiking, climbing and caving events in Luskville. Katarina invited other section members to join her in facilitating and/or leading events in the coming year.
- Janet has been serving as our NCC Access rep and reported that the section continues to maintain a healthy working relationship with the NCC. There was some discussion of the NCC Master Plan and the Responsible Hiking Project. As well, she talked about the attempt to have access to Farm Rock, which the NCC was open to. However this was unsuccessful due to conservation concerns.
- No report, covered in Chair’s opening remarks.
- Damien Brown-Graham informed participants that there had been no changes to the website from the previous year. He is always looking for new content, especially photos.
- The weekly e-letter continues to be our main way of communicating with section members. Items need to be submitted by Friday for inclusion in the e-letter on Monday.
- Elfrieda reported on the Social activities this past year, which included our monthly pub nights (2nd Thurs of each month), some potluck/slideshows (hoping to have more of these next year), a book club (which meets every couple of months to discuss a book related to the outdoor life in the mountains), and a very successful Volunteer Appreciation night. This was held on Nov 19 and featured a slide presentation by Pat Morrow, entitled “Searching for Tao Canyon”. Over 80 people attended and we honoured more than 20 volunteers who

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have supported or organized club activities.

- Elfrieda Bock provided a financial report in the absence of Kim Lacourciere. The Executive is working hard to ensure that the Club membership benefits fully from Section funds. The 2019 Budget, as presented, was approved without changes (attached to the minutes).

- Karen Chow outlined the process to be followed and provided the slate of nominations for 2019-2020 Executive Committee reminding participants that nominations remain open and therefore members can come forward to become part of the Executive. There were no contested positions. The new executive are:
 - Bill Barrett - Chair
 - Janet Campbell - Past Chair
 - Secretary - Vacant
 - Treasurer - Elfrieda Bock
 - Hiking Coordinator - Grant Blanchard
 - Climbing Co-ordinators - Stefan Kaban and Phong Nguyen
 - Mountaineering Coordnator - Vacant
 - Safety Coordinator - Helen Tsai
 - Training Coordinator - Hai Pham
 - Family Activities Coordinator - Katharina Goetze
 - Social Coordinator - Vacant
 - Access/NCC Liaison - Vacant
 - Web Editor - Damien Brown-Graham
 - Membership/Social Media - Vacant
 - E-Letter - Elfrieda Bock
 - Quartermaster - Alan Dimond

- The Chairperson indicated that the new exec will discuss how to fill the vacant positions at their first meeting. Janet thanked everyone for their participation and adjourned the AGM.