



**ALPINE CLUB OF CANADA – OTTAWA
SECTION**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE EXECUTIVE
FEBRUARY 13, 2023**

NB: Action items are in bold

A Meeting of the Executive of the Ottawa ACC Section was held on February 13, 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
N	Hiking Coordinator	Paul Way
Y	Climbing Coordinator(s)	Stefan Kaban (virtually)
Y		Eric Armstrong
Y		Andrew Robbins
Y	Training and Safety Coordinator(s)	George Gebara
Y		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 Coordinators	Elfrieda Bock
Y		Cynthia Modjeski

1. We welcomed our four new members: Eric Armstrong and Andrew Robbins as Climbing Coordinators, Chris Bedford joining George Gebara as Training and Safety Coordinators and Michael Chen as Web Editor.

Bill briefly described procedure of meetings and we reviewed and approved the agenda.

Contact information will be circulated for all. Elfrieda will use contact information to forward emails from ACC accounts. **ACC Coordinator accounts will be set up / revised** in order to be able to receive and respond from individual coordinator accounts versus personal email. If more than one

coordinator, both can see email account. Google Work Space will continue to be used. Passwords to be assigned. Mike is available to help as needed.

2. AGM follow-up: went well on-line, volunteer appreciation acknowledgement was good but we also need to have an in-person event.
3. Minutes of previous meeting: action items were reviewed, minutes approved, **to be forwarded to Mike for posting on website**

Budget and finance – donation to Bon Echo boat fund has been forwarded. **Clarification was requested on whether all ACC members receive preferred rate versus Toronto only.** Follow-up: all ACC members are charged the same for use of Bon Echo facilities. Crag Care has set up a GoFundMe page on FB, encouraging people to contribution. **We agreed to donate \$250, Elfrieda to do this.**

New T-shirts to be ordered to recognize Executive members, trip leaders, climbing gym contacts, etc. Elfrieda arranging. Sam Group is company used in the past and still has template. Minimum order of 24, med and large.

Summer Camp - ACC National required 100% up-front for hut. Section helped to top off deposit.

4. Welcome to Sam Chen, who will assist club as part of his practicum until the end of April. Sam joined ACC in summer 2022 and has enjoyed numerous activities. **All executive members are encouraged to connect with Sam to promote activities which they are leading or overseeing;** i.e. possible work on National level, Crag Care's work at Lakeside Cliff at Calabogie. Sam indicated that he is available to join trips to archive when possible, including via photography or videography. Sam can be reached at hem.smuel@gmail.com.

5. Organizational details:

-scheduled activities:

Feb 17 Indoor climb/social @ Coyote (Eric A)

Feb 18 Gatineau ski traverse (Andy A)

Feb 20 Indoor climbing @ Altitude-Gat (Lori S)

Feb 22 Indoor climb/social @ Altitude-Kan (Jamie P)

Feb 25 Ice climbing (Ken McNair)

Feb 26 BC ski Gatineau Park (Mike B, Bridget D)

Mar 3 – 5 New Hampshire Ice (Grant); **rescheduled due to avalanche risk (Mar 10 – 12)**

Mar 6 Indoor climbing @ Altitude-Gat (Lori S)

Mar 11/12 Training: ice leading (2-day course, George/Chris), **cancelled**

Mar 20 Indoor climbing @ Altitude-Gat

June 23-25 HAP 7

July 23 to 30 Summer climbing camp (Bill, Tyler S)

July 30 to Aug 4 Summer Camp

-BUDGET / FINANCES: Elfrieda reviewed some of the operational procedures and **will forward budget and doc on financial procedures to all Executive Members**. She reiterated the importance of adhering to budget guidelines when purchasing gear.

Initial cost of Summer Camp is latest expenditure which will be recovered in May. Other expenditures include sponsoring the Journal to support climbing community, Hike-a-palooza.

-AWARDS: Bill provided update. T-shirts and gift certificates have been provided in the past. Highlighted awards at National level, where Phong has recently been nominated. Going forward, Executive should keep in mind who could qualify for Section and /or National awards.

-WEBSITE: Discussion took place on next steps and moving forward. Mike welcomed ideas and provided his own. Much can be done, depending on time and money. Recommendations of FB, Instagram, Constant Contact, Gmail and a centralize IT service so all are connected. Open Source software available for free. All can be connected to our website.

Bill suggested 2 step process – **Mike and Bill to start update content, simplify, and eliminate portions.** Step 2 – direction for future/ going forward, i.e., trip booking software, with leader approval. National is also updating their website and may implement a template for all Sections.

SOCIAL: Pub nights will recommence in April. **Volunteer appreciation night to be scheduled for May or June,** with a possible guest speaker such as Joe Koepek of Calabogie.

-ACCESS LIAISON: Conor provided update on agreement with Montagne d'Argent and action required on fees. ACC per capita rate versus annual rate, \$1.15 per person per year. Currently 470 members by National. Section 400 plus. University student free memberships, should they be included. Budgeted climbing access increased to \$600 x 3 years = \$1800. It was decided to let Anthony of M d'A to know we are interested - long term or year-to-years, whichever he prefers. **Elfrieda to transfer funds.** It was noted that Montagne d'Argent is also for campers, hiking, hut use, etc. Stefan suggested hut reservation for possible ice fest.

2. Instagram account back and running; and asked for people to submit photos for uploading. 3. 1000 Island Park Ice Climbing not possible. 4. Gatineau Park wants official signs for climbing areas and asking Section for ideas on names. 5. Mont d'Argent, fee -

-GEAR:

6. Activity coordinators updates:

-CLIMBING: Beginner ice day, big interest. With boots now provided, increase in interest.

Women's only ice day – Karen C. has stated that sufficient interest has been expressed. Possible early March. **Andrew to approach Karen to discuss.**

-HIKING: (Bill for Paul) BC and traverse of Gat Park. BC ski course, lack of interest. Perhaps in fall, in classroom setting.

-TRAINING: 0 interest in ice leading course, other than Chris. Mountaineering 6 needed.

-FAMILY:

-SAFETY:

-OTHER: Bill briefed on summer camp planning update. 5 nights booked at Stanley Mitchell. Good interest expressed and list of 20 filled quickly, with 2 on wait list. Summer camp will be followed by climbing camping, where 8 spots have been reserved at ACC Club House in Canmore.

SO IceFest, Bancroft area, provided good quality clinics, activity, both climbing and social. Supporting local community. Andrew suggested partnering with Montreal and Outaouais for fest at Mont D'Argent. Andy Sparks would like to feature influencer to highlight a weekend activity at Calabogie, at his expense, involving ACC-Ottawa. Using ACC logo would have to involve National and we also need to be aware of what we supporting

7. Other items:

-covid guidelines: reviewed, relaxed but be aware. Personal responsibility

-other: **Cynthia to update carpooling guidelines** to share with Executive and publicize in e-letter / FB in due course. No obligation rather guidelines for contribution.

-Ottawa Outdoor Show - should we promote ourselves? Don't feel it is worthwhile. We do Sweet Night at Bushtukah

Reel Rock night suggested in the future, not this year. Video night at some theatre, perhaps Mayfair. Could be a fund raiser similar to Best of Banff out of Toronto

Trip Waivers kept for 7 years. National interested. Hope to go paperless in near future.

Question was asked, how many people open e-letter: 60% rate open. Stats readily available.

Bill participates in monthly Zoom call with National. Next session discussion is on liability

FjallRaven Connection: 20% off for members. They are looking to collaborate with various clubs to use their expertise to provide knowledge to their customers.

8. Next meeting: April 3.