

**Prince George Backcountry Recreation Society
Annual General Meeting – December 08, 2025
Agenda**

PGBRS AGM Minutes Dec. 8, 2025, 7PM

In Attendance:

<u>Directors</u>	<u>Club representatives</u>	<u>Members of the public</u>
President – Alex Bevington	Caledonia Nordic: Kevin Charleston	Mark Vejvoda
Vice President – Les Szerencsi Penny Community Historical Association: Les Szerencsi Association of Caledonia Trailbuilders: Les Szerencsi		Gerald Weich
Treasurer – Dave King	Caledonia Ramblers: Dave King	Nicole Wibe
Secretary – Deanna Danskin	Alpine Club of Canada - Prince George Section: Ken Cox	Jaqueline Van Horne
Director at Large - Duncan McColl Northwest Brigade Paddling Club: Duncan McColl		Carol-Ann Bourdon
Director at Large - Joel McClay	Prince George Naturalists: Bonnie Hooge	Gillian Recknell
Director at Large - Hardy Greisbauer	UNBC Outdoors Club: Curtis	Dan Domes
Director at Large (Events) - Tim Antill	Prince George Cycling Club: Jacob Mullen	Nick Finch
	Back Country Horsemen of BC – Omineca Chapter: Sylvia Foot	Mike Kuemmede
	Great Divide Trail Association: Doug Borthwick	Wade Kruger
	Prince George Search and Rescue: Adam Hawkins	Doug Thompson
		Evan Dux

Regrets (not in attendance)

Directors:

1. Director at large – Heather MacRae
2. Director at large – Kimberly Kenyon

Club representatives:

1. Fraser Headwater Alliance: Simon Zukowski
2. Ozalenka Alpine Club: Jeff Corbett

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1. Housekeeping
 - Thanks to OverHang for the space!
 - Land acknowledgement; Meeting where we work, live and play, On the traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh
2. Approve minutes from last meeting ([2024 AGM - available here](#))
 - Deanna Danskin Motions, Duncan McColl seconds; approved.
3. New agenda items, approval of agenda
 - No additional items, agenda

4. Member club updates

Member Group Reports:

1. Caledonia Ramblers: Dave King

- Good year; more younger members this year. Club very active maintaining trails, >60 trail maintenance trips. Around 170 members (inc family memberships). Still selling the guidebook

2. Caledonia Nordic: Kevin Charleston

- ~1650 members, down from last year. Additional signage for day pass purchase (qr code). The paved trail opened in the spring, teams travelled from BC and Alberta to use it – very good quality. Hosted several dry-land camps in the summer, successful kids bike camps. New dog-trails in-process for next year. New groomer. Sadly the Olympic trials had to move due to low snow. Tek Cup and Western Championship in the new year. Hickory Wing West is on private land, so currently closed this year.

3. Alpine Club of Canada - Prince George Section: Ken Cox

- Huts (new one going up in Robson Pass). PG section has ~ 60 members, focusing on local outings, members building up post-covid. Several ice climbing and backcountry ski trips, backcountry skills night. Rock-rescue practice in the spring, local climbing, club trip to Marble canyon; week-long trip to David Thompspn area; October trip to Purgatory Climbing Crag. 5 members attended 'independent' part of camp. Plan for bearpaw traverse this winter – looking for alpine trip leaders. Finances OK

4. Prince George Naturalists: Bonnie Hooge

- About 80 members. Usually have 1-2 monthly events. January Swan and Eagle count, spring = seedy Saturday, often bird-watching focus. Partnered with PG Library to bring in speaker on reptiles and amphibians. Worked with Spruce City in Salmon send-off. Work parties at Hudson Bay Wetland. Collaborated with Native Bee society to bring weekend bee course to PG, Worked with NW invasive plant council. Worked with Wildlife Society of Canada on developing key biodiversity areas. Annual trip in Nov to view Kennedy siding Caribou

5. Fraser Headwater Alliance: Simon Zukowski (not present)

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6. UNBC Outdoors Club: Curtis

- By students, for students; weekly events (bike/ski/climbing); Raven Lake, Ozalenka, plus weekly hiking trips. Maintain gear locker for students to access gear for free. About 200 members. Funding through grants and some fundraiser

7. Northwest Brigade Paddling Club: Duncan McColl

- Club in stasis, still slow post-covid. Formal membership relies greatly on the pool sessions which have been challenging to re-start post covid, plus 1 pool available. Maintaining status, still selling guidebooks – more informal trips happening. Challenges with insurance for trip-leaders

8. Penny Community Historical Association: Les Szerencsi

- -In maintenance mode – not a lot of current interest from the community at the time. Some residents will be putting up private property signs

9. Ozalenka Alpine Club: Jeff Corbett (not present)

10. Prince George Cycling Club: Jacob Mullen

- Wrapping up a few multi-year projects; 2 climbing trails and a new blue flow trail, couple other small projects. About 325 members, club maintains ~ 45 kms of trails at Pidherny with a lot of volunteers. Club was recognized for its access and management plan by the City of PG – how the city will take on things like parking in the future. 2026 is less focused on new trails, will build new parking lot. Planning to hire 2 full time people next year

11. Association of Caledonia Trailbuilders: Les Szerencsi

- Busy year, 7km new trail including black jump trail, some new greens and blues. Built a 2 ish km adaptive trail (best in Northern BC), and adaptive jump trail. 300m family-friendly practice loop – to help folks get comfortable on adaptive bikes, kids on run bikes. There is a machine available for mobility-limited people to use. 2026 plans – upgrade Troll lake trail, need for more brushing, will build a 'grunt' climb, with bypasses. Membership is 160ish.

12. Back Country Horsemen of BC – Omineca Chapter: Sylvia Foot

- Membership of ~30, often will double for events. 800-1000 members provincially, move around to where the trails are. Bell Mountain (McBride) got some new funded projects for horse riding and skiing; integrated different user groups. Club trips to Silver King. Lots of ongoing trail maintenance. Low key year, did get ORCBC money to maintain lower hickory and other trails. Very sensitive on their footprint, especially on Greenway. Goal to integrate more with other clubs, have lots of power to help with trail maintenance. New projects – coburn trail, (Red rock) working with regional district. Developing signage 'go slow say hello'

13. Great Divide Trail Association: Doug Borthwick

- ~ 600 members. Estimate close to 100 hikers made it to Kakwa (many section hikers); trail is in good shape, several crews came. Looking for help on trail maintenance.

14. Prince George Search and Rescue: Adam Hawkins

- ~80 people involved. Had ~ 30 call-outs this year; many different disciplines (swiftwater, avalanche, ice, etc). Lots of time spent in training and meetings. Key messages – all

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volunteers, and SAR is free – you won't get charged. Future plans – starting to outgrow SAR hall up in the Hart, looking for a new space. Working with PGBRS on signage (awareness/how to call etc).

5. Directors - Annual Reports

- Directors at large
 - Events (Tim Antill - [report available here](#))
 - Cabin fever was successful, Banff film fest was really good. For 2026 do a couple films, potentially combine VIMFF with local films
- Executive
 - Past President
 - Treasurer (Dave King - [report available here](#))
 - Vice President
 - Secretary (Deanna Danskin - [summary of cabin survey available here](#))
 - President (Alex Bevington - [presentation available here](#))
 - Longworth lookout project is complete! Came in under budget by ~ \$3000. Cabin now has section 56 authorization, we can now charge cost to be developed with RSTBC. Avalanche mapping done, AvCanada website soon. Enough firewood for the winter – resupply didn't happen this year.
 - Grizzly also complete. Came over budget by ~\$40,000. 26 loads of garbage came out. Needs a bit of tinkering on door gaps etc
 - Red – will be plowed (YRB to Penny, Carrier plowing Fraser Flats); some conversations to happen with new landowner of the “unauthorized” road into Penny. Lots of issues with the cabin (porch detaching, helipad cracked etc)
 - Farm – good crew took care of farm and cleaned it up; both trails need work (winter and summer). We should plan to update foundation and add solar
 - Raven – in good shape; potentially add lockers, window updates? New outhouse
 - 8Mile – worth renovating
 - Tacheeda – holding up well
 - Troll Lake – updates to roof, footings, stove, bullet-proof windows
 - Website – is OK but would be improved.
 - Booking system is generally working – will sometimes crash on very busy time. Suggest rolling opening dates (4 months), or invest in a more professional system
 - Merch – potentially update the logo
 - working on ideas around restructuring
 - what to expect in 2026 – need to update strategic plan, last one was 2021-2026. Need a sustainable model to deliver/sustain

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- Cabin stewards - good model worked well at the Farm - potential for improvement at other cabins
- Financial Details - **\$54,863.05** balance as of Dec 8/2025

6. Elections

Position	New board
Vice President	Nicole Wiebe
Treasurer	Dave King
Secretary	Deanna Danskin
Past President	Alex Bevington
Director at Large	Duncan McColl
Director at Large	Joel McLay
Director at Large	Hardy Griesbauer
Director at Large	Kimberly Kenyon
Director at Large	Tim Antill
Director at Large	Ray Phillipow
Director at Large	Carol-Ann Bourdon
Director at Large	Gillian Recknell
Director at Large	Doug Thompson
General Volunteers	
Volunteer	Evan Dux
Volunteer	Wade Kreuger
Volunteer	Jacqueline Van Horne
Volunteer	Nick Finch
Volunteer	Hunter Gleason

7. Annual Reports

- BC Parks, RSTBC, BC Societies

8. Motions (deferred)

- Increase Cabin Fees (in collaboration with our partners) in 2026
- Paid contract for administrative support

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Meeting Adjourned 21:05

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