

**CARIBOO SKI TOURING CLUB
MINUTES – MARCH 8, 2007**

In attendance: Greg Strebel, Rita Rief, Brian Black, Glen Boudreau, Ron Watteyne, Elaine Watteyne

Adoption of Minutes: M: Ron 2nd: Rita

Adoption of Agenda M: Peter 2nd: Glen

Treasurer's Report: M: Greg 2nd: Glen

See attached.

\$55 owed to Quesnel Ski and Sports for membership that was double paid.

Correspondence:

1. Park Use Permit. 10 Mile Lake Provincial Park. Jan. 1,2006 to Dec. 31, 2010 Minister of Environment, Victoria

Committee Reports:

Equipment:

Twin tracks need minor repairs. **Someone** should take on the responsibility for repairs and restoration.

Greg to email members to ask for volunteer.

Equipment in good shape. Sean Pitcher was a huge success. We need to bring belting or plywood to run machine on cement floor to avoid damage to floor.

Was a good idea to send email to thank everyone involved.

Brain received quote for new rubber from Oak Creek. Needs to be replaced by next year.

Approx. \$7500 plus freight. No fasteners, no cleats. Waiting for quote from All Cats.

Lit track in good shape. No problems.

Ron replaced thermostat in timing shed. ON/OFF switch now. Ron fixed electric baseboard in lodge on east wall. Glen has a 6 ft. baseboard, 2000 watt. We can replace the old one if needed. Glen will donate it if it will work.

Nordics/ Biathlon

Some kids helped out with the Ski Tournament. No more Wed. training. Will decide on Wrap-up date.

Meet in Vanderhoof: Geordy Forsyth medaled. Some cash awards handed out to Simon, Rieta, and Geordy.

Membership:

322 members. Greg's numbers show 306. Will double check these numbers. Greg sees no duplicates, but we don't want to overpay CCBC. **Don and Greg** to check on this. CCBC should be paid by March 15th. \$1470 owing to CCBC based on Don's numbers. Last payment made on Dec. 15th.

Loppet:

Made approx. \$700

Have team category for a relay - might encourage more people. How do you set up a skate event at the same time? Senior skiers have requested that we eliminate the hill on the south pasture. If we have lots of snow we can do this.

Jackrabbits: submitted by Sunshine

March 8th CSTC meeting

SKI TOURNAMENT

- awesome – about 80 kids – great turnout from Williams lake and Wells – nice to have Tatla Lake showing too - Tuppy said she'd work on a PG showing for next year.

Approximate cost:

\$50 – posters

\$175 – all food and such

\$175 – medals and plaque

Donations from sponsors like Troll Ski and Snowboard, Keen's, Quesnel Ski for prizes plus Blue Collar donated juice boxes, Timber Trek donated candy and some other misc. supplies, and QRP donated \$250 and Cariboo Pulp donated \$250 and Cross Country Canada donated t-shirts for every participant.

Approximately \$100 in the black.

For next year – length of loops good so long as we separate 5 yr olds so breakdown of groups next year will change to – Group 1= under 5, Group 2 = 6+7, Group 3 = 8+9, Group 4 = 10+11, Group 5 = 12 and over.

The addition of a new group means more medals which will cost a bit more. Also, suggestion to have more medals anyway as there should be medals for individual classic/freestyle sprint. There should be ribbons for 4th/5th/6th in each of those events, and there should be ribbons for relay teams. This will more than double the cost of medals for the event next year so should be considered in budget.

If we want to host this sized event again, may have to raise a bit more money or consider the sponsorship more carefully or maybe the ski club will sponsor too. I think we should!

Will keep mass start at ~5 minute intervals.

Loved the addition of athlete's parade with bonus points for best flag and best costume – loved the freestyle sprint and great for kids to get chance to skate ski.

Would love to add double cross -

Peter suggested running it 4 at a time, top 2 move on. Reasonable low amount of volunteers needed – could hold it after lunch and awards as a separate event or it could just be a totally different weekend - ????

Will keep event in February but may schedule it earlier to hit SPIRIT BC WEEK.

YOGA

Rita has all the income and will write Kate's cheque. Currently, club makes \$1.25 per registered participant per night (approx. 15 people). Not bad for a one hour rental each week but double check everyone is fine with this.

Next class is April 3rd – filling fast.

I asked Charlotte Kurta if she was interested in being on the committee – help with cleaning and stuff – she hasn't got back so may not be keen.
I asked Steve Levitt if he was interested in managing it – think he'd be great – don't tell him anything about cleaning!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Stuff that needs to be done –

Windows washed

Leak in roof that shows in wall by out house exit upstairs

Janitorial sink would be nice but may not be feasible

Another bulletin board on other side of main door just for jackrabbits please

Floors desperately need to be waxed

Shelving downstairs in the broom closet and in the main area where I store jackrabbit stuff and everyone else stores broken stuff. I need jackrabbit space and shelving

Fix or replace VCR – may want a DVD – I have loaned mine in the past.

Fridge could really use being replaced if anyone has one

Do decks need to be stained? Not sure – I remember staining them about 4 years ago work party.

Fire ring around pit belongs to a friend of mine – I just borrowed it for Halloween and kept it all winter – we need a fire ring and proper dug out fire pit – whether it is rocks something but it should be established

Store everything in mouse proof containers and bleach out cupboards etc due to previous contamination.

Organize cupboards again and re-stock as necessary (napkins, cups and such)

Clean out fireplace – ashes – wipe down rock facing, etc.

Firewood Firewood Firewood

JACRABBIT STUFF

Chris Eldon made a tiny adventure trail with hoops near the timing hut – smaller kids can't make it up to the big rock park but need access to same facility.

Chris had an excellent suggestion of building something beside fir tree hill below and within the area of the nature trail. It would be half a hill so kids can learn some more skills and have access to some bicycle bumps. His first intent was to do some clearing without cutting trees but I'd like to consider going a little bigger if we can get it passed by MOF. Fir tree hill gets so crowded with lessons plus it is a main artery for access to adventure park so really becomes congested during jackrabbits – using half the hill beside fir tree hill means smaller kids have access to hill work that is more manageable and I can make it a mini-version of the park while also having room to teach snowplowing. In the meantime, he is GPSing the area and he will map it out so we can talk about a proposal.

Oh, and I've done more research on the ski equipment proposal for school district 28 will have to reserve for another date. I am very committed to this idea though and **want visit it again.**

I recommend we have a meeting early enough in the season that goes over all of our old business from the previous year that never gets done so we can find a way to get it done before the next season. For example, what ever happened to signs out on the trails indicating names of areas?? What ever happened to my slalom posts for big rock adventure park??

Discussion: Wands would work, but very expensive. They have springs to break away.

Backcountry Report:

Murray cabin has lots of firewood. Magnus Vinje said coleman stove in Murray Cabin was burning yellow. Waverly cabin: outdoor rec. club used it . Left in good condition. Lots of firewood. Wood stove is in bad condition. Flume is burning through. Collar set in to top plate and welded around. Screw adapter plate on top, We need new stove pipe. Stove needs to be put on proper blocks. Al Schutz is looking into this. Maybe Clarke could fix it. Will talk to Doug Nelson about Helicopter time, but have to be careful when using the heli time.

Moncton Cabin in good shape. Huge berm put in on the 3100 road into Moncton. Brian would like to use the club snowmobile to go into Moncton.

Social:

Sunshine had idea for international women's day event but no one to organize for Mar. 8th.

Meltdown 2007: March 31, 2007 (changed to Mar.24)

Could show power point presentation on Telefest Photos, Ski Tournament, Loppet, and Biathlon Races.

Contact Graham Gerry on Argentina presentation.

Ten Mile Lake:

Trails set early in the week, but snow melting fast. People have enjoyed skiing out there. Snow piled high in front of cash box, so no money in there yet. **Peter** will write to Parks to let them know about this.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Basement door barricade: Ron has asked Lawrence Gradnitzer to fix this. Will drill door and reinforce jam
2. CCBC Membership: **Rita** will make final payment.
3. Donation from Credit Union: Photo op with Sheri Cole, manager. **Elaine** will call and set up a photo shoot with PB and thanks for the gas.
4. John Dunn: Made \$118. Been here twice and should look at something different for next show unless he has something totally different. Possibly a Warren Miller Film, if Ski Patrol not doing it. **Peter** to inquire about Banff Film Festival.
5. Brochure reprinting: Ron will ask Ed to do this. Ask Marie for feedback - if received well. We could send this out again in the fall. Lots of excitement about the brochure.
6. Telefest: Huge success. 62 t-shirts sold. 3 or 4 people did not get t-shirts. Close to 80 telemarkers participated. Dougal sent out self addressed envelopes to potential sponsors with receipts. Good idea. Made approx. \$950. Good band. Excellent meal provided by Troll Resort. Rod Graham, Lisa McCargar, Jim Kurta, Christina Kraavanger have volunteered for next year. Skiers came from Grande Cache, Kamloops and W.L..
7. Lodge Committee: . Ron spoke to Steve Levitt. Really need someone to organize a committee. Start with volunteers already willing to do jobs: ie: Greg Streble – firewood
Sunshine Borsato – rentals
Lawrence Gradnitzer – carpentry
Tony Jaffary – roof maintenance
Ron Watteyne – electrical
Charlotte Kurta, Garda Cameron, Linda Price – janitorial
Wendy Hines – outhouse maintenance

Brian will call Steve to follow- up.

8. B.C. Cup Biathlon for next year. **Jim** is submitting application.
9. XC Skiing School Program: **Sunshine** to pursue this.
10. CCC Survey: **Ron** to pass it on to **Brian** to complete.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Meeting Dates: **Elaine** to book Gold Dust Diner for next meeting – Dinner meeting at Gold Dust at 6 PM.
2. Fencing: concerns about staging area. Vanderhoof had 8 ft. sections that could be moved. Suggestion for treated posts and permanent fencing. Trouble for tracksetters? Gaps in fence for skiers. Will talk to Dougal and Wendy about permanent fence. Chain link fence – could drop chain to bring in vehicles if needed. Reasonably attractive. Portable fence could be blown over. John Cameron and Don Cunningham have post pounders. **Peter** to speak to Wendy and Dougal and email between Ron and Brian.
3. Tree Planting: planting on west and south side of road in pasture to increase wind break. Series of thickets for shade and wind protection for 1 km. Need to bring it up at Pastures Assoc. Draft letter to Min. of Agriculture within Min. of Tourism with our proposal. Steve Levitt built a section of fencing and it has proved effective.
4. CCBC : Fees and Insurance. Review of what we have been doing with CCBC fees. Frequent User fee a pain. Let's roll frequent user fee into one fee.

MOTION: GREG STREBEL:

We will recommend to the general AGM that we abolish the frequent user fee for the 2007/2008 membership.

2nd GLEN AIF

Charge a base fee for each adult plus what we want to charge for each child. Include a list of what your fee covers.

MOTION: Peter: reference to CCBC fee (we will review the fee structure in Sept.)

2ND RON AIF

5. Tracksetting: Feedback from tracksetters has to be current. Ski report is taken off website. Greg suggested sending info to him and he will send info to Herb. Tracksetters tried to keep the ski board up to date.
6. Equipment: we need to spend some money on the machines to avoid breakdowns.
7. Danger Trees: need to be assessed and removed.
8. Trail passes: lots of people are not paying. We need signage to inform people. Put split rings on passes so people can have them more visible. “ Show Your Pride, Wear Your Pass”. Add a 2nd drop box. Have a booth for collection. Big signs up by stadium-Do you have your pass? Dog Owners- “ Clean up After you Dog: Campaign to get members to wear their pass.
9. Benefits of Membership – ie: reduction of day pass fee at regional ski areas.
10. Dog Poop: Pick up after your dog. Hand out for Dog Owners at registration. **Greg** to email members about this problem.

YEAR IN REVIEW:

1. PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Last Sunday before school returns from xmas break. Might be a good idea to include double cross event for this day. People really appreciated this event. Something from the club. Gerd had his grill for the elementary school races. Should ask him to use it for this event.
2. SKI TOURNAMENT: excellent event. Sunshine did a great job!!!

3. BIATHLON RACE:
4. LOPPET: sign up as a team category for a relay. Might encourage more people.. How do you set up a skate event at the same time? Older members requesting is there somehow we can eliminate the hill on the south pasture? (If we have lots of snow we can) Attendance might improve if the regional race system is used. 3 out of 4 races.
5. TELEFEST:
6. WINE AND CHESE;
7. MELTDOWN 2006

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, APRIL 10TH, 2007 Gold Dust Diner 6PM