

**ACC Ottawa Section**  
**2023 AGM Minutes**  
**January 22, 2024 - Virtual Meeting**

1. Call to Order at 7:05 pm
  
1. Welcome to all by Current Chair, Bill Barrett, along with co-host Grant Blanchard and Elfrieda Bock.  
Land acknowledgement was recited.  
With 30 members in attendance, a quorum was achieved.
  
3. On-Line Meeting Guidelines commenced with COVID and will continue format in future.  
Grant Blanchard - approval of agenda, last year's minutes, budget, slate of executive.
  
1. Approval of Agenda  
Approved – Grant Blanchard  
Second – Andrew Robbins  
No one opposed
  
1. Introduction of Section Executive:  
  
Chair & Section Representative – Bill Barrett  
Treasurer, E-Letter Editor, Membership and Social Co-Coordinator – Elfrieda Bock  
Secretary and Social Co-Coordinator – Cynthia Modjeski  
Hiking Coordinator – Paul Way  
Climbing Coordinators – Eric Armstrong and Andrew Robbins  
Training and Safety Coordinator – George Gebara and Chris Bedford  
Family and Youth Activities Coordinator – Katharina Goetze  
Access Liaison – Conor McCarthy  
Web Editor – Michael Chen

First of two-year terms. Next year we will vote for renew /new executive.

1. Approval of 2022 AGM Minutes

Bill had forwarded the minutes of the 2022 AGM to all for prior perusal. No business arose from the minutes.

Approved – Allen Inglis

Second – Darrel Newman

No one opposed

1. 2023 Chair's Report

COVID – Moved forward from COVID. Lessons learned: adaptable and take care of each other; if sick, stay home.

Summer of 2022 – Cynthia to O'Hara, 2023 Climbing camp and Stanley Mitchell

Membership – dipped during COVID, now up to 400. Many new members are interested in climbing. Mid-size section in comparison nationally. 2M not the easiest platform for membership / renewal. The many benefits to be a member.

Finances – Overall in good shape. Elfrieda manages well, executive spends wisely.

As Executive positions are for a two-year term – 2024 not an election year.

Executive thanked. Lots of activities listed in this week's E-letter.

The spirit of volunteerism is alive and well in the Ottawa Section.

Good collaboration with other organizations

ACC Outaouais (climbing) Vorlage access

ACC Montreal (Keene Farm);

Dacre Heights (work day and first aid supplies);

SOIcefest – Bow Lake ice climbing festival;

NCC (hiking, climbing, skiing) – host of many of our activities;

Crag Care (donation to support management of Calabogie as a climbing area; supported Bolder bash)

Montagne D'argent (secured access for our members by making a donation).

Chair/Section Rep goes to Canmore for Regional meetings in person and online annually, representing the interests of the section to national.

Event highlights –

-Multipitch climbing in ADK and Bon Echo.

-ASL interpreter organized climbing for people are deaf.

-Climbing summer camp for 7 days out of Canmore Clubhouse.

-Incredible stat: 157 days where an activity took place via Ottawa Section.

1. 2023 Activity Report for ACC Ottawa:

Andrew Robbins presented slide show summarizing activities.

1. Congratulations: ACC Volunteer Award Recipients:

Phong Nguyen – ACC Eric Brooks Leader Award

Bill Barrett – ACC Don Forest Service Award

1. Volunteer Recognition

We emphasized the number of people who are stepping up to lead activities: total of 40 members. List of names acknowledged for contribution to success of ACC Ottawa Section, including leaders and executive members.

Special mentions:

Elfrieda Bock for dedication to Section and successful administration in many areas including weekly E-letter other Sections no longer have weekly ELetters).

Lari Sratechuk for commitment to climbing activity every Monday at Climbing gym.

Andrew Pogan for resounding success of Rockfest and Bon Echo

People who have led more than 3 trips will receive a t-shirt for their efforts.

In-person Volunteer Appreciation will be organized in spring by Elfrieda and Cynthia

## 1. Looking Ahead to 2024

2024 off to a good start. Slide show presented by Bill. Current E-Letter also includes many activities in coming weeks.

Based on some preliminary work before Christmas it was decided not to run a hiking/mountaineering catered camp this coming summer but to plan to have one in the summer of 2025 based out of Elizabeth Parker Hut, Lake O'Hara.

The tentative plan is to run two one week camps this summer:

- a climbing camp and a mountaineering camp

A booking for the climbing camp has been made:

- Sat July 7 to Sun July 14 at the Canmore Clubhouse for 12 people

- this would be like the camp we ran last year, with space for 4 additional people

A booking for the mountaineering camp has been made:

- Tues July 16 to Sat July 20 at the Bow Hut

- I have requests in for three nights at the Lake Louise Hostel

- Sun July 14 and Mon July 15 and Sat July 20

(I am still waiting to hear back on this request)

Details to be forthcoming very soon.

## 1. Finance Report for 2023

Sent to all with agenda. Loss of \$1500 due to drop in membership. End of year \$6000 in bank. In good situation to support usual activities in coming year.

Rules for Not-For Profit organizations requires that money to be spent on their members.

Membership fee is approximately \$50; of which the Section gets \$15 and \$35 goes to National Office.

Approve Financial report for next year – Grant Blanchard  
Second – Andrew Pohran  
No one opposed

1. Proposed Budget for 2024

Based on activities of 2023. Anticipate deficit to remain the same. List of major activities outlined amounting to \$6000. \$8000 reserve remains in bank. Future discussion to take place on spending funds.

Approve budget for next year – Andrew Pohran  
Second – Cynthia Modjeski  
No one opposed

14. Other business

Cruegher entrance of Gatineau Park has many no trespassing and no parking signs. NCC is conducting Responsible Trails Project. 4-phase project, with phase 3 concluded. Phase 4 is of most interest to ACC as they deal with west side of Eardley Marsham Road.

Move to close AGM meeting: Grant Blanchard  
Second: Andrew Pohran  
No one opposed

Meeting adjourned at 8:50.