



**ALPINE CLUB OF CANADA – OTTAWA
SECTION
MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE EXECUTIVE
JUNE 21, 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 **virtually** on November 23, 2020. Present at the meeting were the following members of the Executive:

| Present | Executive Position | Incumbent |
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| Y | Chair & National Rep | Bill Barrett |
| N | Past Chair | Vacant (resigned) |
| Y | Treasurer | Elfreida Bock |
| Y | Secretary | Cynthia Modjeski |
| N | Hiking/Skiing Coordinator | Paul Way |
| Y | Climbing Coordinator(s) | Phong Nguyen |
| N | | Stefan Kaban |
| N | Training Coordinator | 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 |
| N | Web Editor | Tian Yuan |
| N | Access Liaison Gatineau Park | Conor McCarthy |
| Y | Quartermaster | Paul Baker |

1. Bill welcomed all and outlined the plan for the meeting. Agenda was approved.

2. Minutes of previous meeting, held virtually on April 19, 2021, were adopted as read. **Minutes will be posted on the section website.**

3. Organizational details:

- Membership: Decline is lessening. Bill noted that National Level membership is down 50%, along with other chapters. Financially stable as spending has been minimal. We have made our annual contribution to the Canadian Alpine Journal, \$250, and a \$200 donation to Calabogie Cragcare.
- Website update: Elfrieda reported that the update is slow. **Bill will help as needed.**

- Scheduled activities:

June 27 Hike in Frontenac (Geoff Roulet)

June 26 Local climbing day (Phong) Calabogie. Max group of 8 will be accepted. Will also be posted on FB for people who want to try it out.

4. Activity coordinators updates

-Current COVID restrictions: With Ontario at Phase 1 of reopening, groups up to 10 are now able to meet. This includes the reopening of the Quebec border. Phase 2 expands the number but our activities will rarely go beyond 25.

After lengthy discussion re vaccinations, it was agreed that although not an ACC Policy per se, as a National Club it is important to abide by provincial regulations. For ACC Ottawa, trip leaders will be able to use their discretion, to decide if they want participants to be vaccinated. This stipulation will be included in the description of future trips. George suggested additional information required for contact tracing if non-members are participating and will ask Charles to make same adjustment for training requirement. As situation evolves, guidelines will be adjusted. **Bill to prepare a notice re vaccines and ACC-Ottawa trips; all are asked to read it and send him their suggestions. Revised covid guidelines will be posted in next e-letter (updates re. vaccines and non-members participating).**

- Hiking:

- Climbing: Many are not comfortable until vaccination complete. Rockfest could include multiple smaller groups. **Stefan/Phong will look into purchasing two dry ropes for the upcoming winter climbing season**

- Family: Hope to plan an event for July. Nicole to help with idea.

- Training: To be put on August meeting agenda. George is in communication with Charles on where interest lies.

- Safety: **Helen will purchase materials needed to restock first aid kits**

- Social: Will continue looking where possible.

- Access Liaison: **Conor will make arrangements with Elfrieda to donate \$200 to CragCare**

-Upcoming events:

Tentative – Rockfest (Sept), Winterpalooza (Jan) SOIcefest (Feb)

Hopeful: Western Summer Camp (Aug 2022)

-activity coordinators will continue reaching out to possible trip leaders to get activities on the calendar

-activity coordinators will discuss revised guidelines with trip leaders as activities are being planned

-Phong/Stefan/George/Bill will continue attempts to reach out to Gaeten at M d'A re hosting Rockfest and future training sessions

5. Other items:

- Bill reported on Regional Reps meeting May 15, 2021. ACC National full day meeting discussing current situation. Highlights: Financially sustainable, deficit of \$90,000, better than anticipated. Received a couple large donations to keep things running, on limited basis. Grant Blanchard attending North Face Summer Leadership camp. Agreed to \$250 contributed to his expenses. Second – lots of conversation, apologies, for ACC National struggle with Hut Bookings for Sections, refunds, etc. In process of meeting with individual section to rebuild confidence. Each section head had concerns about the way National made decisions. Third – Presentation on diversity with lots of food for thought on promoting membership.

- CPAWS campaign. Canada Parks campaign to make Gatineau Park a National Park. Conor joined Bill on conversation. CPAWS would like to see more Federal involvement and less NCC. Bill not sure if additional level of bureaucracy would be beneficial. Discussing with other groups. CPAWS would like to see more firm boundaries. Conor applauded Bills response to CPAWS.

- Bill reported that POW-Ottawa Protect our Winters reached out to ACC Ottawa for collaboration. It's an international organization focussing on climate change / environmental issues. They may have an interest to help out with Dacre Heights. Other interests include diversity in outdoor industry and suggested ACC host an event. Working with POW may be opportunity for ACC to promote diversity and attract new members.

Bill will continue connecting with POW-Ottawa about their initiatives and possible collaboration with ACC-Ottawa (Dacre trail maintenance day, diversity workshop)

Bill Scott asked us to do some work on our section to honour award winners.
Ongoing.

George reported on access to Home Cliff climbing and hiking trails off Creigheur Road and that Laframbois family had sold farm. New owners are very supportive of maintaining climbing access. NCC have installed a porta-toilet, garbage bin, and mowed a path from parking area. An ACC thank you was suggested.

6. Next Meeting: Monday, August 9 – Katharina’s backyard, unless there is significant COVID developments that warrants an earlier meeting take place. **Agenda items: carpooling, climbing training/skills development, diversity and ACC-Ottawa, pizza and beer!**