

Cariboo Ski Touring Club Minutes February 10, 2009

In Attendance: Rita Rief, Ron Watteyne, Marie Skinner, Marilyn van Leusden, Jim Crellin, Don Cunningham, Greg Strebel, Brian Black

Absent with Regrets: Peter van Leusden, Sunshine Borsato

Adoption of Minutes:	M	Greg	2 nd	Marie
Adopt agenda:	M	Don	2 nd	Greg
Treasurers Report:	M	Marie	2 nd	Jim

See attached report dated February 10, 2009

Correspondence

1. Ministry of Forests

A letter dated February 2, 2009 was received from Steven Dodge; District Manager for Quesnel Forest Service granting permission to block the Hallis Lake Forest Service Road from December 10th and removed March 31st, annually. The closure will have to be reviewed every 3 years. The letter states the responsibilities of CSTC if damage to the road occurs.

Ron will contact Desi Cheverie and Steven Dodge regarding the date of December 10th for road closure. CSTC would prefer the usual starting date of December 1st.

2. City of Quesnel

A letter dated February 2, 2009 was received from Councillor Ron Paull, Chair of the Quesnel Volunteer Citizen of the Year Committee, advising that CSTC can nominate a worthy volunteer for the Quesnel Volunteer Citizen of the Year 2008. Nomination must be submitted by March 18, 2009.

3. City of Quesnel: Quesnel Community Foundation

A letter dated February 9, 2009 was received from Jeff Norburn, General Manager, Community services indicating that the receipts provided by CSTC have been reviewed and he is satisfied that the Equipment Shed project is complete and that expenses attributed to the project are valid.

Committee Reports

Jackrabbit – Sunshine

February 21st is the last lesson for Jackrabbit with the wind-up event on February 28th.

Sunshine will resign as Jackrabbit coordinator this year, but will consider leading Jackrabbit again in a few years. Either Sunshine or Vic will coach next year.

Nordics / biathlon – Jim/Peter

BC Biathlon Cup #3 and 4 held in Quesnel was a successful race. Thanks to all the volunteers. The event raised \$1500.

Athletes and coaches will be in Vanderhoof on Sunday, February 15th, for a fun race. Also the team will be at Silverstar for BC Biathlon Cup #5 & 6, the weekend of February 28th to March 1st.

There are 13 members in Nordics/Biathlon

Membership – Don

CSTC now has 355 active members and a few remaining unprocessed members. 49 are Jackrabbits. Attached list filed in binder.

Equipment / lighted track – Brian

Lit Track

Trouble free.

Equipment:

Rubber Ducky is running well. Muskwa had its electrical problems repaired with an invoice received from South Shore.

Pisten Bully is down with a fracture in the head of #1 cylinder. A replacement head was quoted at \$2052 plus tax, plus freight so we have opted to repair. Completion is expected early next week.

Note that track setting has been VERY labour intensive requiring about 3 times normal manpower and a lot of fuel. The track setters have all pitched in and done a GREAT JOB!
All of the twin track grooming equipment has been utilized and has been invaluable.

Loppet – Marie

Event went ahead even with the -19.4°C temperatures but we had fewer racers due to the weather. Good volunteers. THANKS.

Need more commitment of money to cover costs of food that is preordered and can't be altered at the last minute if the weather is uncooperative.

Event had a loss of \$20.00 or \$420 if the cost of supporting the Loppet Series is included.

Many Quesnel, CSTC members were involved in the Loppet Series.

Marie requested we consider moving our race to the third Saturday in January and away from the Dog Sled event.

Recommended that Marie ask if Williams Lake would move their event to another date, so the Series events are spread out more.

Marie will check if Draw Prizes for the Loppet Series were inappropriately handed out as prizes for the Cariboo Marathon.

Jim will investigate Zone 4

Backcountry – position available

No report

Social –Holly & Bonnie

No report

10 Mile Lake Committee –Peter/Bert

Paul set tracks this week at Ten Mile Lake.

No work done by the Parks on removing the fallen trees on the South Loop.

Discuss in the future the viability of track setting in the Park.

Lodge – Andrew Roberts

No report.

Newsletter- Greg

Feedback is invaluable.

Project – Brian

First payment was made by NDIT.

Planning is in progress regarding washrooms and the septic system.

Grandell's retained to produce the video. Photography is in progress.

Quotations are being obtained on material for the lit track. Purchase will be made in February.

A report has been submitted to the City re Community Foundation contribution to the shop.

WED will be invoiced for 50% of project costs on March 30, 2009.

Old Business

1 – Follow-up Report on Jobs and Issues from last Meeting

Guest: Victor Hegan: Greg: Forward info regarding Feb 22 Heart Month event to Herb for website [see Old Business #5](#)

Correspondence: Desi Cheverie: Ron: Request to submit financial reports [done](#)

Committee Reports: Membership: Don: Tax Receipts: Taken to Jackrabbit & Nordics on Jan 13th [done](#)

Committee Reports: Membership: Greg: Send corrected emails to Marilyn [not yet](#)

Committee Reports: Loppet: Ron: Inform newspaper about Loppet [done](#)

Committee Reports: Lodge: Greg: Take bulbs to lodge [done](#)

Committee Reports: Lodge: Andrew: Call Lawrence about tables & purchase matches. [Ron will check](#)

Committee Reports: Newsletter: Greg: send out info about BC Biathlon race & Friday night social [done](#)

Old Business: Snowshoe: Ron: investigate snowshoe trails [see Old Business #2](#)

Old Business: Quesnel Foundation: Marilyn: check if report is complete [done](#)

Old Business: Avalanche Course: Ron: info to Greg about Evaluator book [not done](#)

Old Business: President's position: Marie: meet with Ron to define roles [not done](#)

Old Business: Helmets: Jim: check if Paul wants a helmet [not done](#)

New Business: Pass Checkers: Ron: organize volunteers for the next few weeks [Ron talked to 5 people, no one was interested](#)

New Business: Dogs on North Loop: Sunshine: check with CCBC regarding insurance. [not done](#)

New Business: Heart & Stroke Event: Victor: report at Feb meeting [see Old Business #5](#)

New Business: Heart & Stroke Event: Holly: discuss if Social committee will help with food. [Ron will check](#)

New Business: Spirit Week: Greg: ask for volunteers [no response](#)

New Business: Lodge Banners & Posters: Have they been put up [not done](#)

New Business: CSTC Website: Ron: Info to herb, website updated [done](#)

New Business: Road Clearance: Jim: Check if road is plowed [done](#)

New Business: Road Clearance: ?: Follow-up of notes regarding public road [Ron will discuss with Desi and follow up](#)

New Business: Search & Rescue: ?: update plan & phone #, signs posted, check with Desi re funding [Don will email CCBC and check if they require liability statement to be posted.](#) [Brian will update plan & phone numbers.](#)

2 - Snowshoe trails

A new snowshoe trail was put in last week from the parking lot to the Lookout.

Desi Cheverie will hike the trail on Wednesday, February 11th with Ron.

[Ron](#) will check out the end of the Biathlon trail as another snowshoe trail

Both trails will be GPS

3 – Report to Quesnel Foundation

The report was submitted to the Quesnel Foundation and a letter was received from them. See February 10th minutes Correspondence #3 and report filed in binder.

4 – Lease

An email was received on February 10th from Judy Lucas stating the file has been passed on to the Resource Information Tech to do the status and referrals; this should be done by the end of the week. CSTC will receive an acknowledgement letter and instructions to advertise.

[Ron](#) will about the timeline, especially the length of time the Public has to respond as time is a factor.

5 – Heart & Stroke Foundation

Report received on February 8th & 10th from Victor Hegan, R.P.F. Phone # 250-255-7533

Heart & Stroke family fun day is planned for Sunday, February 22 at Hallis Lake.

Events will start about noon, except for those who just plan to ski and collect pledges. There could be a prize for the funniest ski costume.

Pledge forms are available at Hallis Lake in the drop box outside the Lodge or in PDF form from the CSTC website. Individuals can collect pledges per km skied that day or for a total amount for skiing Feb. 22nd

Herb is requested to put pledge form on the website.

Fun family races and relays with prizes (donated by the Prince George Heart & Stroke office) will begin at noon and continue for a couple of hours.

Heart smart snacks like veggies and dip, along with soup, crackers and cheese will be served.

Donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation will be accepted at Hallis Lake Ski Lodge with tax receipts available.

Let's have a healthy day of exercise and fun!

Ron will check if the Social Committee will help. Victor requests a few people to help with the making & serving of soup, veggies and dips, cheese and crackers. The Heart & Stroke Foundation has been requested to buy the ingredients. Victor might require a few people to write receipts in the Lodge for donations.

6 – Elementary School Races: February 14th

Shannon and Sunshine are meeting a group Thursday, February 12th, to put the race packages together and deal with final details. Registration deadline was February 9th. Medals are ready but t-shirts from CCC have not arrived. The event is short of volunteers but will come together by race day. Need to consider a too cold cancellation possibility, -20°C.

Race starts at 9:15 am

7 – Signage

Bob & Brian will finish putting up signs.

Marie will inform Bob of signs that are missing (5km and Marathon junction, 10km, end of staging area and at the 15km junction with the Marathon loop

REMINDER to Executive: Early next season contact Desi Cheverie for funds for Wish list for improved signage.

8 – DVD production

Leif & Eva will due filming at the Elementary School Race.

Also some footage of people snowshoeing and the snowmobiles track setting

9 – Dog Trails

Safety aspect of dogs & skiers on trails that are not exclusively dog trails was raised.

CCBC info not yet received on insurance concerns.

Consideration was given to build another dog trail off the South Loop.

Criteria needs to be developed to evaluate possibilities, such as moving in the same direction and extra track setting requirements)

Greg will send out a news item asking for volunteers that are interested in helping examining and developing a new dog trail.

New Business

1 – Day Pass Fees

Marilyn will email Greg (for a news item) and Herb (for the website) the table comparing fees for Adult/Family/Day Use passes of several other ski clubs.

Need to review fees before next AGM in October 2009.

2 – Membership Trend

Don will check with CCBC to see if membership trends are similar to CSTC

A discussion followed about the need to encourage people to join CSTC. This is a high priority!

The road into Hallis Lake is a key issue, as access is difficult. Need to follow-up with the possibility of the road being gazetted.

3 – Term Deposit

Rita will check for the best available rates and send info out by email.

Maturity of term deposit (\$3000) is February 13, 2009.

4 – Climate Change Committee in Quesnel

Greg will explore with this group the possibility of planting a wind break in the South fields and along the North gate. Perhaps investigate tying this project in with the Dog trails.

5 – Lodge Rental

Management issues need to be discussed.

The needs of the Club must be considered, as well as, those renting the Lodge.

Who is responsible?

What objects need to be stationary, what can be taken down without incurring damage?

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm

Next Meeting: March 10th, 2009 at Ronski's at 7:30pm

Goodies at the March meeting thanks to Sunshine