



## Guide Outfitters Association of British Columbia

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### GOABC Members Update – Message from the President

From: Dixie Hammett, President  
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Dear GOABC member,

I hope that this note finds each of you enjoying the spring weather (finally) and, for those of you still in the midst of spring bear hunts, having a successful season! This is just a brief update on the upcoming activities of GOABC and a report on what we have been up to!

Our board and office staff has been busy winding down from a fun and successful AGM and auction. If you didn't attend this year, please mark your calendar for next year's event to be held March 19-20. It is an opportunity for you to be a part of the important decision making process regarding the future of your industry. We held our annual Liberal MLA dinner and Rural Caucus breakfast during the week and had the opportunity to voice our views to important members of cabinet. These lines of communication are vital to our organization. As predicted, due to the slow economy, the fundraiser did bring in less gross revenue, but do to the convention committee's commitment to keep costs down; our net profit was up from last year. Thank you to all who attended and to the Convention Committee for a job well done!

As a result of discussions with ministry bureaucrats during the AGM and information included in our Economic Viability paper, government is holding a joint ministries workshop to make efforts to streamline the process by which we obtain our endless permits, licenses, tenures, etc., and to clarify the impacts of the upcoming changes to the Wildlife Act. You received information regarding this in the last Members Update. If you have concerns or ideas regarding this, please contact me or Scott Ellis.

Our next issue of Mountain Hunter Magazine has gone to press and you should be receiving your copy in the very near future. I have had the opportunity to preview this issue and it is a publication that you will be proud of!

Your GOABC Board continues to hold monthly teleconference meetings and the executive committee meets with Scott Ellis weekly. If you have concerns that you wish to bring to the board's attention, please don't hesitate to communicate them with either your local president, one of our board members, or a member of the executive committee.

On a final note, our summer board meeting is being held June 23-25 at our new office in Surrey. Our session on Tuesday, June 23 is in-camera but any GOABC member is invited to attend the regular board meetings Wednesday and Thursday, June 24-25. If you need further information on this, please contact me.

I look forward to the coming year and hope to get the opportunity to talk with many of you. Thanks for your continued support of our association.

Have a great summer!

Dixie Hammett, President

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