

**Cariboo Ski Touring Club
Minutes February 2, 2010**

In Attendance: Brian Black, Ron Watteyne, Marilyn van Leusden, Jim Crellin, Bruce Self, Andrew Roberts, Rita Rief, Sunshine Borsato, Paul Mednis and Chris Elden.

Absent with Regrets: Peter van Leusden, Greg Strebel, Marie Skinner, Holly Nelson, Don Cunningham, Celine Giesbrecht, and Bonnie Chlebek.

Adoption of Minutes:	M	Paul	2nd	Jim
Adopt agenda:	M	Ron	2nd	Chris
Treasurers Report:	M	Bruce	2nd	Ron

Correspondence

None

Committee Reports

1. Jackrabbit – Celine

Celine has the receipt for the invoice, which has been paid to CCBC, as it came in the box with the start up kits. The Jackrabbits have been registered and start-up kits have been received.

Action Item: Celine will bring the receipt to the next Executive meeting, March 9th, for Rita.

2. Nordics / Biathlon – Jim

The BC Cup races came together very well considering the snow condition and weather. Thanks to Brian Black for excellent course preparation with very little snow (less than 1 inch at places on Gerry's choice) and to Bob and Marie Skinner for preparing the range to Olympic standards. We had 65 athletes and about 60 volunteers per day. The TD's report was mostly complimentary with a few suggestions on improvements for the future, some of which we can act on with very little funding so could consider. The new timing system from Biathlon BC worked very well, getting accurate penalty loop data in a timely manner is still a work in progress. I believe we made about a \$1300 profit on the race. (this works out to less than \$2 per hour of volunteer time, so we won't make it a major fund raising initiative)

Rob Johnston and Mark Forsythe took about 9 athletes to Vanderhoof for BC Cups 5/6 this last weekend. Keiron Langan, Tristan Langan and Ryan Elden came home with medals from their events.

There is little racing activity in February due to the Olympics, training will continue as long as we have snow and the last set of BC Cup races is scheduled for Prince George in March.

Jim is interested in purchasing more rifles for the Club before next season.

3. Membership – Don

Registrations have slowed to a snail pace and not surprising with the season half over and the recent poor snow weather. (Today was good).

Here are the numbers from the CCBC website: Total members 402, Total Rabbits 28, Total Biathlon 15.

Don contacted Megan regarding Biathlon kids and we do not have to pay CCBC any additional fees for these kids (such as Skill Development fee), just the \$10 CCBC registration fee, (unless any of them are also in the Rabbit program. We have two that are in both the Rabbit program and the Biathlon program). Megan has agreed to make this correction to our total fees.

Don sent the cheque and Form 3 off to her on Jan 22, 2010.

Action Item: Don will get a cheque from Rita and make a final payment to CCBC in Mid March, which will pick up any late registrations.

4. Equipment / lighted track – Brian

Pisten Bully:

It is running very well, no signs of over heating while tilling. We are losing some antifreeze, cause not determined. Hopefully it is a minor leak. Parts are on the bus to repair the track which will be worked on this Thursday.

Twin Tracks:

All are running and were very useful for the BC Cup. Various minor repairs are required

Equipment:

Three skimmers and one sled were borrowed for the BC Cup. They were invaluable. The club will look at acquiring at least one skimmer and will revitalize the old red trailer.

Action Item: Bruce offered to assist with the work on the old red trailer.

5. Loppet – Marie

Loppet was cancelled due to warm weather and lack of snow.

6. Backcountry – Bruce

The changes discussed have been made to the website and seem to be working well. Thanks Herb.

Plans continue to install the propane stove at Murray.

A “reservations required” sign for the bottom of the Yellowhawk trail will be installed on Feb 5th.

Brian secured the stove pipe at the Murray cabin and has been in discussion with Clark Williamson about modifying the Murray stove draft.

Clark is also completing a new stove for Waverly. It should be in place for next season.

Bruce will be going to Waverly on Feb 5-6th to build stairs.

Plans are afoot to replace the Moncton outhouse this summer.

Action Item: Anyone going to Moncton that can take and install a sign should let Bruce know.

7. Social –Holly & Bonnie

Our Friday night social was super. Those who could not be there missed a very special evening of entertainment, thanks to Dougal, Sam and Joel.

8. 10 Mile Lake Committee –Paul/Peter

Paul set a ski track on Tuesday, February 2nd, in the Park and around the edge of Ten Mile Lake.

At this time, logging is taking place on the Bjornson Loop and the crew is attempting to clean up the trails from the Beaver Pond back to the parking lot.

Paul stated that the Alpine snowmobile is running but not well. Sunshine offered that Victor would be able to pick up the machine and take it to South Shore Auto for an inspection.

Action Item: Paul was requested to find an experienced & reliable individual to check the fuel filter, plugs, and to do a compression test on the machine. Cost of repairs to be covered by the Ten Mile Lake Fire hall.

9. Lodge – Andrew Roberts

Andrew reported on the results of the water analysis.

Action Item: Andrew and Jim will meet on Monday, February 8th, at 9am to retest the water at the bypass and at the tap. Both samples will be submitted for analysis.

10. Newsletter- Greg
No Report.
Action Item: That Greg continues to send out positive information regarding the good conditions at Hallis to encourage skiing.

11. Project – Brian
The Project is almost complete with deficiencies occurring in the washrooms. An email listing areas still needing work has been sent to Greg.

12. Publicity/Adult Lessons- Ron
Posters have been made and distributed for the Elementary Ski Race on February 13th.
Adult Ski Lessons: Ron will be away at the Olympics so is unable to teach.
Action Item: Paul Mednis will teach classic lessons on February 15th and 22nd.
Action Item: Ron will contact Dougal to ask if he is able to teach skating lessons in February.
Action Item: Ron will create a poster advertising upcoming lessons (dates, times, and contact for registering) and forward it to Greg to email to our membership.

Old Business

1. **Payment to CCBC for Skill Development Program:** Action Item: Celine
See Committee Reports: Jackrabbit

2. **Waverly Cabin Stairs:** Action Item: Bruce
See Committee Reports: Backcountry.
Follow-up action will be taken if damage occurs from porcupines.

3. **Changes to Membership form:** Action Item : Don
Changes have been completed.

4. **Water Testing for the Lodge:** Action Item: Holly & Andrew
Angie sent a water sample which came back with low coli form counts. She said a lady would be by to check the water. Holly thinks that it may be Lynette, the Health Inspector. We should clean off the water faucets/spouts with bleach. Holly suggests that someone call Lynette Windsor or Brian Steeves and ask if we should dump some bleach in to the water supply and if so, how much and what kind.
See Committee Reports: Lodge for action plan.

5. **Washroom Work Party & Keys:** Action Item: Greg & Sunshine
Keys have been cut and contact Brian if you need a key.
See Committee Reports: Project for info regarding washroom work party.

6. **Winter Carnival:** Sunshine
Greg will lead the tour, Greg & Sunshine & perhaps Scott and Kevin will give lessons, Chris will set up and take down, Marilyn & Bonnie along with Rocky Peak (John & Brenda) will loan out ski equipment. Al Schutz and Brian will move tracksetting equipment to the venue and Al will set a classic and a skate track.
Action Item: Marilyn will contact Celine regarding Parkland's ski equipment and collect Correlieu's ski equipment from Pat.

- 7. Signs: Caution & Merge signs:** Action Item: Marie
Work has continued with signage and John Redburn will continue to work on improvements.
- 8. Membership campaign:** Calling of last year's members :Action Item :Marie
Marie decided not to phone when ski conditions were poor because likelihood of success was so low.
Will keep the information for next year & follow up then.
Action Item: Requesting volunteers to follow-up on phoning last year's members who have not paid registration fees this year.
- 9. Lorenz Gradnitzer Memorial Gift: Brass Plaque:** Action Item: Ron
Ron has started on building the bench. Brass plaque will cost about \$225.00.
Action Item: Ron will contact Arnold Kilsby to see if plaque can be made in Quesnel.
Motion: CSTC spend up to \$300.00 to complete the bench.
Motion moved by Jim, seconded by Paul. Motion passed
- 10. Website Changes Backcountry:** Action Item: Brian
See Committee Reports: Backcountry.
- 11. Five Year Plan:** Action Item: Brian, Sunshine & Chris
Tabled: Plan tabled till March 9th, 2010 Executive meeting where draft plan will be presented to the Executive. Discussion will occur prior to the meeting by email.
- 12. Twin Track for Mountain Use: Draft Policy**
CSTC Executive has decided not to use or rent the CSTC's twin track for use in the mountains by CSTC membership. CSTC Executive cancelled creation of a draft policy, as a result of concerns expressed thru discussion by email.
- 13. Ski Tournament:** Sunshine
Key volunteers are still needed for this event on February 13, 2010. At present, Sunshine, Victor, Chris and Jim are the main organizers.
Action Item: Sunshine will send the schedule to Jim.
- 14. 2010 JOP Application:** Brian
Our application went in on Jan 22, 2010:
1. Cariboo Ski Touring Club
2. Scope:
Improve and further develop the trail system at Hallis Lake. This facility is a year round recreation facility used extensively by the general public for all types of non-motorized recreation. The work will include:
-elimination of combustible material in the vicinity of critical infrastructure
-improvement of the existing snowshoe trail and creation of two new ones
-brushing of the all existing ski trails
-improvement of the new Pancake trail greater width is required to make it fully effective.
3. Value of proposed project is \$83,669.
At present CSTC is soliciting letters of support. An announcement of funding will occur in late April or May. CSTC is responsible for paying ½ of the GST. Management fees are covered under JOP.

15. Introduction to Backcountry Travel: Tabled from January

Action Item: Bruce will solicit feedback from CSTC Club Members whether this idea can become a money maker or if the info should be posted on the website for free access and use.

16. Shaw Cable Filming

Filming occurred on January 13th, 2010. We have had no feedback and do not know the status of the project.

New Business

1. Tenant's Trailer for Sale

Dougal Hines trailer is for sale.

CSTC owns the trailer pad and new owners that wish to reside at Hallis Lake must be interviewed by the CSTC Club to become our tenant and caretaker.

Action Item: Ron will contact Dougal as soon as possible to discuss advertising the trailer and use of the trailer pad.

2. Day Pass Tickets for skiing at Hallis Lake.

Action Item: Ron will order tickets or purchase from Hildur and give the tickets to Jim for distribution during the month of February.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 9th, 2010 @ 7:30 pm at QCEDC office (339A Reid Street)

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm

Goody Schedule for March : Andrew