

Cariboo Ski Touring Club

Minutes March 26, 2009

In Attendance: Brian Black, Rita Rief, Andrew Roberts, Ron Watteyne, Greg Strebel, Sunshine Borsato

Absent: Peter van Leusden, Holly Nelson, Marie Skinner, Marilyn van Leusden, Jim Crellin, Don Cunningham,

Adoption of Minutes: M Greg 2nd Andrew
Adopt agenda: M Andrew 2nd Brian
Treasurers Report: M Greg 2nd Brian
See attached reconciliation dated March 26, 2009

Correspondence

Ski Trax magazine
BC Safety Authority – bill for private power line
BC Hydro bill. Does the CSTC owe Dougal for power for the equipment shed and parking lot lighting? Ron to check with Dougal.
All Cat Services – 2 bills
Letter from Rita (new business)

Committee Reports

Jackrabbit – Sunshine reported that Celine Giesbrecht will coordinate the Jackrabbit program next year. Sunshine will be able to offer some support. Celine evidently will not be able to attend regular executive meetings. She should be encouraged to attend the first meeting of the new season.

Nordics / biathlon – Jim/Peter
No report

Membership – Don
No report. CSTC has 361 members per March 13 on-line count

Loppet – Marie
No report. 2010 date not yet confirmed.

Equipment & Lit Track – Brian

Twintracks:

Rubber Ducky requires repairs – front ski is bent (Brian's ribs bruised) gear box leaking oil and one track is damaged.

Muskwa is running well, good performance throughout the season.

Green Gables (10 Mile Lake) has not been used this season due to trail conditions, the starter is not working. Herb to check the main starter fuse.

Alpine 1 (Hallis) Needs new battery, has not been used this season.

Alpine 1 (10 Mile Lake) had engine work early in season and has run OK.

Pisten Bully

Head repairs done in February. Head gasket leaked after repair. Returned to shop and retorqued.

Looks OK so far, but only has a few hours on it since. Outstanding repair requirements:

- refasten one track grouser
- repair door shock, driver's side
- install a brace to hold muffler or modify
- repair hydraulic leak on tiller
- install a radiator overflow tank
- install an engine-driven cooling fan and shroud
- replace the fuel filter
- replace bulbs in dash rocker switches
- tighten mirror ball joint, driver side.

There are no current issues with the Lit Track

Backcountry – position open

Ron spoke to Bruce Self who expressed some interest. Brian noted that the club does not need someone to organize the little details and work parties, rather someone to liaise with government ministries and other parties on issues such as logging, mountain caribou considerations, land use, etc. This may be a role that is better described by a different name.

Social –Holly & Bonnie

The Meltdown Social will take place on Saturday. Note there was a potential conflict with a rental. Social Committee needs to confirm date availability with lodge rental coordinator (Sunshine).

10 Mile Lake Committee –Peter/Bert

No news.

Lodge – Andrew Roberts

Lorenz Gradnitzer did a fine job repairing the damaged round tables.

Drywall repairs of water damaged gyproc are required, near the northwest door on the main level. Sunshine will contact Joel. Clean-up and organization of junk and equipment to be subject of an executive work party. Greg will procure three sturdy shelving units to organize materials. (Motion Sunshine, 2nd Greg) We'll make this the executive wind-up dinner meeting with pizza. 6 pm Tuesday, April 14. Spouses invited.

Newsletter- Greg

Send out another reminder of the Meltdown Social. Sunshine suggested some past emails be compiled and posted on the bulletin board. (Sunshine plans to resume submitting Ski Tracks column to the Observer next year.)

Project – Brian

The electrical materials for the Lit Track extension on order have arrived at the distributor in Prince George. Expect an invoice for \$7200 plus taxes. Would like to submit an invoice for all costs to March 31 to WED.

Supply proposals for well equipment received from Independent Pump & Mechanical and from West Central Pipe. Washroom fixtures and sanitary receiver tank/pump set also from West Central Pipe. Decision on the latter will follow snow melt and identification of location of septic tank and field.

Next date for accrual of costs for submission to WED is July 1st.

No report was made on the promotional work by the Grandell's, however they were active filming during the month.

Old Business

1 – Quesnel Foundation cheque. Status unclear. Ron will follow up.

2 – Lease Needs to be finalized so it does not hold up Project

3 – Heart & Stroke Foundation Event

No report from Victor Hegan. Attended mainly by CSTC directors, no one from general community despite wide publicity. Decision on supporting this event in the future deferred to next year.

4 – Elementary School Races

Sunshine will organize the Elementary School races next year under the auspices of the CSTC. There is no one in the school system stepping up to the task.

5 – Windbreaks in Hallis Fields

There has been an exchange of information with the Quesnel Climate Change Committee to identify a qualifying partner as required for funding for planting trees on Crown Land. Greg will continue to pursue this matter.

6 – Lodge Rentals - posters

The ski theme posters and banners can be taken down for the off-season and stored in the office. Rentals during the ski season may require taking these items down on a case-by-case basis, but they need to be put up again after the rental. Rental coordinator to arrange.

7 – Extending Dog Trails

Ron and Brian had satellite photos of Hallis Lake area and there was an extended discussion of options. It was noted that ambitious plans need to be moderated by recognition of future burden of trail maintenance and that tracksetting logistics need to be considered in the design of proposed trails. The group decided that a cut-off trail from the field near the corrals back to the main road met the need for a shorter Dog Loop and that a formal re-designation of the east side of the North Marathon Loop would not be promoted at this time. A suggestion for a loop through the forest patch on the west side of Suicide hill, allowing bypass of the hill, was considered but deferred for now in favour of making a bypass path through the field on the east side of the hill.

8 – Troll Telefest

No formal report received. Financial results not entirely complete however it appears that a small loss was incurred, donations were smaller than last year. Rita will submit an accounting when finalized. The event was enjoyable and well attended but the CSTC role needs to be formalized and more active with respect to budgeting and organization. Ron will speak to Dougal about this.

New Business

1 – Road Barricade Removal

Rob Johnston will be asked to remove the concrete barricades by April 1 as dictated by the terms of our lease. Since snow conditions are still favourable for skiing, he will be asked to mound up snow in place of the barricades to keep out motorized vehicles.

2 – Refund for Mel Isaac

A Jackrabbit program applicant was unable to attend the program for extenuating reasons. The program fee, but not the membership fee, will be refunded.

3 – Trail Maintenance Funds

Desi Cheverie advised that CSTC costs were much lower than neighbouring clubs. \$9600 should be forthcoming from the Forestry Investment Account for this year.

4 – Letter from Rita re: Attracting new members

The subject of membership expansion will require more time for thorough discussion. To be made #1 priority on Old Business at the next meeting. 6:00 pm April 14th at Lodge, Pizza night

Job Opportunities Program – 5

Recommended that our priorities be:

1. Trails maintenance – removal of danger trees
2. Construction of the 'Flat' Trail
3. Dog Trail extension – 'Short' Loop
4. Snowshoe Trail. Ron will use Google Earth to layout trails to the two 'summits' and back and submit to Victor Stobbe for cost estimate

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm

Next Meeting: April 14th , 2009 at Hallis Lake Lodge at 6:00 pm

Pizza at the meeting, please advise Ron as to your attendance and which spouses will attend.