

**Cariboo Ski Touring Club
Minutes January 12, 2010**

In Attendance: Ron Watteyne, Marilyn van Leusden, Jim Crellin, Brian Black, Bruce Self, Marie Skinner, Holly Nelson, Celine Giesbrecht, Andrew Roberts, Rita Rief, Sunshine Borsato, Don Cunningham, and Chris Elden.

Absent with Regrets: Peter van Leusden, Greg Strebel, and Bonnie Chlebek.

Adoption of Minutes:	M	Marie	2nd	Bruce
Adopt agenda:	M	Don	2nd	Ron
Treasurers Report:	M	Don	2nd	Ron

Correspondence

1. 2010 Property Assessment Notice for Licence #515332 covering 4 parcels of land in the vicinity of Groundhog Lake, Mount Howley, Mount Greenberry and Waverly Mountain for Ski Cabin purposes LBF: 5400229. Assessed value is \$11,700. Taxable value is NIL.
2. 2010 Property Assessment Notice for Licence #515073 4427 Quesnel-Hydraulic Rd, in the vicinity of Hallis Lake for Caretaker Living quarters, Lodge, Equipment shed and Parking lot purposes LBF: 5406262. Assessed value is \$229,000. Taxable value is \$12,100.
3. CSTC Club Registration Form for 2009-10 for Cross Country BC has been completed and submitted.

Committee Reports

1. Jackrabbit – Celine

Action Item: Don and Celine will verify registration form for CCBC regarding Skill Development Program. Celine will pay for 27 Jackrabbits after Don clarifies whether the 15 Biathlon athletes need to be registered as part of the Skill Development Program, since they already pay a \$35.00 fee to Biathlon Canada.

CSTC has received two invoices from CCBC (\$3,405.00 and \$650.00). Brian has spoken to Megan at CCBC regarding delay payment of the first invoice but we will pay now the portion that is invoiced for Skill Development participation so we can receive the skill development packages soon.

2. Nordics / biathlon – Jim

65 athletes have registered for BC Cup 3 & 4 races to be held in Quesnel on January 16 & 17th, 2010. 109 banquet tickets have been sold for Saturday night at the Atrium at CNC. The course loops for the races have been revised due to the warm weather and snow conditions.

Friday night the Coaches' meeting will be held at 7pm at Hallis Lake Lodge.

3. Membership – Don

CSTC has 409 members, with 395 being registered with CCBC, as some are honorary members that no longer ski.

Don explained that the CCBC data base for registering members is tedious and creates many difficulties that have not been addressed after discussions with CCBC.

Don recommends changes to next year's CSTC membership form: Family membership be specified for 2 adults maximum and Adults age be clarified as 20years and up.

Action Item: Don will forward the registration form to Jim & Alison for alterations.

4. Equipment / lighted track – Brian

Lit track has the wiring still up after the recent wind storms.

The Pisten Bully was serviced by a work party: a new tire was installed, the spare will be replaced, expected cost \$400, and the oil and fuel filters were replaced.

Presently, we have 3 functioning Alpine 2 snowmobiles at Hallis Lake. The Alpine 1 is functional but has a dead battery.

5. Loppet – Marie

Hallis Lake Loppet is scheduled for January 23rd, 2010.

Elaine has been doing most of the organizing.

Hopefully the weather will cool to allow the event to take place.

Action Item: Marie and Celine will meet to encourage the participation of skiers in the Jackrabbit program.

6. Backcountry – Bruce

Two (100lb) tanks have been reserved for the conversion to a propane stove at Murray.

After February, it might be possible for the equipment to be flown in by Dunkleys.

Bruce moved the Murray/ Waverly sign at the trail junction to a higher level on the tree.

There is lumber available to build stairs for the Waverly cabin. The porch has been repaired.

Action Item: Bruce will investigate how to protect the stairs and cabin from the porcupines.

7. Social – Holly & Bonny

Thank you to Holly and Bonnie for the GREAT job in organizing the Pancake Breakfast.

Thank you to John & Brenda at Rocky Peak for supplying skis, as well as, Pat Marsh and other club members.

At least 200 people were served breakfast. The event cost around \$600.00.

Holly did create a list of supplies, so that next year we will have a better idea of quantities needed for the event.

Suggestions for next year:

- Have a parking lot attendant
- Collect email addresses of non-members that would like to receive our newsletters.
- Collect children/youth skis from some Elementary schools (Kersley, Parkland, Baker) for loaning during the event. Complete sets of equipment are the most useful.

Next Social events are January 29th, Friday night Social and March 4th, Windup event.

8. 10 Mile Lake Committee –Brian/Marilyn

Alpine track setter is broken down in Ten Mile Lake Park.

Ski tracks were not set during the Xmas holidays, but they have been set in January.

The Ten Mile Lake Fire Department has agreed to supply fuel and maintenance for the Alpine twin track skidoo for track setting in the Ten Mile Lake area.

CSTC collection box for day use skiers was put up in January.

9. Lodge – Andrew Roberts

Andrew has had difficulty getting hold of Al to discuss the operating of a concession at the Lodge.

The opening and use of the washrooms during the Pancake Breakfast event was appreciated.

Action Item: Holly will contact Public Health for the procedures required to test the water at the Lodge and pass the information on to Andrew for completion of testing.

10. Newsletter- Greg

Newsletters have been GREAT!

11. Project – Brian

Action Item: Brian will ask Greg to organize a work party for the washrooms.

Action Item: Sunshine will get more washroom keys cut the originals and spares will go to Brian.

12. Publicity/ Adult Ski Lessons – Ron

Ron taught 14 people at the Adult lessons and will continue to provide lessons till the end of January on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays.

Posters have been made for the Loppet and Ski Tournament (Elementary races)

Action Item: Ron will create a poster for the January 29th Friday night Social.

Action Item: Ron will email posters for the Loppet to Williams Lake, Prince George and 100 Mile.

Old Business

1. Lodge Rental Rates

Fee structure has been revised with the new rates. No suggestions for improvements to the Hallis Lake Lodge Rental Checklist.

2. Winter Carnival

Sunshine and Chris are organizing CSTC involvement in the Winter Carnival.

To be held on February 6th, from 1 to 6 pm at West Fraser Timber Park.

CSTC will provide ski lessons at 1:30 for classic and 2:00 for skating. At 2:45, ski tours will be provided. Need volunteers for instructing and leading tours.

A tent will be set up to provide information about CSTC and the viewing of the Club's promotional DVD.

3. Murray Cabin Stove

See info under Backcountry Report

4. Division of Labour: Marie

The clarification of roles is important so please keep giving feedback to Marie.

5. Signs

Progress is being made, THANKS to Bob Skinner and John Redburn.

Action Item: Marie will pass on suggestions for improvements: placing of "Merge" and "Caution" signs at trail intersections. For example, "10 km Junction Ahead".

6. Home for Christmas Pass

No accurate figures were available to determine how many of these passes were sold this year.

Suggestion that our leftover membership ski passes of this year 2009-2010 be used as

Christmas Passes next season, as the different color would indicate the difference between the Christmas Pass and a Full Membership Pass.

7. Availability of FIA money thru WF- Chris

Chris explained that no money is available at this time from FIA (Forest Investment Account) but that a request for \$12,500 (last year's amount) was submitted to WF.

The FIA money may be available if surplus funds are available.

Suggestion that CSTC request funds early in our season as April 1st is the new financial year.

8. Membership campaign-Marie

Action Item: Rita will use the Excel database of CCBC to compare last year's CSTC membership list to this year and create a list of last year's members that have not renewed their membership this year.

Action Item: Marie will call last year's members to encourage them to buy memberships.

Suggestion that we send by mail, the CSTC event calendar, early in the season, to members that do not have email addresses. This will help to keep them informed of CSTC events, as they do not receive CSTC newsletters.

9. Lorenz Gradnitzer Memorial Gift

Ron and Elaine met with Mary regarding the memorial bench for Lorenz. Mary offered materials from Lorenz's shop to assist in the construction of the bench.

Action Item: Ron will investigate purchasing & engraving of the brass plaque.

New Business

1. BC Cup 3 & 4 Biathlon Race

See info under Nordics/ Biathlon.

2. Ski Tournament

The Ski Tournament will be held on February 13th, for all elementary school athletes, the tournament consists of 4 races.

Supplies/handouts have been obtained from CCBC and Cross Country Canada.

Volunteers are needed for this event.

Andrea Sturt has 2 copies of our promotional DVD and is taking it to show at the elementary schools.

Suggestion: Next year, club members will be recruited to sponsor schools that aren't getting involved in the Event.

3. 2010 JOP Application

CSTC's JOP grant 2009 will be audited by Price Waterhouse on Monday.

CSTC submitted last year's application in April/May and received funding by July 2009. The grant also included coverage for our administration costs of the project.

The JOP application for 2010 must be submitted by January 22, 2010. Suggestions to include in this year's application are:

- new snowshoe trail (perhaps around Hallis Lake)
- fire abatement around buildings at the Hallis Lake site
- expansion of the adventure park- more features
- development of a walking trail from the stadium to the biathlon range
- a backcountry cabin in the Hallis Lake area
- widening of the Pancake trail
- manual trail brushing

Action Item: Email any further ideas to Brian.

4. School Policy

Correliou Secondary School has paid \$85.00 for use of the ski trails for this season. This is for 3 sessions. CSTC policy passed and recorded in the Executive meeting of November 4, 2008 requests payment of \$180.00, the cost of a family membership.

Action Item: Marilyn will check email records to see whether Correliou agreed to this policy last year and if payment was received.

Action Item: Sunshine will check with Denis at Kersley regarding the policy.

Tabled: More information needs to be obtained and the issue was tabled to the March agenda.

5. Twin Track for Mountain Use

A policy is being drafted, for the rental of the older twin track to club members to access the Moncton cabin and Twin Sisters. This draft policy will be sent to the Executive for perusal. The policy will include rental requirements such as:

- Experience operating a snowmobile
- Knowledge and adherence to legalities
- Damage deposit
- Transport waiver
- Rental fee

Suggestion: That a trial run be made to see if the suggested use of the machine is practical.

6. Website Changes Backcountry

Discussion followed over conflicts arising in the booking, use and reservation system of the mountain cabins. Emails have been circulating amongst backcountry users regarding this issue.

The changes that are being made include adding a sidebar for Backcountry that accesses information for backcountry skiers complete with information on how to book cabins with an email address to contact for further information and booking. One plan is to provide a confirmation of booking by email, so that it can be printed and taken as proof of reservation. No maps or cabin locations will be provided. Safety information etc will also be provided in this section.

Action Item: Brian will forward information that has been drafted by Bruce and reviewed by many of the backcountry users to Herb, to be displayed on CSTC website with a copy to Marilyn for CSTC records.

7. Introduction to Backcountry Travel Plan

Bruce shared copies of Yukon Smart Travel Plan, as an example of a product that CSTC could produce and sell. A pad of 25 (two-sided cards) printed in black & white would cost approximately \$2.10.

It was suggested that the travel plan ideas be put on the website under Backcountry, and if possible, the number of hits to this site be counted.

Tabled: until the next Exec meeting.

8. Five Year Plan

Action Item: Brian, Sunshine and Chris will create a core plan that will be shared and discussed and fully developed with input from all of the executive via email.

9. Shaw Cable Filming

A two and half minute info commercial will be filmed tomorrow at Hallis Lake featuring ski club members and the Hallis Lake facility. The commercial will highlight winter activities in Quesnel. The commercial will be aired during the 2010 games on a variety of networks includes CNN. The mayor was filmed, as well as, a number of club members. Note we were the only winter activity filmed for the approx 2.5 minute segment.

10. Telefest

Telefest will be held at Troll on March 13, 2010.

A telemark movie called "Flakes" will be shown at Correlieu Music Room on March 9th.

This is being organized by Dougal Hines and not the CSTC.

CSTC last year financed the buying of the t-shirts. In 2009, the cost was \$2029.00 with a profit of \$11.00.

Motion: The Cariboo Ski Touring Club support the Telefest this year by purchasing t-shirts (if CSTC name is on the t-shirts and the t-shirt is not dated) with the profits from the shirts going to the CSTC and that CSTC reconsider our involvement for next year in October.

Motion moved by Sunshine, seconded by Bruce. Motion passed

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 2th, 2010 at 7:30 pm at QCEDC office (339A Reid Street).

Meeting adjourned at 10 pm

Goody Schedule for February is Jim Crellin