



ALPINE CLUB OF CANADA – OTTAWA SECTION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE MAY 23, 2023

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 on May 23, 2023. Present at the meeting were the following members of the Executive:

Present	Executive Position	Incumbent
Y	Chair & National Representative	Bill Barrett
N	Past Chair	Vacant
Y	Hiking Coordinator	Paul Way
Y	Climbing Coordinator(s)	Eric Armstrong
N		Andrew Robbins
N	Training and Safety Coordinator(s)	George Gebara
N		Chris Bedford
Y	Youth and Family Coordinator	Katharina Goetze
Y	Access Liaison	Conor McCarthy
Y	Treasurer	Elfrieda Bock
Y	Secretary	Cynthia Modjeski
Y	Web Editor	Michael Chen
Y	E-Letter Editor/Membership	Elfrieda Bock
Y	Social Coordinator(s)	Elfrieda Bock
		Cynthia Modjeski

1. Welcome, agenda reviewed and accepted.
2. Minutes of previous meeting were reviewed and approved.
Action items reviewed:
Cynthia to upload gas sharing onto FB
3. Organizational activities:

Access Liaison:

-Follow up to check training anchors at Western CWM, seeking NCC approval.

-Crag Care is getting a website to include donation link, no longer using GoFundMe. Ontario experiencing growing pains as compared to Quebec when it concerns access for climbers.

Awards: Bill brought back Phong's award and thanked Elfrieda for nominating him for an award. Keep people in mind for future awards.

Budget / finances: No need to cash in GIC at the moment. Capable to cover current expenses. Numbers may decline with new membership platform.

Executive communication: all are reminded to use their executive account - [alpineclubottawa.ca](mailto:secretary@alpineclubottawa.ca). To avoid having more than one email address to monitor, it will be set up that executive emails will be forwarded to personal email. Each executive to decide email name for their area, ie. secretary@alpineclubottawa.ca. Can also save emails to these accounts through google drive. Mike to write how to guide information sheet.

-all exec members are asked to connect with Elfrieda re. your club gmail account and then begin using that for club business (a reminder that there is a drive associated with that account where you can store club related docs, etc.)

Gear Shed: bottom hinge is broken. Ken McNair has agreed to repair. Will purchase patio stones for support, including proper foundation with gravel, etc. Eric to organize.

Social: Pub nights have returned with Cynthia currently hosting at HomeTown on Bank Street

Website: Mike to continue to work on website modifications, with plans to roll-out during the summer. Initial content, can expand later.

Other: National Office reorganizing their website including area for sections to access and utilize. Section has not yet signed on. May do if we find it necessary / feasible / beneficial. Options exist for website, possible Outaouais for example. May approach them for assistance. All in support of trip leaders. Signup capability with option for leader to decline. Must specify clear criteria for joining trip. Worked well for Rock Fest with 45-50 participants.

4. Activity coordinators updates:

-climbing: next trip with Qudoos second or third weekend of June, multipitch trip to ADK in July; other than beginning climbing training day, include anchor building day a couple of weeks later. More volunteers needed. Additional courses necessary.

-hiking: HAP, summer trips, fall trip Paul to lead, Mike trip in Oct, encourage one member to organize and another to lead

-training / safety: WFA course planning one weekend Sept 9/10 \$200, may include Outaouais to increase numbers; George and Chris to review 5 page waiver suggested by National Office, looking at safety aspect of waiver; put together a plan for moving to the **on-line, once a year waiver**; what does it mean for our trips and what other things will we need to do?

5. Other items:

-carpooling guidelines were put on Newsletter and will be posted on FB (Cynthia)

-Bill to continue to pursue a joint meeting with Outaouais section

-welcoming new members:

1. new members, welcome and retain – All are asked to consider ways to improve ways of welcoming new members, with the goal of keeping people in the club longer than a one-year membership. When people sign up a welcome letter is forwarded where a section adds questionnaire and their interest.

2. Bring a friend – plan a trip and ask members to bring a friend; i.e. New Members evening, tied into a pub night, climb and bbq at picnic area at Lusk Falls.

3. Executive members are supportive of ACC-Ottawa supporting efforts to bring new communities into the outdoor world; one of our members is the lead with Black Girls Outside and Sabrina Chang has reached out to see if we could support a climbing activity for the deaf community.

-Elfrieda knee surgery. Wish her well!