

**CARIBOO SKI TOURING CLUB
MINUTES –March 11, 2008**

In attendance: Peter van Leusden, Rita Rief, Jim Crellin, Don Cunningham, Marilyn van Leusden, Ron Watteyne, Glen Boudreau, Greg Strelbel and Elaine Watteyne

Adoption of Minutes:	M: Don	2 nd : Jim
Adoption of Agenda	M: Peter	2 nd : Rita
Treasurer's Report:	M: Don	2 nd : Peter

See attached report dated March 11, 2008

Correspondence:

1. Report received from Ministry of Health stating the water quality at Hallis Lake is good.

Committee Reports:

Jackrabbits: Sunshine

Wind-up session was held at Hallis Lake on Saturday, March 8th, 2008. A good season with 10 sessions and of course two race events. Sunshine submitted a receipt folder and originals to be submitted to BC150 to receive the \$3000. Ron received Jim's receipt for the wax form bench and will get gas receipt for gas from Brian.

Nordics/ Biathlon: Jim & Peter

Nordics demonstrated shooting on Saturday, March 8th, to 8 or 9 Jackrabbits who seemed interested. Perhaps 3 or 4 indicated interest for next year.

On Sunday, March 9th, 5 athletes and the 3 coaches attended a race in Prince George.

Over this season, skiing and shooting improved. It is expected that all 5 athletes will return next year.

Membership: Don

387 members for 2007/2008. This is an increase of 50 more than last year.

Revenue raised through memberships is \$17,920 with a total of \$19,640 when including Jackrabbit and Nordic fees.

Equipment/Lighted Track: Brian

Expenditures \$463.73 for wiper motor and \$704.48 for wheel & tire.

Alpine 2 arrived and was purchased for \$4,000. It is in great shape with a new battery and windshield.

Piston Bulley has a few minor repairs that are needed.

Brian purchased a new winch for the Alpine 2.

Loppet: Marie

Dates for the Hallis Lake Loppet in 2009 were noted with a follow-up discussion to be held at the next meeting on April 8th, 2008 when Marie is present.

Backcountry Report: Glen

See attached report from Glen.

Glen met with Desi Cheverie regarding Groundhog Lake and the Mt. Agnes cabin on February 21, 2008. Our License of Occupation is in good standing, renewal in 2011 after 10 years.

Glen will draft a letter to Desi and share via email with Executive members outlining 3 points:

1. CSTC would like to be part of the process when discussing use of areas for skiing & snowmobiling
2. Before CSTC can make a decision regarding Mt. Agnes cabin, we need more info regarding the Cariboo Habitat Report's new regulations and use restrictions in the area
3. Indicating CSTC interest in the Forestry Lookout on Two Sisters

Glen shared that the Wells Barkerville Snowmobile Club is stopping and asking for trail fees.

Glen spoke to Search & Rescue regarding the purchase of a toboggan for rescue but they are not keen on purchasing.

Jim will investigate the cost of purchasing a new toboggan and the cost of modifying our toboggan.

****** Postpone** till next Fall a meeting with all interested/involved groups (Wells RCMP, Search & Rescue, BC Ambulance & CSTC) regarding the need for a rescue toboggan, the cost, how one can be purchased, financing through grants, responsibilities etc.

Social: Elaine

See attached report from Elaine.

Discussion of timing of Wind-up event on March 8th, 2008.

Jackrabbit attendance was low, 18 of 48 due to several reasons; day after NI Day, late season due to extension after 3 cold day cancellations.

Still a feeling that a Day event was better attended than an evening party.

Importance of earlier notice was reviewed.

Discussion of Caledonia's schedule posted on their website, at the beginning of the season, so members are informed of upcoming events. ****** Discuss next season**

Don was asked to investigate CHOCOLATE race for CSTC next year.

Lodge Manager: Steve

No report.

Lodge supplies purchased,; \$45.62 for cups, utensils.

Newsletter: Greg

LOTS of positive comments from members.

Greg requested by Peter to send out Coach recruitment letter.

Photos can be viewed at <http://picasaweb.google.ca/429FirSt>

Ten Mile Lake: Bert/ Peter

Still logging at Ten Mile Lake Park.

Peter collected \$51.40 from deposit box.

Peter will remove CSTC board from Ten Mile Lake Park

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Groundhog Cabin: See Glen's report.

2. Used Twin Track: Jim and Brian examined the machine and purchased it.

3. Quesnel Foundation: Final proposal has been submitted and we are waiting for a response. Perhaps by the end of March. Liz Neave is secretary and could be contacted for info. Will need a photo op if grant is given.

4. CEDI Grant Update: Letter of approval should be coming soon. Brian says 12 more poles are being delivered by Telus.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. School Use at Hallis Lake: Peter has drafted a letter to School District 28 asking the District to pay \$1500 each year for use of Hallis Lake Trail system. Each school visit will cost \$75, if the total does not equal \$1500, the balance will be returned. Use over total will be free. Peter would take care of the bookings.

Discussion followed concerning use of the Lodge. If a school would like to use the Lodge a deposit of \$150 is needed, with a return of \$100.00 if the Lodge is left clean and not damaged. Decided it would be necessary to renovate, so we could lock the entrance to downstairs.

2. Year End Payment to CCBC: Don will email Rita the numbers of CSTC members and Rita will mail off membership data on the form with payment to CCBC.

3. CRD Tourism Grant Final Report: CSTC has received \$3,700 and Ron needs to submit a report so CSTC will receive the remaining \$1300. Discussed supporting data. Greg will put ski pictures on a CD to include in the report.

4. BC 150 Grant Report: \$3000 not yet received. Ron will send in report so we receive funds.

5. Year End Dinner Party: At Begbie's April 8th, 2008
Elaine will arrange the venue.

6. Rifle: Jim discussed the need to purchase another rifle. Peter motioned, Greg seconded a motion. "Jim could purchase a new or second hand rifle up to \$1500 for the club." The motion was carried.

7. Calendar: Discussed a poster calendar with CSTC events listed.

8. Silk Road: Marilyn will investigate "Silk Road" entertaining CSTC members, at our General Meeting in November, when they are passing through.

9. Tax receipts for Child Tax Credit: Create receipts and hand out at the first Jackrabbit session next year.

10. Overdue CSTC fees: Don will confirm overdue fees and send to Ron. Ron will email members and request payment.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm

NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING: April 8, 2008 AT 6:30 PM at Begbie's