

**CARIBOO SKI TOURING CLUB
MINUTES –October 14, 2008**

In attendance: Rita Rief, Brian Black, Marilyn van Leusden, Ron Watteyne, Sunshine Borsato, Jim Crellin, Greg Strebel

Absent with regrets: Marie Skinner. Peter van Leusden, Don Cunningham, Andrew Roberts
Social Committee Meeting: Bonnie Chlebek, Holly Nelson & Elaine Watteyne

Special Guest: John Courtenay

Adoption of Minutes: M: Brian 2nd: Sunshine
Adoption of Agenda: M: Jim 2nd: Rita

Treasurer's Report: M: Brian 2nd: Sunshine
See attached report dated September 30, 2008

Correspondence:

1. **Ministry of Lands:** Letter received from Kathleen Greskiw, Planning Officer, Integrated Land Management Bureau. Letter outlines a proposal for CSTC to continue to hold the License of Occupation for the Ground Hog Lake Ski Hut but gives permission for the Wells Snowmobile Club to be responsible for maintenance. Proposal was accepted for a 5 year term. Ron will send a letter expressing our acceptance.
2. **Rotary Club:** A letter from the Quesnel Rotary Club requesting a donation for the annual auction to be held on November 24, 25, & 26th to support the Child Development Centre. CSTC will donate 2 adult passes and 2 packages of ski lessons(3 lessons per package).
3. **Cross Country Canada:** A package of info arrived and was circulated.
4. **Caledonia Nordics Newsletter:** Newsletter was circulated.
5. **Ministry of Tourism Sports & the Arts:** Letter dated October 7, 2008 from Desi Cheverie, Recreation Officer, Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts addressed to Mrs Sheffield and copied to the Cariboo Ski Touring Club. Letter outlines authorization to harvest Birch Sap if the activity is completed following the stated conditions.
6. **City of Quesnel:** Letter received requesting any nominations from the CSTC for the Sports Hall of Fame.

Committee Reports:

Jackrabbits: Sunshine

Sunshine is creating a Jackrabbit schedule that will be ready for distribution at the Ski Swap, being held at UNBC/CNC atrium from 3-9 pm Friday, October 24th.

Jackrabbit sessions will start December 13, 2008 and the desire is to create a compact schedule. It appears that Jackrabbit has enough instructors this season.

Henry Braun, from QSS, will not be organizing the Elementary Ski Race this year. CSTC will organize this event this year. Sunshine will contact Kevin Sturt to see if he will help.

Nordics/ Biathlon: Jim & Peter

Training sessions have been held the last 2 weeks with approximately 8 to 10 kids attending. There might be a shortage of rifles.

A ski & information session is being held this Saturday, October 18, 2008 at 9am at Rocky Peak Adventure Gear.

CSTC will host a BC Cup Race in January

Membership: Don

Don has 180 passes ready for distribution.

Executive requests [Don](#) provide an option of both strings and split rings for the CSTC passes.

A cheque has been sent to CCBC for 10 members & executive members for this season.

Equipment/Lighted Track: Brian

Brian is investigating the down pressure on the hitch of the Piston Bulley.

Loppet: Marie

Elaine is helping Marie organizing the Loppet this year, to be held on January 24, 2009.

It was noted that there is a conflict with the scheduling of the 4 Loppets in the Gold Rush Series: Bull Mt is on Jan 31, Caledonia on Feb 1, Cariboo Feb 7, CSTC Jan 24, 2009.

Backcountry Report: Position available

Four work parties have been held this Fall.

Moncton: Trail has been brushed, cabin maintained & supply of wood brought in by Al Schultz and Magnus Vinje.

Waverly: Cabin has a replenished supply of firewood by Paul Mednis, Peter van Leusden & Bert Sturt.

Murray: Cabin has been cleaned by Don & Peggy Cunningham and they will return this weekend to complete some repairs. Brian Black, Al Schultz and Magnus Vinje collected and stored some firewood and replaced the chimney.

Request that [Don](#) contact Brian so that he can take a stainless steel elbow up for the new chimney.

Ron indicated that Tyler Dinsdale was interested in being the Backcountry Director next season.

Social: Bonnie & Holly

Bonnie & Holly met with Elaine to develop some ideas for social events for this season 2008/9.

Ideas were briefly shared and will be discussed further at the next Executive meeting, November 4th.

Tentative dates & events are: October 24th: Ski Swap; October 30th: AGM; December 5th: Trim the Tree; January 4th: Pancake Breakfast; Casual Fridays: January 9th, 30th, Feb 13th, and 27th: and March 7th for the Meltdown Party.

Lodge Manager: Andrew

Lodge deck was painted on Saturday, September 27th and the Lodge had its Winter cleanup.

Thanks to Lil & Henry and all the volunteers.

Newsletter: Greg

[Greg](#) is requested to send out an email to CSTC membership regarding:

The Ski Swap, being held at UNBC/CNC atrium from 3-9 pm Friday, October 24th;

The AGM being held October 30th at Hallis Lake Lodge

CEDI Grant to CSTC that will enable improvements at the Hallis Cross Country Ski Venue

Greg expressed the need to include in this year's CSTC newsletters, information about all aspects of the Club. He will request input of events & photos from members.

Ten Mile Lake: Bert/ Peter

The clean-up of the trails has not yet occurred.

Peter collected another \$19.00 from the deposit box.

CEDI Grant: Brian

The WED contract has arrived, as well as, the NDIT contract has been signed.

Brian has written a letter requesting an extension to complete the CEDI project upgrades to November 2009 with the report due December 2009, due to the delay in approval.

CSTC will attempt to complete the project upgrades by July 2009.

The managers for this project are: Project Manager; Brian Black; Assistant Project Manager: Ron Watteyne and Project Accountant: Rita Rief.

Brian reviewed the Component Co-ordinators as stated in our proposal:

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| a) Drilled Well | Brian Black, P. Eng |
| b) Washrooms & Septic System | Greg Strebel, P. Eng |
| c) Biathlon Improvements | Jim Crellin, P. Eng |
| d) Staging Area Development | Peter van Leusden, Teacher |
| e) Trail Lighting Addition | Brian Black, P. Eng |
| f) Promotional Video | Ron Watteyne |

At this time, the well has been drilled, exceeding the estimated budget. Work is scheduled for Friday, October 17th and Monday, October 20th for the improvements to the Shop Floor.

It is intended to begin improvements to the Biathlon area this Fall. Brian & Jim have a meeting with Desi on Thursday, October 16th.

Brian stated that claimed costs must be invoiced.

Rita will seek a Line of Credit to finance costs.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. School use of Hallis Lake Venue:

Peter's letter and flyer addressed to Cynthia Bernier, School District 28 outlining the use of Hallis Lake Cross Country Ski Facility by school groups was read & discussed. Peter will send them to Cynthia.

2. AGM Thursday, October 30th:

Greg Strebel will run the elections.

Present members of the Executive will allow their names to stand for re-election.

CSTC requires a Backcountry Director.

NOTE: All Directors & Executive members need to prepare a report for the AGM.

Marilyn will give Ron the Secretary's binder with the minutes of Executive meetings & 2007 AGM minutes for the AGM.

Ron will contact Al Schultz regarding his New Zealand presentation.

Ron will create a poster advertising the AGM and distribute them in town.

Greg will send out an email informing CSTC membership of the AGM.

3. Yoga:

Joanne Di Guiseppa pays CSTC \$15.00 a night for the use of Hallis Lake Lodge for Yoga lessons. This is a total of \$120.00 for 8 sessions

4. Mowing of Stadium & Trails:

Ron has been investigating several options for getting the mowing done. He will contact Doug Perdue for the cost of pulling a mower behind a quad. Brian stated that Richbar Nurseries said to contact them again if we are stuck.

5. **Ski Swap: October 24th**

Sunshine and Ron are coordinating this event at UNBC/CNC atrium from 3-9 pm Friday, October 24th. Ron will arrive at 3pm, Joanne at 4:30.

6. **Lease Application:**

Ron is working on the Lease application and anticipates sending it into Williams Lake shortly. Approval will not happen till the Spring, as the office is 4 months behind and the land must be free of snow for inspection.

The Application will cost \$262.00 but the cost of surveying could be up to \$5000.00.

7. **Pasture Association Meeting:**

Jim and Brian are meeting with Desi Cheverie on Thursday, October 16th.

8. **Snowshoe Trails:**

Ron submitted an article to the Observer, it was published Sunday, October 12.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Sunrise Rotary Project:**

Ron drafted a letter requesting money to support the Hallis Cross Country Ski Venue Improvement Project.

2. **New Trail Layout:**

Victor has GPS the trail.

There is a possibility if we get clearance & approval from Desi at Ministry of Tourism, Sport and The Arts to remove trees for the trail, that West Fraser could log this area and keep the wood. Brian will discuss this with Desi at his meeting on Thursday.

3. **Logging at Hallis Lake:**

Ron & Brian met with West Fraser regarding the logging of trees infested with the Fir Beetle. They have been assured that the logging will not interfere with skiing or damage the trail system.

4. **Seven Summits Ski Race:**

John Courtenay put forth a request that CSTC support a winter ski event like the 7 summits race with perhaps an avalanche awareness course.

Ron will check with CCBC on the availability of Insurance.

CSTC will not be Race co-ordinators but perhaps will offer assistance.

Our concerns at present are insurance and safety aspects. We will discuss further at the Nov. 4th Executive meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm

NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING: November 4th, 2008 RONSKI'S AT 7:30 PM

Goody schedule:

November: Watteynes

February: Jim

December: Rita:

March: Sunshine

January: Brian