

# Cariboo Ski Touring Club

## MINUTES Dec. 9, 2008

**In Attendance:** Ron Watteyne, Peter van Leusden, Marie Skinner, Marilyn van Leusden, Jim Crellin, Brian Black, Don Cunningham, Greg Strebel  
Bonnie Chlebek

**Absent with Regrets:** Rita Rief, Andrew Roberts, Sunshine Borsato

**Adoption of Minutes:** M Greg 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter

**Adopt agenda:** M Peter 2<sup>nd</sup> Greg

**Treasurers Report:** M Brian 2<sup>nd</sup> Don

See attached report dated December 9, 2008

There is \$5100 in our general account right now.

Rita spoke to Chris Hyde at Integris Credit Union regarding a line of credit, The Credit Union requires some official documentation from our project funders that the money will indeed be paid to CSTC. A letter from them will suffice. CIBC is unable to finance CSTC in any way.

### Correspondence:

#### **Front Counter BC**

Our application and cheque for the Lease was returned to CSTC with the request to submit a new application when a decision regarding the tenure type and size of application area is determined.

**Canadian Birkebeiner:** Info received on this event.

**Cariboo Marathon:** Info received on this event.

### Committee Reports:

#### **Jackrabbit – Sunshine**

See report in binder.

Jackrabbit starts this Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008

The Coaching clinic that was supposed to start this Friday, Dec, 12<sup>th</sup> at the Lodge was canceled and will be postponed till next year. An impromptu clinic with coaches will be held next week.

Sunshine needs to get all the Jackrabbit registrants so hats can be sent from CCBC and delivered by Santa on Dec. 22 at the Monday night Jackrabbit lesson. Don please contact Sunshine regarding this.

A coach is needed to teach the Purple group.

Coaches meeting is Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at the Tower Inn Restaurant.

Greg is requested to send out an email reminding everyone that Jackrabbits starts Saturday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am to 12:00 noon.

## **Nordics / biathlon – Jim/Peter**

See report in binder.

Nordics have about 10 kids training. Not sure yet if all will stay with it.

We have acquired one additional Izmath 7-3 for the club and borrowed a couple of smaller rifles to round out our supply.

Training is going well, shooting is progressing faster than running for most.

BC Cup 1-2 at Callaghan was cancelled at the last minute due to lack of snow and has not yet been rescheduled. This may make our race BC Cup 1-2

Volunteers are needed for our BC Cup race on Jan 17-18. We will be contacting those who have helped before and anyone who would like to help but hasn't before is most welcome.

Range will be set up this weekend with 4 or 5 targets, weather permitting. The remaining 10 or 11 will be set up after Christmas. We will move to winter training schedule after this weekend. Sessions occur on Saturdays at 1pm and Tuesdays at 7pm.

## **Membership – Don**

260 active members have joined this year. 36 members are part of the skill development programs: Jackrabbit or Nordic.

Jim and/or Peter will remind Nordic athletes to complete membership forms.

Don will issue free memberships to Sparky (Rick Dupious), Huge & Mavis Goodman and Art Leer.

## **Equipment / lighted track – Brian**

Lights are on and active. Please check when out if they are all on.

Minor engine leak with the Pisten Bully.

The older Alpine Twin Track machine, "Rubber Ducky", has a leak.

## **Loppet – Marie**

Marie went to Williams Lake and met with their club to discuss the Goldrush Trail Loppet Series.

There are 3 classic events in the series this year: Hallis Lake Loppet in Quesnel on January 24<sup>th</sup>, Bull Mountain Challenge in Williams Lake on January 31<sup>st</sup> and Cariboo Marathon in 100 Mile House on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Goldrush Trail Contact is Ray Ostby (250) 395-3487

CSCT was requested to contribute \$ 400.00 to the Goldrush Series for prizes. This request was granted, Marie will send off the cheque.

Organization for the Hallis Lake Loppet has begun. Marie has sent out a letter to local businesses requesting prizes. Elaine will recruit the volunteers.

A discussion followed regarding the events being so close together and the possibility of moving our race next year to the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in January. No decision was made.

## **Backcountry – position available**

This position is still open. There is a possibility that Dan Kaleta is interested.

Received a message from Tom Turner at West Fraser Mills that there is only a 25% chance that they will be going down the 3100 Road at all, and if they do it will be late in the season. This will make access to Moncton difficult.

## **Social – Bonnie & Holly**

**Greg** is requested to send out a reminder about the Trim the Tree Social to be held this Friday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, at the Lodge.

Bonnie shared the plans regarding the Pancake Breakfast, to be held on Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10am. Gerd is not able to provide the barbecue. Ron suggested contacting Liz Neave, to see if the Rotary is able to lend one.

**Bonnie** will discuss with Holly & Elaine the event further and send an email to Greg to send to the membership. **Bonnie** will contact John Courtney at Rocky Peak Adventure Gear to arrange equipment for those interested in trying out skiing at the Pancake Breakfast. **Bonnie** and Holly will co-ordinate volunteers for lessons, touring, food preparation, equipment loans and selling of club memberships. Community advertising will be done by **Bonnie** explaining lessons and food are FREE.

## **10 Mile Lake Committee –Peter/Bert**

Mulching has been completed but not completely satisfactorily. Need to wait till the Spring to see how the logs settle.

After the mulching was completed, a severe wind storm caused 70 trees to fall down on the “Chlebek trail” and another 15 on the Bjornson loop. Parks is aware of this and hopes for a cold snap so that the logs can be hauled out of the “Chlebek trail” using a horse logger.

The Bjornson loop might be able to be cleared to allow skiing in the near future.

## **Lodge – Andrew Roberts**

No report.

## **Newsletter- Greg**

Greg has downloaded new memberships and is creating a group list for this season. He is sending emails to last years members as well.

**Greg** will send out a newsletter after receiving the minutes from today’s meeting.

**Marilyn** will forward Brian’s email regarding snow conditions and track setting efforts to Greg.

**Marilyn** will download new memberships and create a group list for this season as a backup for sending out emails.

## **Project - Brian**

NDIT and WED contracts are in place.

An announcement of the funding grants will appear next week (Dec 14th to 21st) in the Quesnel Observer.

WED announcement with Dick Harris will occur Dec 18<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon.

The work shed project is complete with the fascia up.

## **Old Business**

### **1 – Snowshoe trails**

A meeting was held Wednesday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> and six people attended.

A discussion followed about the location of the trails (pasture side of the road and areas off the ski trails.

Andrew Roberts and Blake Reynolds went out on Sunday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, to look around Hallis Lake area.

Snowshoe trails before being built would need to be flagged, GPS and send to Desi Cheverie at the Ministry of Tourism Culture Sports and the Arts.

Snowshoers will be requested to become members of CSTC and have a Director on the Executive.

Ron will contact Megan at CCBC regarding insurance costs for snowshoers.

### **2 – Brushing of trails**

CSTC received funding to brush the trails from Desi Cheverie under FIA. \$16 000 was paid by Desi to manually brush. Balbir Khila was the contractor. The South Loop is awesome. Greg did some added pruning.

Other projects that may be eligible under **FIA**, they will not do new infrastructure only replace existing or maintain existing, so if there are wet areas of trail that need work, a complete sign plan etc. We can make an application next Spring.

Consider addressing danger trees and our mechanized brushing needs for the application.

### **3 – Sunrise Rotary project**

Andrea Johnston sent an email to Ron on December 8<sup>th</sup> stating that everyone in the Sunshine Rotary liked CSTC proposal and the project will be recommend to the membership at their next business meeting, Wednesday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, for funding of \$10 000.

CSTC needs another \$6000 to meet our required portion (\$18 333 which is 16.67%) of the WED/NDIT Hallis Cross Country Ski Venue Improvement Project

### **4 – Logging at Hallis Lake**

This year's phase is completed with trap trees set.

The logging road might make a good ski trail.

## **5 – Report to Quesnel Foundation**

**Peter** will call Nancy Lillenweis and send in a final report with pictures. The final report needs to include financial records. **Brian** will assist with this.

## **6 – Lease**

**Ron** will discuss with Desi Cheverie our requirements for a LOC (License of Occupation). It was recommended we apply for a large LOC that will cover all the areas we are involved with and not apply for a Lease.

## **7 - President's position (nominating committee)**

**Marie** is chairing the committee and would like other members.

Ron has offered to become the Director of Publicity on next year's CSTC Executive.

## **8 - Avalanche course**

**Ron** has organized an Avalanche course sponsored by CSTC on January 9, 10 and 11<sup>th</sup>. Eight people have registered for the course already. Another instructor will be required if we have more registrants. **Ron** will do the advertising.

## **9 – Seven Summits race**

CCBC approved coverage for the Executive of CSTC under our insurance policy. This does not provide insurance for participants.

After discussion regarding safety and time restraints a motion was put forth by Peter and seconded by Brian that “CSTC not sanction the Seven Summits Winter Race.” Vote was 8 in favour and 1 opposed. Motion carried.

CSTC will hold the Avalanche Course and will advertise the event to our members.

**Brian** will meet with John Courtney and explain our motion.

## **10 – Signage**

Greg and Sunshine both assessed the trail signage and made suggestions.

CSTC will request funding from FIA this spring for a Signage package.

Repairs need to be done. **Marie** will check if Bob will work on the signage and if so contact Greg & Sunshine for their suggestions.

## **New Business**

### **1 – Pay CCBC**

**Don** will fill in the form from Megan at CCBC. **Don** will send the form and check to CCBC to pay for our memberships for this season that we have received to date.

### **2 – Hallis Lake Community Pasture Association meeting**

Ron and Brian attended the Hallis Lake Community Pasture Association meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008 to explain the WED/NDIT Hallis Cross Country Ski Venue Improvement Project. It was a very positive meeting.

It was requested that as part of the Biathlon Improvement section of the Project, we shorten the Biathlon penalty loop, put in a cattle gate from the Range to the new trail and lock it in the off season and we can leave the Biathlon hut in its location all year round.

CSTC can coordinate with the Pasture Association in the late summer the removal of fill from the edge of the berme to build up the shooting platform.

**Brian** will request a copy of the minutes from the meeting held Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

### **3 – Clean up at 10 Mile trails after blow down**

See notes above in Committee Reports: 10 Mile Lake Committee –Peter/Bert

### **4 – Project meeting**

A meeting to review the WED/NDIT Hallis Cross Country Ski Venue Improvement Project will be held Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at Begbies.

**Greg, Ron, Peter, Jim, Brian** and **Rita** are requested to attend.

### **5 – Trim the tree party**

See notes above in Committee Reports: Social – Bonnie & Holly

**Greg** will send out poster to membership advertising the event.

Lights are on at Hallis Lake, Monday to Friday from 3:30 to 10 pm.

### **6 – Cookie Platter for HMC**

**Peter** will purchase 2 cookie trays from Safeway Bakery for the day and night crew of HMC as a thank you for their service of plowing the road and parking lot of the Hallis Lake Venue site.

**Brian** will contact HMC requesting that the road and parking lot be cleared for the Trim the Tree Social on Friday night, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> if possible.

**Marilyn** will write a letter to HMC thanking them for their work last year and requesting clearing service this year. **Peter** will deliver the letter with the cookies.

## **7 – Blocking the FSR**

Ron will write a letter requesting that the Forest Service Road be blocked from December 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **8 – WED and NDIT announcement Dec. 18 12:00 PM**

Ron and Brian are attending the announcement at CNC.

## **9 – Dougal's phone line (983-5169 cell phone)**

Dougal & Wendy's phone line is still down as the cable is severed on the roadside of the lake. Telus has checked it out and offered to donate a new cable and put it in when it thaws.

Jim recommended that they use Skype for long distance calls.

Jim will ask Wendy & Dougal to investigate the difference their costs are for phone service using a cell phone vs the land line.

## **10 – Day Pass and Membership Drive**

To be discussed at our next Executive meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009

## **11 – Helmets for Drivers of the Snowmobiles**

Jim will investigate the cost of purchasing a helmet for each snowmobile machine.

## **12 – Radio System**

Jim will collect information regarding appropriate radio systems and investigate the cost and share info by email so they can be purchased for events in early January.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:25 pm**

**Next Meeting Jan. 13, 2008 at Ronski's at 7:30 pm**

**Goodies in January thanks to Rita.**