

Cariboo Ski Touring Club

Minutes January 13, 2009

In Attendance: Rita Rief, Andrew Roberts, Sunshine Borsato Ron Watteyne, , Marie Skinner, Marilyn van Leusden, Jim Crellin, Don Cunningham, Greg Strebel, Holly Nelson

Absent with Regrets: Peter van Leusden, Brian Black

Adoption of Minutes: M Greg 2nd Marie

Adopt agenda: M Don 2nd Jim

Treasurers Report: M Don 2nd Jim

See attached report dated January 13, 2009

Guest: Victor Hegan:

February is Heart Month, so Victor requested that CSTC possibly hold an event on February 22nd. The event will consist of Family races with participants making pledges for every kilometer skied or by donation.

Soup will be provided for lunch.

Prizes will be donated by the Heart & Stroke Foundation.

A motion was carried to support this event.

Victor will send info to Greg & Greg will forward to Herb for posting on the website.

Correspondence

WED

A letter dated December 11, 2008 was received from Mark Ferrari, Team Manager, Monitoring and Payments, BC Region, WED informing CSTC, that the Minister has granted approval of an extension of our project, to the completion date of November 30th, 2009. The Amendment Letter has an attachment: a revised Statement of Work for the Agreement that replaces the original.

BC Assessment (2)

CSTC received two property assessments. One is for Hallis Lake Lodge, Caretakers Living Quarters, Equipment Shed & Parking Lot: the assessed value is \$223,900 and the taxable value is \$11,600. The second assessment is for License 515332 covering four parcels in the vicinity of Groundhog Lake, Mount Howley, Mount Greenbury and Waverly Mountain for Ski Cabin purposes. The assessed value is \$9,400 and the taxable value is \$0.00.

Roberta's Stitches

Received info regarding this business.

HLCPA minutes

Received, the section of the minutes from the Hallis Lake Community Pasture Association. Ron & Brian attended on December 9, 2008 on behalf of the CSTC. See minutes in file.

SLNC Loppet

Received info.

Black Jack Ski Club

Received info regarding the Haywood NORAM Teck Sprint Series to be held on January 24 & 25, 2009 in Rossland.

Trax

New magazine, Annual 2008, arrived.

Quesnel & District Leisure services (Spirit Week)

Received a letter requesting CSTC participation in Spirit Week, this will be discussed in New Business.

Desi Cheverie

Ron received an email dated January 13th, 2009 from Desi stating that he has “access to external funding for winter maintenance of the trails and this would include all grooming costs and any maintenance costs the club spends on trails”. Ron will submit the financial reports from the last 3 years to Desi outlining CSTC’s usual grooming & maintenance costs.

Committee Reports

Jackrabbit – Sunshine

Jackrabbit has approximately 40 participants this year, lower than last year.

The Elementary Ski Race will be a one day event this year and be sponsored by Cross Country Canada. Next year, a review of the Event is required so that CSTC meets the format and organizational requirements of CCC to provide funding. Sunshine requested that CSTC organize the Elementary Ski Race next year, as planning has been difficult this year.

Nordics / biathlon – Jim/Peter

Nordics & Biathlon has 12 athletes, the most ever. CSTC is out of rifles.

Four athletes went to Prince George for a race.

Eight athletes will compete in the Biathlon BC Cup 3 & 4, this weekend, January 17 & 18th in Quesnel. Peter, Rob & Mark will be coaching. Banquet tickets are \$20.00 per person. The Banquet will be held at the College.

Membership – Don

CSTC received 18 new members this week. As of January 13, 2009 we have 336 Active members. 48 Rabbits have registered.

Tax receipts for Jackrabbit and Nordics & Biathlon members will be brought out on Saturday, January 17th by Don.

Greg will send corrected email addresses to Marilyn for the back-up Club list.

Loppet – Marie

Elaine has organized all the volunteers and Marie the prizes.

Ron will talk to the newspaper about the Loppet.

Marie suggests we don’t purchase a newspaper ad.

Loppet is good to go!!

Backcountry – position available

Ron spoke to Dan Kaleta and will continue to encourage him to take the position.

Equipment / lighted track – Brian Lit Track

The lit track has been functioning well since the repairs were made early in the season.

Equipment:

-The Pisten Bully has run very well. Cooling issues are less acute this year after the rad cleaning that was done in the off season. There is no further evidence of an oil leak. One of the restraining cables for the rear hitch broke and a new one is on order.

-The Rubber Ducky (older alpine 2) was experiencing engine problems. The fuel filter was changed and it is now running well.

-The Muskwa (newer alpine 2) is running very well but the charging and lighting circuits are not working. After some testing the machine was taken to South Shore for repairs. It is expected to be fixed by Jan 14, in time for the BC Cup Biathlon race.

Social –Holly & Bonnie

Pancake Breakfast was a “roaring success” on January 4th. REMEMBER that CNC has a griddle that we have used in the past and should be borrowed again for next year, if possible. Andrew offered to help cook pancakes next year and suggests we cook only plain white pancakes on the outside grill to improve the cooking.

The music was appreciated and more skis were loaned out than Rocky Peak Adventure can provide. Friday night ski on January 9th was a great show with about 2 dozen people. On January 30th, the Friday night ski will be for families.

10 Mile Lake Committee –Peter/Bert

Trails were set January 12, 2009.

Road was ploughed on Saturday, January 10th.

Sign & lock were put up on January 13th.

No work done on the South loop, the last word was that Park employees would cut through the wind fall, so that we could set tracks. There are no funds for taking out logs.

A lot of problems with maintaining tracks due to snowmobiles in the park and walkers with dogs on the trails.

Lodge – Andrew Roberts

Greg will bring bulbs for the Lodge.

Andrew will call Lawrence Gradnitzer and ask if he will fix the three round tables.

Andrew will purchase matches for the Lodge.

Newsletter- Greg

Greg will send out an email regarding the Biathlon BC Cup 3 & 4 Race encouraging people to come & watch and informing them that there will not be a concession.

Holly will send Greg a poster for advertising next Friday night for Greg to send out.

Project – Brian

There was a project meeting to review the status of the project with those key to implementation. All were able to attend except for Greg.

There was a media presentation of the WED grant by MP Dick Harris. Media coverage was favourable.

The first report and invoice was sent to NDIIT and payment is expected in the next few weeks.

The shop portion is complete and has really enhanced the function and use of the shop. Peter is submitting a report to the city to facilitate payment of the Quesnel Foundation portion.

Grandell's has been retained to complete the video and activity is beginning on that portion.

The meeting with the Pasture Association was very successful and will allow progress to proceed next season.

Poles and light brackets have been acquired for the lit track. Wire and fixtures will be ordered in the next 2 months.

Planning is in progress for the toilets / septic system. Contractor selection and ordering of materials can proceed.

Old Business

1 – Snowshoe trails

Ron, Andrew, and Bob Skinner will go out next week and investigate possible snowshoe trails.

2 - Report to Quesnel Foundation

Marilyn will check with Peter if the Report to Quesnel Foundation has been completed.

3 – Lease

CSTC is going ahead with the License of Occupation (LOC) for the Hallis Lake Venue Site (the parking lot, Adventure Park, Katimavik Loop, Lakeshore, Stadium, Equipment Shed and Lodge) at a cost of \$262.00.

4 – Avalanche course

The Avalanche Course went very well and was the best course offered here to date. Sixteen registered and 15 attended.

The Course provided an Evaluator book that is an excellent tool for evaluating conditions in the mountains. Ron will send information on where to purchase the Evaluator book to Greg for sharing as an email with Club members.

CSTC members are requested to send info regarding snow conditions in the mountains to Greg for CSTC emails.

5 – President’s position (nominating committee)

The Nominating committee for Club President has been renamed as Succession Planning.

Marie will meet with Ron and try to define what jobs are the roles of CSTC President.

6 – Clean up at 10 Mile trails after blow down

There is no funding available for clean up. Park employees will try to clear the blow down trees.

7 - Project meeting

See report under Committee Reports

8 – Signage

Bob Skinner and Brian Kennelly are working on the signs. New signs look great!!! Thanks.

Ron mentioned that a sign is missing at the 5km turn off.

9- Helmets & radios

Jim investigated the cost of Snowmobile helmets. He feels the basic models ranging in price of \$70 to 100 are adequate. Jim will check if Paul wants or needs a helmet for track setting at Ten Mile before purchasing the helmets for CSTC.

Jim purchased 2 Motorola radios costing \$120.00 for the pair.

New Business

1 – Pass checkers

Marie went to Hallis Lake on Sunday, January the 11th from 10:30 to 12:30 to check passes and discovered that it was more a PR job of answering questions than informing individuals of the need to buy day passes. Twelve people bought passes while Marie was there.

Ron will organize volunteers for the next few weeks.

2 – Dogs on North loop

A discussion took place on dog concerns.

Greg was requested to send out an email saying that dogs should be only on the Dog Loop.

A discussion followed whether the Dog Loop should be extended thru the Fields to the North end of the Marathon Loop.

Sunshine was requested to check with CCBC regarding insurance issues for extending the Dog Loop.

All other trails, other than the Dog Loop, are to be skied in a clockwise direction.

3 – Heart & Stroke Foundation

Victor Hegan will report back to CSTC at the next Executive meeting, February 10th, 2009.

Holly will discuss with Bonnie if the Social Committee can help with the food at the Feb 22nd event.

4 – Spirit Week event

This is the February 7th weekend.

Rather than providing a ski experience at West Fraser Timber Park, since track setting and loaning of ski equipment is difficult, it was suggested that CSTC set up a table with pictures, waxing techniques and snowshoes.

Greg was requested to ask for volunteers to help at the table.

5 – Lodge posters & banners left up

Recommended that posters and banners not be removed from the Lodge walls & ceiling.

6 – DVD production start Jan. 17 (\$1,200)

Leif and Eva Grandell will begin to take pictures of Jackrabbit and Biathlon members this weekend, January 17th & 18th.

7 – CSTC web site update

Please forward updates for website to Ron and he will pass info onto Herb.

8 –Road clearance & HMC

Jim will check if the road is plowed and let Ron know.

HMC has indicated that they will try to clear the road into Hallis by the middle of the week, when the weather gets better.

It was recommended that we check notes on the topic of Hallis Lake Road becoming a public road before discussing the issue with Desi Cheverie or anyone else.

9 –Search and Rescue

Steve Graham recommended that the Liability form should be posted at the Lodge and Trail head.

Bob Zimmerman says a GPS map of Hallis Lake Trails be put on a CD and be given to the RCMP and Search & Rescue.

A discussion followed. It was recommended that we update our Rescue plan and phone numbers of our emergency response team. That a sign be posted at the parking lot, in the Lodge and on the Equipment shed. Check with Desi if he can provide funding from the grant.

10 –High School use

If Correlieu is planning to use the Lodge, let Sunshine know.

11 –Minutes of CSTC meetings

Minutes are circulated by email so do not need to be read at the beginning of the CSTC Executive meetings

Meeting adjourned at 10:14pm

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

Goodies at the February meeting thanks to Jim