

# Alpine Club of Canada

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## **Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**

May 14, 2005

Canmore Seniors' Centre

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### **ATTENDING BOARD MEMBERS:**

David Toole, President  
Gord Currie, Treasurer  
Peter Muir, VP Access/Environment and Acting Secretary  
David Zemrau, VP Services  
Cam Roe, VP Activities  
Bruce Hardardt for Carl Hannigan, VP Facilities  
Lynn Martel for Bob Sandford, VP Mountain Culture  
Isabelle Daigneault, VP-elect, Access and Environment  
Roger Laurilla, VP-elect, Activities  
Gerta Smythe, Vancouver Island Section  
Eric Vezeau, Whistler Section  
Andrea Morgan, Vancouver section  
Catherine Mather, Okanagan Section  
Mark Earle, Prince George Section  
Neil Bosch, Edmonton Section  
Rod Church, Central Alberta Section  
Rod Plasman, Rocky Mountain Section  
Wayne Campbell, Jasper/Hinton Section  
David McCormick, Saskatchewan Section  
Simon Statkewich, Manitoba Section  
André Mahé, St. Boniface Section  
Karen Woo, Toronto Section  
Elfrieda Bock, Ottawa Section  
Pierre Gravel, Outaouais Section  
Murray Levine, Montreal Section  
David Dornian, Competition Climbing Section (afternoon only)  
Bruce Keith, Executive Director

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### **ABSENT:**

Carl Hannigan, VP Facilities  
Bob Sandford, VP Mountain Culture  
Mike Mortimer, Director, External Relations  
Keith Sandford, Calgary Section

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### **ALSO ATTENDING:**

Fern Hietkamp, Sections Coordinator, ACC Centennial  
Paul Geddes, Chair, Awards Committee  
Lawrence White, Director, Facilities  
Suzan Chamney, Manager, Development and Communications, Acting  
Director, Member and Section Services and recording secretary  
Paula Zettel, National Office Manager

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### **CALL TO ORDER:**

D. Toole called the meeting to order at 8:30 am

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**TOPIC:       DISCUSSION:**

**1 President's Welcome (D. Toole)**

D. Toole welcomed everyone and introduced R. Laurilla (VP-Elect, Activities) and I. Daigneault (VP-Elect, Access and Environment). He mentioned that C. Roe, P. Muir and he would be taking up new volunteer positions in the Club once the AGM today was over. He also outlined plan for the Board meeting, then spoke about the Club's upcoming Centennial and the positive outlook for the Club's future. Finally, he praised the national office staff and his fellow board members for their support during his Presidency over the past 4 years, and thanked everyone who had contributed to the Club during that period.

**2 Approval of Agenda**

**Motion** by P. Gravel, seconded by C. Mather that the Agenda be approved as amended (to include 7g Section Fees).

**CARRIED**

**3 Minutes of October 30 – 31, 2004 Board of Directors Meeting**

**3A Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion** by R. Plasman, seconded by D. Zemrau that the Minutes of the October 30 – 31, 2004 Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3B Business Arising:**

None.

**4 Section Reports and Issues:**

Each section representative introduced himself/herself and spoke to his/her section report. In addition, some section reps added points beyond those included in their report:

P. Gravel (Outaouais) reported that relations have improved with the FQME and between FQME and ENEQ

D. McCormick (Saskatchewan) reminded section reps that they should ensure the appropriate person(s) in their section are familiar with the ACC requirements for waiver signing/administration and trip/camp incident/accident reporting.

C. Mather (Okanagan) spoke to the issue of Asulkan hut not being properly maintained, thus giving the ACC a bad name with users (who think the ACC's involvement with the hut extends beyond just taking bookings).

The reps for several BC sections mentioned the "roofed accommodation policy" drafted by the Ministry of Water Land Air Protection, and spoke about their section's discussions on the subject. It was agreed the prudent course would be to await the outcome of the BC election and the official announcement on government policy on the matter.

A discussion took place regarding the issue of ACC newsletters via electronic-based means vs. paper-based means. A poll revealed the following:

- 2 sections (plus ACC national) currently issue their newsletters using paper only
- 5 sections currently issue their newsletter using only electronic-based means
- the remaining 11 sections offer the option to their members to access their section newsletter using electronic-based means or receiving a paper copy in the mail.

P. Muir mentioned the excellent work done by the Ottawa and Outaouais sections in preparing and presenting to the National Capital Commission their position on access to climbing areas inside Gatineau Park.

G. Smythe mentioned the ACC stickers P. Rothemerel of the Vancouver Island Section had developed, and suggested ACC national might want to investigate the idea for its merchandizing program.

**ACTION: ACC National**

Discussion took place regarding section bylaws. A show of hands indicated 4 sections have their own bylaws. B. Keith mentioned that section VI of the ACC's club bylaws provides for certain requirements the sections must meet. However, it was agreed that sections need more guidance than the contents of section VI provide. P. Muir stated he would send to all section reps a sample set of bylaws they could consider, but reminded sections that each province might have certain special requirements that would have to be adhered to by sections wishing to put bylaws in place.

**ACTION: P. Muir**

L. Martel reported that the concept of a National Mountain Centre in Canmore was progressing, with the federal and provincial governments contributing funds to facilitate the completion of a feasibility study on the concept.

## 5 Executive Committee Reports

It was agreed that members of the Executive Committee would hold off giving their reports until the AGM later in the day. However, the floor was opened to any questions Board members had regarding the reports. The ensuing discussion led to the following points being made:

Upcoming Board Meetings (P. Muir): section reps should ensure they forward possible Board meeting agenda items to P. Muir well in advance of the Board meeting in question.

**ACTION: Section Reps**

Sponsorships and Grant Applications (P. Muir): In order coordinate our efforts and maintain a professional and well planned public image, Sections should send to B. Keith information on any sponsorships and grants for which they are considering making an application, but only in situations where such information could be useful for ACC national's coordination of the grants being applied for by other ACC groups/sections.

**ACTION: Section Reps**

Fay Hut (B. Hardardt): reconstruction planning is continuing, with the goal being to complete the project in 2005. The project is still \$15,000 short of the estimated \$240,000

required for completion.

Pat Boswell (Toronto Section) Cabin (B. Keith): Donations and pledges received to date total \$83,000, so an estimated \$67,000 is still required. The upcoming fundraising campaign will feature this project. P. Geddes of the Toronto Section presented a cheque to B. Hardardt for 50% of the \$5000 pledged to the project by the section.

Facilities (B. Hardardt): the portfolio is seriously looking at the possibility of using an LED lighting approach in some huts.

## 6 Committee Updates

### 6A Awards

P. Geddes mentioned that 21 awards, some of which would be presented at the AGM later in the day, were approved earlier this year. He also stated that awards granted in any year would be referred to as awards for the year in which they were granted e.g. the awards granted in 2006 would be referred to as the “2006 awards”.

### 6B ACC Centennial

D. Toole gave a review of each project being undertaken as part of the Club’s centennial celebrations. He also circulated a display “story board” as a sample of what is planned for that project. Finally, he also circulated a mock-up of the planned “Centennial Report to Members” and indicated the Report will be distributed to all members in early March, 2006.

### 6C Fundraising

G. Currie reported that the 2004 Annual Report was not quite ready because the donors list to be included in the Report needed vetting. However, once that is complete, the report will be issued and made available on the ACC website.

### 6D Notice of Bylaw Amendment

As required by ACC bylaws, P. Muir served notice that he would be bringing forward a motion at the next meeting to amend the Club’s Bylaws as follows:

WHEREAS it is a requirement of various government authorities that the Alpine Club of Canada (the “Club”) Bylaws (the “Bylaws”) provide for a regime of distributing the assets of the Alpine Club in the unlikely event that it should be dissolved.

AND WHEREAS there maybe advantages to the club in so amending the Bylaws to meet the requirements of those authorities:

NOW THEREFORE the Bylaws are amended to **renumber the existing Section XIII “Interpretation” as Section XIV “Interpretation”**.

AND FURTHER add the following to the Bylaws as **Section XIII “Dissolution”**:

**In the event of the dissolution of the Club, all its remaining assets after payment of its liabilities shall be:**

- a) **disbursed to one or more eligible charitable, religious groups or purposes, or registered athletic organizations with objects and goals similar to those of the Club; or**

- b) **transferred in trust to a municipality until such time as the assets can be transferred from the municipality to one or more eligible charitable, religious groups or purposes, or registered athletic organizations with objects and goals similar to those of the Club approved by the board of the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission**

Explanatory Notes (not for inclusion in Bylaw amendment):

1. The foregoing addition to the Club's Bylaws is required by some government agencies in Alberta and other provinces to qualify the club for participation in certain fund raising activities. In particular, Alberta Lotteries requires this type of statement before the Club can participate in casino fundraising in order to generate funds for the Club.
2. Section 34(1) of the Societies Act of Alberta, provide that a society (including a Club like the Alpine Club of Canada), may, by special resolution, surrender it's Certificate of Incorporation and be dissolved. Upon surrendering its Certificate of Registration the Club would be dissolved and the Club's assets and liabilities distributed in accordance with this amendment to the By-Law.
3. A special resolution under Section 1(d) of the Societies Act means a special resolution passed at a special meeting of which not less than 21 days notice specifying the resolution to be discussed has been given and by the vote of not less than 75% of those members who [if entitled to do so vote in person or in proxy] vote in favour of the resolution. There are two other methods to review a resolution to dissolve but they are not appropriate to the way the Club operates.

## **7 Decision Items**

### **7A Competition Climbing Section**

Following an introduction by D. Zemrau, D. Dornian spoke to the written application submitted by Competition Climbing to become an ACC section. He described the history of competition climbing internationally and in Canada, the evolution of a competition climbing volunteer infrastructure in Canada, the international competitive success of younger Canadian competition climbers over the past 2 years, and how the ACC has and does handle competition climbing memberships (both on their own and in conjunction with other ACC section memberships).

Questions were raised by Board members regarding the potential new section's membership, relationship to existing geographically-based sections, leadership, activities, waiver signing, fees, finances and priorities for sport development. B. Keith pointed out that section status for Competition Climbing would not alter in any way the approach the Club has been taking for some time regarding fees and membership. Rather, the main impact of giving Competition Climbing section status would be to give the sport a seat on the Board of Directors so that it could participate directly in the governance of the Club.

**Motion** by D. Zemrau, seconded by C. Roe that the Competition Climbing application to become a section of the ACC be accepted.

**CARRIED** (Unanimous)

D. Toole welcomed D. Dornian and Competition Climbing into the ACC.

#### **7B Honorary President – Extension of Term**

Peter Muir explained that P. Fuhrmann's term is scheduled to expire at the AGM later today, but that it was felt appropriate to extend his term until the fall '05 Board meeting.

**Motion** by P. Muir, seconded by C. Roe to extend the term of the current Honorary President of the Alpine Club of Canada.

WHEREAS the term of the current Honorary President is to end at the close of the Club's 2005 Annual General Meeting on May 14, 2005;

AND WHEREAS it is in the interest of the ACC that the term of the current Honorary President be extended until the meeting of its Board of Directors in Autumn, 2005 to ensure a smooth transition of the honorary presidency between the current incumbent and his successor;

NOW it is hereby resolved that the term of the current Honorary President, Mr. Peter Fuhrman, is extended until the close of the meeting of the ACC's Board of Directors in Autumn, 2005

**CARRIED**

#### **7c Honorary Membership and A. O. Wheeler Award Policy (D. Toole)**

D. Toole indicated that there has been increasing confusion in the past few years regarding:

1. the purpose of the Club's A. O. Wheeler Award and Honorary Membership in the Club;
2. the process that should be used to nominate those proposed for each, and for the approval of those nominations; and
3. the "benefits" or recognition that should be given to Honorary Members and to A.O. Wheeler Award winners.

D. Toole then spoke to the information provided to Board members in advance of the meeting. As per the attachment to these minutes, one of the key distinctions is that Honorary Membership is the highest recognition the Club offers for contributions to Canadian mountaineering whereas the A.O. Wheeler Award is the highest award the Club offers for service to the Club. However, both will include the benefit of a life membership.

**Motion** by P. Muir, seconded by G. Smythe that the changes proposed for Honorary Membership and the A.O. Wheeler Award be adopted as presented (see attached).

**CARRIED**

#### **7D Canadian Alpine Centre**

G. Currie spoke to the need for the ACC Board to formally approve a motion that the ACC, as co-owner of the Canadian Alpine Centre (CAC), recognizes that the portion of the CAC formerly owned by HI-Canada-Southern Alberta Region has been transferred and is now owned by HI-Canada-Pacific Mountain Region.

**Motion** by G. Currie, seconded by C. Roe that the ACC Board recognizes the attached resolution of the Directors of 477604 Alberta Inc.

**CARRIED**

#### **7E ACC Leader Award**

P. Geddes stated that the Awards Committee is recommending that the ACC award currently referred to as the "ACC Leader Award" be re-named the "Eric Brooks Leader Award" in honour of E. Brooks' many contributions to the Club (see attached).

**Motion** by R. Plasman, seconded by C. Roe that the ACC Leader Award be re-named the "Eric Brooks Leader Award".

**CARRIED**

#### **7F Approval of 2004 Audited Financial Statements**

**Motion** by G. Currie, seconded by D. McCormick that the Club's Financial Year 2004 Audited Financial Statements, as prepared by Czechowsky and Graham, Chartered Accountants be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

#### **7G Section Fees**

P. Gravel indicated that the Outaouais Section would like to lower their fees as soon as possible, but the ACC Board has a policy saying that, for administrative efficiency reasons at National Office, sections can only do so once per year effective January 1.

**Motion** by P. Gravel, seconded by D. Zemrau that the Outaouais Section be permitted to alter its section fees effective July 1, 2005, and that all other sections will defer a possible desire to revise their fees until January 1, 2006 at the earliest.

**CARRIED**

B. Keith stated that any section wishing to revise its fees on January 1, 2006, should advise the National Office no later than the end of October, 2005.

**ACTION: Sections Reps**

### **8 Other Reports/Discussion Items**

#### **8A External Relations Report**

D. Toole spoke briefly to M. Mortimer's External Relations Report. For example, the report expressed cautious optimism that the UIAA was dealing with its major operational and management issues.

#### **8B National Office Report (B. Keith)**

B. Keith spoke to his report. He also distributed copies of the current National Office organization chart, and commented on the challenges the Office is having in meeting its service objectives, given the recent higher-than-normal staff turnover. However, he believes the staff is pulling together to make that happen.

### **8c Membership Stats/Trends (P. Muir)**

P. Muir spoke to the membership trend charts distributed prior to the meeting. He pointed out that there had been a slight dip in membership numbers nationally over the past 12 months, but such dips should not be seen as problematic. He also mentioned that the outdoor industry generally has been experiencing similar declines of late, so the trends in ACC numbers is not unique, He expressed confidence that the membership numbers would return to normal over time, and mentioned it was initiatives like the new Competition Climbing Section that would help in this regard.

### **8D Executive Committee 2005-07**

D. Toole spoke to the Nominating Committee report (see attached) to ensure Board members were aware of the corresponding announcement that would be made at the Annual General Meeting later in the day.

### **8E Liability Insurance/Waivers Update (P. Muir)**

With regard to the ACC waiver, P. Muir stated that a few non-substantive changes had recently been made and that the current version was available on the website. He also said that more changes might be required e.g. the law in Quebec forbids waivers being referred to as “waivers”.

#### **ACTION: P. Muir**

With regard to liability insurance, P. Muir stated that he was not hopeful the Tourism Association of Canada (TIAC) initiative would be of any benefit to the Club. D. Toole reported that discussions with Allsport were not proceeding as he had hoped, but that there was another BC-based possibility he was pursuing. P. Muir indicated that liability insurance rates appear to be leveling off, so hopefully the cost of the Club’s coverage for 2006 would not rise substantially over what we are paying for 2005. P. Muir and D. Toole stated their efforts to find a more cost-effective insurance provider for the Club would continue.

#### **ACTION: P. Muir/D. Toole**

### **8F Mountain Guides Ball**

D. Toole reported for M. Mortimer that the 2005 Mountain Guides Ball would take place in Banff on October 29, 2005.

### **8G Corporate Sponsorship**

B. Keith provided an update of our current corporate sponsorships and of the discussions that have taken place with Mountain Equipment Co-op (MEC) regarding a possible 3-year “national partnership” agreement. He indicated that agreement would specifically not prevent continued support of local MEC stores for local ACC events, etc. Finally, he mentioned he would be going to the Outdoor Retail Show in Salt Lake in August to attract more sponsors, especially in support of the Club’s centennial.

#### **ACTION: B. Keith**

## 8H Information Technology

D. Toole confirmed that R. Plasman had declined the volunteer position of Director, Information Technology for the ACC.

D. Toole was asked to take on the role of Director, Information Technology and accepted the position.

D. Toole also mentioned that the work on the new ACC membership/sales systems is virtually complete, and work has started on the on-line facilities booking module. There is no change at this time to the expectation that this will be in place by the end of October 2005 at the latest.

Other recent information technology news reported by D. Toole included the plan to move the National website and National Office email system in-house in order to lay the groundwork for the on-line booking system and other future enhancements.

## 8I Next Meetings

P. Muir reported that the schedule for upcoming meetings is as follows:

September 11/05 – Fall Executive Committee meeting, Canmore

October 29-30/05 – Fall Board meeting, Canmore

March 24/06 – Centennial Spring Executive Committee meeting, Winnipeg  
(date and location to be confirmed)

March 25-26/06 – Centennial Spring Board meeting, Winnipeg

July/06 – Centennial AGM, Rogers Pass (date and location to be confirmed)

## 8J Other Business

A question was raised regarding the efficacy of Board members continuing to use an Air Canada convention number when booking flights to come to the meetings. B. Keith stated the National Office would look into the matter.

### **ACTION: B. Keith**

B. Hardardt reported that he had accompanied a National Geographic team across the Wapta Traverse in connection with a TV program they intended to produce.

## 9 Adjournment

**Motion** by P. Muir, seconded by C. Roe that the meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.

**Carried.**

## **Proposal for Honorary Membership and A.O. Wheeler Award**

*April 29, 2006*

### **Background**

There have been several proposals on the table for Honorary Memberships (HM) the ACC should award, some of which have been suggested very casually. Nothing has happened to them because we seem to lack clear selection criteria (particularly as to whether candidates deserving of a high award from the Club should be nominated for an HM or for an A.O. Wheeler Award). As well, we lack an agreed-on process for handling HM and A.O. Wheeler (AOW) nominations.

Concern has also been expressed because there is no clear expression of the benefits to be received by HM and AOW award recipients.

A committee was formed to look into these issues and this document is their report.

### **Discussion**

#### **A. Selection Criteria**

It seems from reading the selection criteria in the 2000 Member's Handbook for the HM and AOW awards that the difference between the two is that the AOW award is focused on service to the Club, and the HM award is focused on contribution as it pertains to Canadian mountaineering. The Committee agreed with this approach but agreed the distinction should be made much clearer than has been the case.

#### **Recommendations:**

That the wording of the descriptions of these recognitions be changed to clarify this intent principally by adding a sentence at the end of each description. See the following revisions with changes indicated in italics.

**B. Process**

As to process it is recommended that:

- a. all nominations for the HM and AOW awards state the reasons the sponsor believes that the proposed recipient is a suitable candidate;
- b. such nominations be submitted in writing to the Chair of the Awards Committee who shall review them with the two immediate past Presidents of the Club;
- c. these three people will together make a recommendation to the Board (via the Chair of the Awards Committee) regarding their acceptance; and
- d. a Board vote of at least 3/4 of voting members will be needed to approve each award.

**C. Benefits**

It is recommended that HM and AOW award recipients receive:

- a. a plaque or similar display item;
- b. an appropriate lapel pin; and
- c. a life membership in the Club.

Respectfully submitted

David Toole  
On behalf of the Committee  
David Toole, Mike Mortimer, Paul Geddes

Current description from the Members Handbook 2000

## Honorary Membership

### "An Honour for Contributions in Canadian Mountaineering"

Nominees for Honorary Membership will be individuals with a strong and sustained commitment to the mountain environment and Canadian mountaineering. They will have contributed to the advancement of Canadian Mountaineering through exceptional activities in the Canadian mountain environment, the promotion of mountain activities in Canada or the advancement of the goals and ideals of the ACC.

This award is given for extraordinary activities in Canadian mountaineering under the above guidelines. The names of prospective recipients will be presented to the Board of Directors by the Awards Committee. A unanimous vote by the Board is required to bestow this award.

### Proposed changes

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*This recognition is bestowed for extraordinary activities in Canadian Mountaineering under the above guidelines. The names of prospective recipients will be presented to a special committee consisting of the Chair of the Awards Committee and the two immediate past Presidents of the Club. The recommendations of this committee will be presented to the Board of Directors. A favourable vote by at least ¾ of the Board is required.*

*The Honorary Membership is the highest recognition the ACC offers for contributions to Canadian Mountaineering and includes a life membership in The Alpine Club of Canada.*

Current description from the Members Handbook 2000

A.O. Wheeler Legacy Award

"For Outstanding and Varied Contributions  
to The Alpine Club of Canada over Many Years."

Nominees for membership in The A.O. Wheeler Award are members who made a long term commitment to the goals and objectives of the ACC, and who served and participated at the National level of the Club through service to multiple committees, projects or activities over a period of at least seven years.

Successful nominees may be either volunteers or employees, whose work resulted in substantive, meaningful and long-lasting improvements in the Club and its operations, and who already hold the Distinguished Service Award.

The A.O. Wheeler Award is given by the Board of Directors of the ACC, upon the recommendation of the Awards Committee, requiring at least a three-quarters majority vote of the Board. The award includes membership in the A.O. Wheeler Legacy Circle.

Proposed changes

A.O. Wheeler Legacy Award

"For Outstanding and Varied Contributions  
to The Alpine Club of Canada over Many Years."

Nominees for *the honorary* A.O. Wheeler Award are members who *have* made a long term commitment to the goals and objectives of the ACC, and who served and participated at the National Level of the Club through service to multiple committees, projects or activities over a period of at least seven years.

Successful nominees may be either volunteers or employees, whose work resulted in substantive, meaningful and long-lasting improvements in the Club and its operations, and who already hold the Distinguished Service Award.

The A.O. Wheeler Award is given by the Board of Directors of the ACC upon the recommendation of *a special committee consisting of the Chair of the Awards Committee and the two immediate past Presidents of the Club. A favourable vote by at least ¾ of the Board is required.*

*This honorary award is the highest award the ACC offers for service to the Club and includes a life membership in The Alpine Club of Canada.*

April 29, 2005

To: ACC Board of Directors

Proposal to change the name of the ACC Leader Award to the

**Eric Brooks Leader Award**

"A mountaineering and ski mountaineering award for a strong commitment to learning and applying technical and leader skills."

It is the Club's intention to have a name attached to the ACC Leader Award which was instituted in 2001. You will recall that at the Guides Ball in 2004 the ACC Service Award was renamed the Don Forest Service Award. There has been some discussion that the ACC Leader Award be named in honour of the late Eric Brooks.

I believe that this is a positive development for the following reasons. 1) Eric is a well respected Canadian mountaineer. 2) Eric contributed greatly to the ACC and Canadian mountaineering. 3) Having Eric's name attached to this award will raise the profile of this award 4) This award is given out annually to encourage leaders to continue to develop their skill level and to competently lead Club or Section activities.

Eric Brooks was born in England in 1902. He joined the ACC in 1929 and was a member until his death in May 2001. In 1937 Eric received the ACC Silver Rope for Leadership Award. Eric was the Club's President from 1941 to 1947 and Honorary President from 1954 to 1964. He was a member of the AAC since 1943. In 1957 he was made an Honorary Member of the Alpine Club (London) and received an Honorary Membership in the ACC in 1969. In 1995 Eric was awarded the A.O. Wheeler Legacy Award. For many years Eric was the camp manager at the Club's General Mountaineering Camp.

This is a formal proposal to rename the ACC Leader Award in honour of Eric Brooks. The Board of Directors of the ACC will be asked to vote on this proposal at the board meeting on May 14, 2005. Upon a favourable majority vote by the board;

The, *ACC Leader Award* would be renamed the, ***ERIC BROOKS LEADER AWARD***.

The criteria for bestowing this award would remain the same as established for the ACC Leader Award.

The change would come into effect for 2004 nominations for this category of award. The first awards would be presented in May 2005.

Sincerely,

Paul Geddes  
Chair, Awards Committee



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## **REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE REGARDING THE ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS**

In accordance with Club bylaws, a committee was formed in 2004 to nominate a slate of Executive Committee members for the 2-year period from May 2005 to May 2007. The Nominating Committee, consisting of myself, Carl Hannigan and Paul Geddes, proposed the following slate:

Cam Roe	President
Gord Currie	Treasurer
Peter Muir	Secretary
Roger Laurilla	Vice President Activities
Isabelle Daigneault	Vice President, Access and Environment
Carl Hannigan	Vice President, Facilities
Bob Sandford	Vice President, Mountain Culture
David Zemrau	Vice President, Services

This slate was published in the February '05 Gazette. No additional nominations were received.

As a result, the ACC Secretary will announce at the 2005 Annual General Meeting that the above slate has been declared elected by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Nominating Committee,

*original signed by*

Mike Mortimer  
Nominating Committee Chair

May, 2005

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**To: THE ALPINE CLUB OF CANADA and HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF CANADA  
AS REPRESENTED BY PARKS CANADA**

PARTICIPANT(S) NAME(S): All Persons Signing This Form as Participants

ACTIVITY: All activities sponsored by or organized by or through The Alpine Club of Canada, including but not limited to:

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(Please print name of camp or activity)

I desire to participate in the above activities sponsored or organized by The Alpine Club of Canada. I understand that in order for The Alpine Club of Canada to accept my application to participate in the above activities, I must agree to be bound by this Release, Waiver and Assumption of Risk.

In consideration of The Alpine Club of Canada accepting my application, and my being permitted to participate in the above activities, I must agree to this Release, Waiver and Assumption of Risk.

**I waive any and all claims I may now and in the future have against, and release from all liability and agree not to sue The Alpine Club of Canada, Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada as represented by Parks Canada and their officers, employees, mountain guides, instructors, leaders (volunteer or other), agents or representatives (collectively the "Released Parties") for any personal injury, death and property damages, expenses or loss sustained by me as a result of my participation in the above activities due to any cause whatsoever, including, without limitation, negligence, breach of statutory duty including duties arising from occupier's liability legislation, on the part of the Released Parties.**

I am aware that there are serious dangers and risks inherent in travel to and in mountains and other remote places (mountaineering, hiking, mountain camping, skiing, sport climbing and mountain flying), including but not limited to the following:

1. **MOUNTAIN TERRAIN** - The mountainous areas used for activities sponsored or organized by The Alpine Club of Canada have steep slopes that in their natural state have many dangerous obstacles and hazards that may be hidden or covered by snow in winter, or grass and foliage in summer. Some of these obstacles and hazards include loose rocks, glacier crevasses, ice and snow cornices, tree walls, tree stumps, creeks, rocks and boulders, forest deadfalls, holes and depressions below the snow or ground surface, volcanic activity, water quality, and varying and difficult conditions. These mountainous areas also have dangerous man-made obstacles and hazards which may include logging and other roads, steep road banks and washouts, fences and other structures. The mountainous areas used for activities sponsored by The Alpine Club of Canada may not have been climbed, traveled or skied previously, and are not regularly patrolled or examined. Because of forested areas, wild rugged terrain or bad weather, participants may become lost or separated from their guides or companions. Communication in this mountain terrain is always difficult and, in the event of an accident, rescue and medical treatment may not be available.
2. **AVALANCHES AND ROCKFALL** - Avalanches can frequently occur in mountain terrain. Avalanches may be caused by natural forces including steepness of slopes, snow depth, instability of the snow-pack or changing weather conditions. Losses can occur from the actions of participants, helicopters or the failure, for any reason, of the Released Parties to predict whether the terrain is safe for travel or skiing or where an avalanche may or may not occur. Participants can be overcome by rockfall at any time, without warning.
3. **MOUNTAIN FLYING** - Additional risks are posed by airplane and helicopter travel in mountainous areas and in varying weather conditions.

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- 4. WEATHER - Weather conditions may be extreme and can change rapidly without warning.
- 5. THE RELEASED PARTIES AND OTHER PARTICIPANTS - The conduct, including negligence, of the Released Parties, the guides, and other staff of The Alpine Club of Canada and or other participants.
- 6. CLIMBING ON NATURAL OR ARTIFICIAL WALLS - Activities may include the use of natural or artificial structures to allow climbing, some hazards of which include protection or hardware failure, rope failure or structural failure of the natural or artificial surface.
- 7. EQUIPMENT FAILURE - Equipment used as an aid or safety measure while climbing or skiing (including hardware or ropes) may fail or break.

I accept all the inherent risks of the above activities and the possibility of personal injury, death, property damage or loss resulting there from.

I agree that I will be fully responsible for all costs and expenses which may be incurred in providing any special services to myself, outside of regular services agreed to or provided by the Released Parties in connection with the activities, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, I agree to be responsible for and to pay for all and any costs of rescues, special travel, medical attention or other special outlay for myself personally, and to reimburse the Released Parties and its staff for all costs of these services as may be incurred by them for my benefit or at my request.

I acknowledge that the enjoyment and excitement of this activity is derived in part from travel to and in climbing environments, mountains and other remote places, mountaineering, rock climbing, ice climbing, camping, skiing, sport climbing and mountain flying, and that the inherent risks of these activities contribute to such enjoyment and excitement.

In entering into this agreement, I am not relying on any oral, written or visual representations or statements made by the Released Parties, including those in the camp prospectus or other brochures, to induce me to participate in the above activity.

I confirm that I am the full age of majority or, in the alternative, I have indicated that I am the guardian of the minor participant named, and that I have read and understand this agreement prior to signing it and agree that this agreement will be binding upon me (as participants or guardians), my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators and successors.

SIGNED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_.

Participant's Signature	Participant's Printed Name	In the Presence of: Witness Signature	Witness' Printed Name
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____	_____
<b>Guardian's Signature: (if Participant is a Minor)</b>	<b>Guardian's Printed Name:</b>	<b>In the Presence of: Witness Signature</b>	<b>Witness' Printed Name:</b>
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