

**CARIBOO SKI TOURING CLUB
MINUTES –January 8, 2008**

In attendance: Peter van Leusden, Rita Rief, Jim Crellin, Steve Levitt, Don Cunningham, Brian Black, Marilyn van Leusden, Ron Watteyne, Glen Boudreau, Sunshine Borsato, Greg Strebel.

Adoption of Minutes: M: Jim 2nd: Brian
Adoption of Agenda M: Peter 2nd: Don

Treasurer's Report: M: 2nd:
See attached report dated January 8, 2008

Ron asked Rita to check into term deposits at Integris Credit Union. Ron will report out by email different rate options.

Correspondence:

1. Letter received from the Ministry of Tourism regarding our License of Occupation for the Mt. Agnes cabin at Groundhog Lake. A management agreement exists between CSTC and the Quesnel Snowmobile Club. Letter inquires if we are planning to maintain the cabin.
2. BC Assessment Branch: Received 2 Property Assessments for 2008.
 - Hallis Lake Lodge, Shed, Parking Lot
 - 4 parcels of tracts of land: Groundhog, Mt. Howley, Mt. Greenberry and Waverly
3. WED email from Byron Mah, assigning Mr. George Lerchs as our project officer. Brian has requested Simco, Roland Jarrett, to create a map outlining buildings and trails at Hallis Lake.
4. Email from Desi Cheverie, Ministry of Tourism Sports and the Arts, Recreation Sites and Trail Branch. States we need to get Front Counter BC to check with other agencies for their approval of the Hallis Cross Country Ski Venue Improvement Proposal submitted to WED.

Committee Reports:

Jackrabbits: Sunshine

Jackrabbits and all club members are invited to meet Milanie Theriault at the Lodge, Friday, January 11th at 7pm. Gold Rush Ski Tournament starts at 9am on Saturday.

Nordics/ Biathlon: Jim & Peter

Nordics going to Callahan Valley for Biathlon BC Cup Race on January 24 to 26th, 2008. Jim and Rob going with 3 athletes.

Membership: Don

48 paid up Jackrabbits

348 total membership so far, everything up to date as of January 8th. Revenue is \$17, 385.

Evi is requested to keep calling members from last year that have not yet joined. Please notify Don if any problems. CCBC processes Don's entries before members appear on the Active list.

Equipment/Lighted Track: Brian

No issues with lighted track.

Brian and Al are planning to work on Alpine 2.

A deficiency list is being compiled for the Piston Bulley, let Brian know if you have any suggestions.

Jim said that the brown toboggan has been reskied.

Ten Mile Lake machine has been repaired. See Bert Sturt's report.

Loppet: Marie

Hallis Lake Loppet is January 19th, 2008. Classic event, 32km race. Website: www.caribooski.ca

Volunteers have been recruited

Marilyn will email Bob Allen and Mike that the trimming of branches on Marathon loop has been completed

Marie provided the newspaper regarding an article on the Loppet Series.

Backcountry Report: Glen

Murray cabin: Firewood being used as a rapid rate. Should be enough for the season.

Waverly cabin: Lots of use. Clarke finished replacement stove.

Greg will ask Doug Nelson to pick up stove for transport into the mountains.

Social: Elaine

Pancake Breakfast Sunday January 6th, 2008 was an incredible event with approximately 125 people attending. Lots of positive feedback, fun for everyone.

Great snow conditions and perfect weather.

Awesome volunteer response to Ron's email.

Thanks to everyone who helped: greeters, tracksetters, instructors, tour guides, cooks, pancake flippers and clean-up crew.

Fantastic surprise to see the band arrive and supply the music and Dougal afterwards.

Brenda & John from Rocky Peak Adventure Gear had to wait for an hour for the last pair of skis to be returned. Several people have bought skis this week after borrowing them.

REMEMBER for next year: Need to post a time frame for serving pancakes, tours, lessons & rentals. Elaine has a breakdown in the social binder of the amount of supplies, costs and list of volunteers.

Marilyn will send Thank you letters to Rocky Peak and the Grill owners.

Cost of the event: \$191.00. Gerd donated the propane.

NOTE: The potential of this event is GREAT. Day events when skiing is possible seems to draw people.

Peter suggests offering day lessons during the week or weekend as a membership booster.

Lodge Manager: Steve

Outhouse door is fixed.

Lodge was open during Xmas holidays.

Steve will ask Lawrence Gradnitzer to repair round tables in the lodge. Done!

Steve will create a sign for donations to cover beverages, indicating donations be put in the locked money drop box.

Newsletter: Greg

Newsletters are going out.

Greg has added photos to the mailouts and they can be viewed at

<http://picasaweb.google.ca/429FirSt>

Ten Mile Lake: Bert

Trails: Trails remain clear of deadfall but they are in need of brushing of willows on and beside trails.

Track Setting: Tracks are set and are in fair condition but are icy at this point (Tuesday, January 8th).

Twin Track Update: Don Parker volunteered to put another engine into the Alpine skidoo and this was completed in early December. The skidoo is in good working order and has been used to float the trails. It will be stored at Graham Garry's during the winter.

Park Issues: The road into the Park has been cleared. BC Hydro contractors will be falling trees in the Park and Chris Armstrong has asked us to inform skiers about this work. Bert asked Chris to make up 5 signs reminding people that skidooing in the Park is prohibited. Chris Armstrong is in charge of Ten Mile Lake Park and has expressed interest in working cooperatively with us in keeping the trails cleared.

Gas Cost Receipts & Gift for Don Parker is Total of \$70.21

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Groundhog Cabin. **Glen** will draft a letter stating that CSTC is the legal owner and we are interested in using the area and Agnes cabin in the future.

2. Hallis Lake Parking Lot Attendant: Peter spoke to Dougal and QSS staff. Dougal felt his clients would have difficulty with transportation to Hallis. Clients at QSS are functioning at a level that the job would be too difficult. **Sunshine** will contact Peter with the names of two students in the area. Don suggested a sign be made explaining the costs of the Piston Bully. Jim suggested a sandwich board sign.

3. Signage: **Greg** was requested to send an email out to recruit volunteers for a signage committee. Discussion followed with suggestions of initial signage at the parking lot.

4. Membership Passes: Purchase split rings to attach pass to clothing. Put a supply at the Lodge and Rocky Peak Adventure Gear.

5. Used Twin Track: Owner is bringing the machine down in late March from Fort St. John. A committee of Jim and Brian will exam the machine. It will be taken to Larry Brunt to check out the motor. A motion was moved by Peter and seconded by Brian, that if the machine meets expectations and criteria that it should be purchased for \$4000. The motion was carried.

6. **Steve** will write a letter to major snow machine manufacturers and request possible deals for purchase in the next few years.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Gold Rush Youth Ski Tournament:

There will be a meeting on Thursday night, 7pm at the Lodge. Registration packages will be organized.

On Friday night at 7pm, there will be a welcoming of Milanie Theriault. Speeches by the Mayor, CSTC (Ron) and Milanie.

Track setting will occur again on Friday with the stadium being set up by Peter and Henry. Saturday, the event will begin at 9am and finish around 2pm.

2. Ski Lessons:

Contact Ron Watteyne for ski lessons on Wednesday nights at 7pm. Cost is \$20 for group lesson.

3. Ski Rentals:

Ron will ask Herb to put on Website that ski rentals are available at Rocky Peak Adventure Gear.

4. Gold Rush Dog Sled Run:

Peter reported on his conversation with Jeff Dinsdale.

Here is the info for ski club members pertaining skiing options during the Dog Sled Race Jan 24th to 27th.

Thursday Jan 24th - 4:30 PM Meet and Greet Supper at Rec Center. \$15.00 - gets you supper, into the draw prizes, cancelled envelope,

Thursday Jan 24th - 7:00 PM CNC Atrium, speeches and presentations pertaining to the upcoming race.

Fri., Jan 25th Umitie Pit 10:00 AM, to Cottonwood Trading Post 40 KM a hard ski.

Sat. Jan 26th, 10:00 AM Cottonwood Trading Post to Troll 25 KM

Sun. Jan 27th 10:00 AM Stanley to Barkerville 25km.

Sun. Jan 27th 1:30 PM Barkerville to Wells, 10 KM

Another option is to ski Barkerville to Stanley on Sat Jan 26. (Some people consider this easier than the other way). Bill Horne from Wells will be leading this trip. Phone Bill at 994-2332 for more info

5. Telefest: February 23rd & 24th, 2008

6. The Wells Snowman International Gourmet Ski Tour on February 23, 2008.

Pre-registration is required by Feb. 19th. To register or more info call 250 994-3223

7. Drop Box at Hallis Lake when empty contained \$775.

8. Ski Report: Brian will contact Herb with a request to put date along with the report on the tracking and condition of the ski trails.

9. Quesnel Community Foundation Letter of Intent:

A letter of Interest was submitted on January 7th, 2008 for improvements to the Equipment shed. CSTC requested \$2800.

10. Gold Rush Youth Ski Tournament:

Tower Inn donated first night accomodation for Milanie.

Sunshine will send Marilyn an email with details for Thank You letters for Tower Inn and North Cariboo Aboriginal Family as they donated money for the Gold Rush Youth Ski Tournament.

Ron will check with Joanne at Bob Simpson's office concerning BC 150 and Spirit of BC money.

11. A \$25 gift certificate was given to Art Leer for his work on fixing the Lit Track.

12. HMC Services. Ron took two plates of cookies to HMC in recognition of their services in plowing the road.

13. Spirit Week: February 16th

Informed Mary Sjostrum that the Elementary Ski Race will happen that week.

14. Goals of CSTC:

Steve recommended that we discuss CSTC goals and our long term vision for the Club. At our February meeting, please bring some ideas to discuss.

15. Water Test: Ask Wendy the next date the water will be tested.
Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm

NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING: February 12, 2008, RONSKI'S AT 7:30 PM

Goody schedule:

Feb: **Glen**
Mar: **Greg**
April: **Elaine**