

**Cariboo Ski-Touring Club
March 8 2016 Meeting Minutes**

In Attendance: Brian Black, Mike Alborn, Ron Watteyne, Greg Strebel, Amy Reid, Brian Kennelly, Shannon Coffey, Charlotte Kurta, Jim Crellin, Sunshine Borsato,

Absent with Regrets: Marilyn van Leusden, Peter van Leusden, Lee Morgan, Vicki Esplen, Bruce Self, Herb Chlebek, Holly Nelson, Chris Elden

Adopt Agenda: M: Ron Watteyne 2nd: Brian Kennelly

Adoption of Minutes of February 16, 2016 M: Greg Strebel 2nd: Jim Crellin

Adoption of Treasurer Report for January 31, 2016 M: Mike Alborn 2nd: Jim Crellin

Correspondence:

Old Business:

1. Criminal Record Checks (defer until April)
2. CSTC Policies
 - Files have been compared and traded between Shannon Coffey and Brian Black
 - They will send policies out for discussion as needed during next month and are working on making a consolidated folder of the most recent versions of the policies for the executive to see

New Business:

1. 5 Year Plan – Brian Black
 - Went through all items on CSTC Five Year Plan, some discussion items included:
 - Explore retaining a paid ski coach next year
 - Redesign of the CSTC website, this will require a lot of thought. Could readers of the minutes go out and check out other ski club websites, what role would we like our website to serve?
 - Format of reporting grooming, should classic and skate be specified?

- Possibility of tenant to build a heated shop, club supplies materials
- How should info be delivered to club members and prospective new members (website, brochure)
- SWAG - purchase in advance of season, purchase locally
- Display of historical records, pics twice a year would be great
- Membership drive beginning in October using social media, Greg's emails, membership incentives and a series of articles in papers to get people to purchase memberships early. Greg, Ron, Charlotte, and Tania could make it happen

2. Meltdown - Ron Watteyne

- April 2 - 5:30 catered by Bliss, ribs and chicken for dinner
- Tickets \$17 at Rocky Peak
- Dave Jorgensen is giving a special presentation on early skiing in Wells
- will be a dedication to Joan Huxley
- the CSTC will buy dinner tickets for Joan Huxley and Dave Jergesen
- \$17 ribs and chicken, tickets at Rocky Peak
- 50 tickets for sale, discussion if should be more
- Discussion on how to make the meltdown even more inclusive for families in the future

Committee Reports:

1. Skill Development Program: Jackrabbit/Track Attack – Sunshine Borsato

JR wrapped up with 13 sessions and 60 kids participating. One was canceled earlier in the season due to poor snow conditions and the last two were canceled. I had 19 coaches and support coaches for whom I purchased buffs and toques at a cost of approximately \$400. \$20 was spent on stickers, \$150 on cookies and \$150 approx on the new slackline and games.

2. Elementary School Races – Sunshine Borsato

The elementary races Feb 20th were very successful although we did last minute course changes in biathlon to find good snow. 105 kids registered, 89 participated. All of the final reports are submitted to CCC and now posted on their website. The medals cost nearly \$400 which is the only direct cost incurred by the club and the \$20 shipping of items.

1. Loppet Report – Vicki Esplen

Once again weather was a concern for this year's Loppet. Warm weather and rain really made conditions a challenge for track setting. Luckily we had a freeze the night before so that the tracks could be set. Al Schutz did an amazing job at setting the tracks despite the melting conditions.

He was unable to set the 5 km track so participants did three loops of the 2.5 track. Feedback on this change was positive. Something to consider for next year??

From Zone 4 registrations:

91 participants registered
Total Paid by Registrants \$3150.00
Zone 4 fees \$244.00
Net Revenue from registration: \$2906.00
Total Expenditures: 1930.17
Net: 975.83

Actual participants for the day: 83

26 from outside Quesnel

Vicki's numbers don't match Amy's for revenue, Amy will contact her to discuss

29 – 16 years and under

34 – Recreational/ 11 – 8 km and 23 – 16 km. There were 3 teams of Women's Recreational Pairs

20 – 32 km participants

Feedback:

1. Add one more category to the SDP lineup to divide up the ages 5 – 11 into three groups instead of just two.
2. Consider looping for the 8 km (7.5km) track – repeat of this year's default plan
3. Having registration online prior to Xmas is a good plan
4. Now that all registration is online and there is no paper registration with the details on it, more information needs to be available on our website. Categories, costs, deadlines... We had a brochure but it was not available to outside Quesnel folks – and those are the ones that have the questions. This information could be added to the website early in the season – possibly early December...
5. Could we open up the Recreational Pairs to more than just a Women's category? Men/ Parent& child...
6. Announcers did a great job.
7. Draw prizes were terrific – lots of good choices for participants to choose from. Purchasing items at cost from Rocky Peak was a good plan.

Submitted by: Vicki Esplen, Loppet organizer

4. Nordics/Biathlon – Jim Crellin

Biathlon Report February-March 2016

Regular shooting and skiing practices were held most weekends at Hallis Lake. Ski training on Tuesday evenings ended on March 1st.

A team of 9 athletes with coaches and parental support crew travelled to Callaghan Valley for BC Cup #3 on February 13-14 which was the last BC Cup competition for this year. It was not one of our better competitions this season. Anni Kurta was 2nd in the

Sprint competition and 1st in the Pursuit. Chris Elden was 1st in both events against some tough competition. Ryan Elden was 3rd in the Pursuit.

At the BC Winter Games our athletes performed well. Graham Hamelin took the gold in the Jr Boys Individual, hitting 14 of 15 targets. Anni Kurta took gold in all three competitions. Ryan Elden took silver in all three competitions.

Anni Kurta and Ryan Elden qualified for the BC team for Nationals at Valcartier on March 15-20. Chris Elden will also attend Nationals to compete in the Master's division.

Funds for rifle rentals have all been remitted. We have purchased a new junior stock for one of our senior sized Izhmash rifles with Gaming grant funds. This gives us one more junior sized Izhmash rifle for next season.

The timing for the proposed advanced coaching clinic funded through our Lottery grant is not going to work out for this season. We are working on purchasing additional biathlon equipment with the remaining Gaming grant funds.

The range held up for training on March 5 but it is getting thin. A spruce tree came down in the windstorm on March 4-5, narrowly missing the outhouse and leaving its top hung up in the lit track power lines. It was removed on March 7 by Ron Watteyne and myself.

Jim Crellin
Biathlon Director

5. Membership – Greg Strebel (no changes this month)

- Total membership 402

6. Equipment – Mike Alborn

- Wire (?) brought in for ginzu
- Maintenance and annual repairs report being done

7. Backcountry – Bruce Self

8. Signs & Trails, Lit Track – Brian Kennelly (no report this month)

- Signs to come down on road
- Pedestrian gate at top of adventure park for person should not be locked

9. Social – Holly Nelson

10. Ski the Gold Rush Trail – Ron Watteyne

11. Email Communications – Greg Strebel

12. Newsletter – Vicki Esplen

13. Fundraising – Marilyn van Leusden, Brian Black

- An application to NDIT for funding from the “Pine Beetle Recovery Account” is in progress. The application is for the Lighted Track Modernization Project.
- An application was made March 4th for funding from MEC for the Lighted Track Modernization project.
- Preliminary work is happening for CSTC’s Gaming Grant application that needs to be submitted by late April , early May. Programs are requested to brainstorm funding requests.

14. Publicity/Adult Lessons – Ron Watteyne

15. Youth Ski School – Marilyn van Leusden

- Youth Ski School has received a lot of positive feedback from teachers about the program. Tania will send out an end of season survey to the schools and thank you letter. We will request pictures to update our page on the website.
- Schools that attended this season were Nazko, Wells, Carson (2 &3 and K-1), Bouchie Lake, Voyageur (K-1, 3 and 2/3) Riverview, Lakeview, St Ann’s, Dragon Lake and North Cariboo Christian School (NCCS).
- 29 sessions have been taught of the 33 booked. St Ann’s and NCCS only completed 1 of their 3 sessions due to a lack of snow.
- We had 989 student days for Youth ski School sessions and 16 student days for the ski camp. So a total of 1005 student days. We lost 158 student days due to cancellation of St Ann’s & NCCS sessions. Our booking target was 1150 student days....so we will try again to book higher next year to reach our target numbers.
- A huge “Thank You” to Tania and the 14 coaches for an awesome season! Youth Ski School even had two different ski school sessions in one morning to fit in groups before our snow disappeared.
- Youth ski school coaches held a windup meeting on March 2nd to review the season and celebrate.
- Youth Ski School is recruiting 2 more committed coaches for next year... any suggestions?

16. Rental Shop Report – Tania Gruene

First Report:

The lodge and Rental Shop are shut down as of March 1st due to poor snow conditions. We are generating a work list for spring summer work parties. One of the

needs this year is developing the walk path from the lodge to the parking lot. This would be helpful in the winter when the driveway is completely iced up or there is traffic (ie. Loppet morning etc).

Second Report:

- The rental shop and lodge shut down on Feb 29th this year. Rebekah and Janet have both been laid off for the season. Tania will complete lodge cleanup, equipment organization and repairs, and season windup will be completed in early March.
- We will again take 8-12 of the skis showing the most wear out of stock and replace them next year. Some large ski boots are beginning to wear at the seams but we have taken them to the shoe repair and they are being fixed up at a much lower cost than replacing them. (\$9-15 per boot)
- Poor snow conditions resulted in cutting the rental shop season short. We have ended the season with about 62% of the ski rentals that we had last year. Traffic through the rental shop to get maps, trail advice and day pass sales increased from last year.

17. Lodge Management – Tania Gruene

18. Succession Committee

19. Coaching – Peter van Leusden (nothing to report this month)

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:50 PM

Next Meeting: April 12th

Goodies Schedule:

April - Charlotte/Shannon goodies

May - Brian