



**ALPINE CLUB OF CANADA – OTTAWA
SECTION**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE EXECUTIVE
MARCH 4, 2024**

***To be approved at next exec meeting**

A Meeting of the Executive of the Ottawa ACC Section was held with an in person or online option on March 4, 2024. Present at the meeting were the following members of the Executive:

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

We reviewed the **agenda**, then the action items and minutes of the previous meeting, all were approved

We discussed how the **last minute trip posting** went through the winter season, which seemed to be good. Cancellations are indicated in the newsletter if received in time and are indicated on the calendar as they occur.

Mike continues to work on an **online trip registration**. It is important that risks be identified by trip leaders and acknowledged by all participants.

We reviewed the **scheduled activities**, a number cancelled due to weather.

Access liaison: Bill will be meeting with Gatineau Park representative re parking tickets on Eardley Marsham road and to get an update of plans for trails and climbing areas on March 13. He will report back. We discussed that the NCC does not give parking tickets or control parking along the E-M road, this is the region. Our annual Montagne d'Argent contribution was approved. Conor will discuss ice climbing access at M d'A, the guided groups there are telling people they cannot use certain walls. Conor would like to see us work with the climbing community to host the Reel Rock Film Festival in Ottawa. Chris to assist Conor with this. We have three spinal boards, a donation from a military unit which Bill currently has at his residence. Could they be used at emergency caches in Gatineau Park?

Awards: CK name has been put forward to National and award will be announced in May

Budget / membership: membership dues from national continue to be slow in coming but our funds are sufficient to cover our expenses. We are between 350 and 400 members. People have expressed concern that the renewal process is time consuming. Bill will ask if membership renewal reminders are being sent out with the new member system.

National: Phong N has applied for the TNF Summer Leadership course. The section is endorsing this and will provide \$250 in financial support. Kristen Walsh will be applying to the TNF Winter course and we agreed we would support her application.

Social: next Pub night is combined with a summer mountaineering camp meeting. Volunteer appreciation to be held at the beginning of June and hopefully in the same venue

Website: Mike working on a trip registration form based on what Training has been using. This will be optional for individual leaders. Eric will assist with this. As of May, waiver is included with membership registration so paper waivers will only be needed for non-members. Leaders will need the ability to confirm membership. Leaders need to be able to gather emergency contact info from participants. Cynthia is to send Rambler's calendar to Mike as an example. FAQ for the website is being developed. Mike is looking for input from others to establish answers.

Training/safety: we deferred the incident follow-up discussion to our next meeting. We are waiting on National safety guidelines. There will be a template to customize to our needs. We discussed a session with leaders to discuss all aspects of leading an activity and provide an update on changes, etc. This may require more than one session or an online option. Bill to take the lead.

Other items: three new National board members, no election all acclaimed. We are working on a MEC night with Outaouais. Summer camps: climbing week full, mountaineering camp has one space available. Chris will take the lead on a climbing camp for next year, doesn't have to be summer. We are tentatively planning our traditional summer camp at Lake O'Hara – 20 people – Cynthia to assist. The use of In-Reach on trips is on the agenda for both 2024 summer camps. The Black Diamond pro deal has changed, no longer available for us.

Our **next meeting** will be April 29