

Cariboo Ski-Touring Club

Minutes December 8, 2015

In Attendance: Brian Black, Mike Alborn, Lee Morgan, Ron Watteyne, Greg Strebel, Marilyn van Leusden, Vicki Esplen, Bruce Self, Peter van Leusden, Amy Reid, Holly Nelson, Brian Kennelly, Shannon Coffey, Charlotte Kurta

Absent with Regrets: Jim Crellin, Herb Chlebek, Chris Elden, Sunshine Borsato

Adopt agenda:	M: Greg	2nd: Ron
Adoption of Minutes of October 22, 2015 :	M: Peter	2nd: Vicki
Adoption of treasurer report for November 30, 2015	M: Greg	2nd: Brian K

Correspondence:

Brian received for CSTC a certificate of good standing society act from Carol Prest, registrar of companies Province of BC.

Old Business:

1. Trail Maps

The maps are near ready, they just need letters marking the junctions and once posted to the website they will be downloadable. CSTC will keep 8 1/2x 14 (legal) copies in the lodge. **In progress**

Jim sent the executive .gpx files for the Hallis Lake ski trails and instructions on how to download and use appropriate mapping programs for iPhone or Android. (These tracks can also be downloaded to your handheld GPS but the file format may have to be changed) If this works OK, then intent would be to make these trail files and instructions available on the website.

These mapping programs have the advantage that the topo maps are downloaded to your device so that internet coverage is not required to use them (unlike Google Maps) They can also be used for backcountry trips by downloading the appropriate maps and creating your own tracks. The mapping programs have to be purchased for a nominal sum but the map downloads are free

We have not identified a mapping program for Blackberry devices at this time.

Please note that these are not the ski trail files that Jim Kurta is developing, those files will be .pdf files and will be accessed through a program called PDF Maps. These are track files that I generated with my iPhone at the end of last season.

2. Loppet January 23, 2016 9:30 am start Hallis Lake

Vicki has put together a loppet brochure to distribute around town with all the basic loppet information. She has added a category for female pairs 8 km to attract more novice female skiers. Register ONLINE at Zone4.ca
A suggestion was made to ask Joan Huxley to be a medal presenter at the loppet

3. Trail Passes

Brian K has signs to post at the start of dog loop and in the stadium. The goal is to have everyone wearing a trail pass. All trails other than the dog loop start at the stadium. Greg will make up season snowshoe passes and will distribute to those members.

4. Lit track Modernization

We are waiting on news of the Canada 150 grant of \$44,000 for this project. Work will begin on this project with more funding being pursued from the Quesnel Foundation who require a letter of intent by Jan 15 and MEC who have a March deadline.

The target completion date for this project is December 2016

New Business:

1. Signing authority update

Greg Strebel and Shannon Coffey will replace John Redburn and Lee Morgan as signers for the main account. Amy Reid, Vicki Esplen and Brian Black will remain as signers. The three gaming signers remain the same.

2. No Snow Policy

Amy will look at the club fixed costs to help the executive decide what action to take in the event of a snowless or minimal snow season.

3. Motion for Approval of Gaming Account Summary Report (4 page attachment)

Motion: Marilyn moves to accept the Gaming Account Summary Report.

Seconded by: Ron

motion carried

4. Facebook backcountry page for the club and people new to backcountry skiing

A backcountry section will be added to the existing CSTC Facebook page. Amy and Tania will monitor and remove any posts that supply directions or have inappropriate comments. People will still be directed to the CSTC website to read the waiver and book the cabins.

5. Lodge rental Policy

CSTC will continue to rent the lodge to public groups, workshops, and community functions throughout the year. Private party rentals outside of regular lodge hours are not permitted. All rentals must conclude by 11 pm.

Motion: Amy moves to adopt the above policy

Seconded by: Mike

motion carried

6. Complimentary Day Passes for executive

To promote skiing at Hallis Lake each executive can distribute up to 5 passes each valid for 1 day trail pass and 1 ski rental.

7. Revision of the CSTC constitution

Tania participated in the Societies act webinar which informed of new regulations requiring some changes to our constitution. Societies will be submitting electronically. CSTC will need to go through a series of compliance exercises within the next 2 years; when the new constitution is in place the CSTC will proceed to become a registered charity.

Motion: Brian moves that Charlotte be appointed as the director responsible for governance. She will work with Tania to revise the CSTC constitution to meet the new regulations and proceed to have the CSTC registered as a charity.

Seconded by: Vicki

motion carried

8. Club to look at the idea of selling swag

Tania would like to order some swag from MEC & TL Designs to sell in the rental shop. Items include toques, jackets, mugs and water bottles.

Charlotte suggested we also offer special orders for the high end jackets, tops and pants that the biathlon team wears (without the biathlon wording). There would need to be a minimum of 5/order.

9. Free passes to Hydro employees

Motion: Ron moves that CSTC give 10 trail passes each to 3 Hydro employees that donated their time this fall to repair downed power lines.

Seconded by: Mike

motion carried

10. Free adult 1 day trail pass for kids in the ski school program

Ron, Marilyn, Vicki and Tania will compose a letter to forward to the schools offering a 1 day adult trail pass to each student in the ski school program. A list of ski school students will be kept at the rental shop where parents will pick up the trail pass. This will enable the club to track usage for this promotion.

11. Tania Compensation

Motion: Peter moves to increase Tania's salary by 5% bringing it to \$26.25 from \$25.00

Seconded by: Brian K

motion carried

12. Gratuities

Motion: Peter moves that CSTC purchase 2 cookie trays (fall and spring) as a thank-you to Emcon, the company generously providing snow plowing of the Hallis parking lot; and that CSTC purchase a \$75.00 Granville's gift card for John and Brenda for their continued support of the ski club taking registrations at Rocky Peak.

Committee Reports:

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

SDP starts Dec 12 and Dec 14 and we are starting with or without snow with a plan of conducting conditioning and games outside without skis if necessary.

We currently have about 45 registered kids but even some of our SDP committee members have not yet registered so we expect many more. The ski swap was a good boost to early registrations.

Thank you to Greg and Amy for getting ccbc on board with paying early for program materials as we have all the goods for Santa to deliver. Santa will be arriving Dec 14 and the following Saturday.

The sdp subcommittee is hard at work and this has been a very effective group to not only assist with an organized start to the season but also with building new very fun initiatives. A grateful thank you to each of them. Let it snow!!!!

2. Nordics / biathlon – Jim Crellin

The targets were all moved to the winter range at Hallis Lake early in November. Regular practices were held at the Hallis Lake Range range. Shooting practices are now on Saturday mornings at 10 AM as well as dryland training during the week. We now have 11 junior athletes and 3 masters training as of December 5 and interest from two or three more juniors so it is starting off as a good season, all we need is snow.

Preparation to host BC Winter Games Qualifier on January 3 has started. The targets we acquired from PG last year in their auction have had the front legs shortened to work with our range set up.

Ryan Elden attended the snow camp at Silver Star in mid-November. Ryan and Anni Kurta will travel to Canmore for Noram Cup #1 this coming weekend (Dec 12-13), a week long snow camp and then Noram #2 (also qualifier for Youth Olympic Games and World Junior Championships) (Dec 19-20).

Our BC Winter Games Biathlon time trials and Zone race is scheduled for January 03, 2016. Anyone interested in volunteering, please contact Chris Elden.

3. Membership – Greg 272 Members

Greg has a breakdown of membership categories including SDP

4. Equipment – Mike

The equipment is ready to go when the snow arrives.

5. Backcountry – Bruce

Reportedly there is knee deep snow on the Murray trail approximately at the junction sign. I haven't heard any other snow reports. Thanks to Wes Gregg & Don Crawford, the Cariboo Mt cabin has been supplied with firewood. This was the last cabin needing wood and so all should now be ready for winter (assuming we get any snow!!!)

I have repaired a pair of emergency, "get me home" snowshoes and am looking for a ride for them to the Cariboo Mt. cabin. When they arrive, all the cabins will have emergency snowshoes. Anyone who can transport them can contact me and I will deliver them to the person.

I have received several requests from new backcountry users for information etc. about the cabins. I always suggest that first time visitors to a cabin go with someone experienced. Many of these folks don't know anyone in the club and so are at a loss. I realize that there are social events where it is possible to meet likeminded people, but I propose that we add to or modify the web forum to include a trip partner section.

When I look at the forum it doesn't look like it gets lots of use and so I propose that we add a trip partner banner to the main CSTC page.

We have been gifted with a pair of wooden XC skis & poles for lodge décor. These are owned by Joan Huxley, 91 of Quesnel. She used to live in Wells and was both the Western Canadian women's champion skier in both downhill & XC for 5 years in the 1930's & 1940's. She was a charter member of the Wells ski club and her first husband was an Olympic ski jump contestant in the 1938 Berlin Olympics. The plan is to display them along with a description and any medals, ribbons or photos she is willing donate.

6. Signs & Trails , Lit track – Brian Kennelly

- Currently awaiting final preparations for new trail maps by Kim Kurta, then order will be placed with the SignStop to replace the large map in the stadium. Funds for this are already on account at the shop. The new map will probably only

use 48x96", or the current large map. That will mean doing away with the 8 small inset maps surrounding it. Would we be interested in selling these 8 spots as advertisements for businesses we deal with?

- Based on the new maps, new signs are to be placed at all junctions labelled in congruence with the Map and Legend. Materials for the new Signage have been purchased from the SignStop, Rona, and United Concrete. We have an account with the SignStop, and receipts for purchases at Rona and United Concrete will be submitted. Most of the 50 signs are completed and should be in place before the trails open for skiing.

-As of Dec 7th, all ski trails seem to be in good shape, although I've only been around the South trails recently. The mowing seems much improved this year with a wider swath. Access to outhouses at the 2.5 and 5 km has been brushed out.

- As of Dec 6th, the Bigfoot Snowshoe trail, and Wally's Way were all passable and adequately marked, with intruding bushes brushed out. Some fallen trees which are being bypassed now should be removed. This will likely be done when it's possible to get closer to them by snowmobile. The new Lakeshore SS trail needs some work to connect an entrance from the parking lot and 1/2 culverts placed over several water channels. This trail is really only feasible when enough snow covers the marsh grass and the ice on shore is solid.

7. Social – Holly

Some January dates for socials at the lodge are on the CSTC website calendar.

8. Ski the Gold Rush Trail– Peter.

Ron has contacted CCBC about a Ski the Gold Rush trail program (850 km from Fort Victoria to Barkerville) they ran some years back. They have 8 different badges and will send all they have to Ron. Details on tracking distances and awarding badges are being worked out.

9. Email communications – Greg

10. Newsletter – Vicki

Vicki plans to have a newsletter out this month with information on the loppet, open house pancake breakfast, Ski the Gold Rush Trail and other CSTC news.

11. Fundraising – Marilyn-Brian

Gaming Account Summary Report for grant # 1036455, received 02 September 2014 will be submitted once approved by the Executive. Pictures, CSTC's December Executive minutes must be attached.

Acknowledgement of donors for the purchase of the Bearcat 7000X snowmobile is required. Once, CSTC has a photo of the machine with donor decals, acknowledgements by email to membership, posting on Facebook and listing on Sponsor page of website is needed.

Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program, Application WD Western Economic Diversification Canada. Our application,(and all others) were put on hold through the election. Initially we were told we would know the status by the end of November but it now looks like it may be in the new year that WD notifies organizations. The applications have all been reviewed and assessments are done, nothing can be added to the application.

12. Publicity/ Adult Lessons - Ron

Publicity

Have printed up the 5 for 4 passes and posters and given them to Rocky Peak. Will have some for the lodge when we open

Most of the posters for the season are done

Have printed up the 2015 / 2016 free ski passes

Working on ski the gold rush trail program

Have info from CCBC

CCBC is sending up badges for the Jackrabbits who want to participate

Thanks to Charlotte for getting the dates together and on the club calendar

Do we want all the dates?

Do we want to have a separate calendar for Jackrabbit and ski school?

Charlotte will be putting together a list of emails for business and industry so we can send out notices of upcoming events

Would like to know how many free ski passes came back last season

Adult Lessons

Dates have been set for Jan 6 classic and Jan 13 for skate

Christine Turler wants to take the CANSI Level 1 course which will be held in PG in Jan.

Bruce Bennett from PG will come down sometime in Jan to put on a CANSI refresher course.

13. Youth Ski School – Marilyn

Ski School

- We are fully booked for ski school this season: 460 students, 1380 student days, 10 groups for 3 lessons from 9 schools. Great follow up by Tania.
- Schools attending are Nazko, Wells, Carson, Voyageur, Lakeview, Bouchie Lake, Riverview, St. Ann's, North Cariboo Christian School
- Bookings begin January 5th, with all schools attending in January & February and only 2 sessions booked for March by NCCS
- Nazko and Wells are joining together for 3 sessions of ski school over 2 days; January 5th and 6th. 41 students will arrive on the Tuesday, attend a ski school session in the morning, do crafts and activities inside for the afternoon, have an evening ski school session under the lights, and attend a third ski school session Wednesday morning. Tania is working closely with Chris Vandaele (Nazko) and Alison Galbraith (Wells) to outline CSTC's expectations and the schools' responsibilities to ensure a fun, positive experience. Students will sleep in the Lodge overnight with adequate supervision. The Lodge will be open to the public for regular hours on both Tuesday & Wednesday.
- A Coaches meeting was held on December 4th, with 9 coaches attending. Tania reviewed ski school sessions, collected coaches availability, discussed criminal record checks and emergency procedures.
- An on-snow training session is planned for January 4th.
- Vicki has completed a new Scavenger hunt as a Day 2 activity. We are working on station games for a revised Day 3.
- Progress is continuing on Dragon's Lair with the intention of being operational by the end of December.

Rental Shop Report - Tania

The rental shop is ready to go. Some of the skis have been scraped and more to follow.

Janet and Dianah have been hired again for this season. We will have some overlap of staff on the weekends with the intention that one of us will be spending time outside in the parking lot talking to people about passes / selling day passes and handing out maps etc as part of our strategy get almost all people wearing or buying trail passes. The schedules are set up and we are ready to officially open for Dec19th as long as we have snow.

Tania has arranged the same agreement with Jas at Bliss as last year. He will provide our warm meals on weekends and will cater events through the season. The only weekend he will not be open and cannot cater is the first weekend in January. He will also provide the catering for a Tapas night on one of our social evenings.

We have sold 10 out of 12 of the junior skis taken out of stock and the new skis are in inventory.

14. Lodge Management – Tania

Lodge Maintenance

Other items:

The need for a proper PA system was discussed.

Mike contacted Sue at Helen Dixon about available excess equipment and they have nothing to sell at this time.

Societies Act Update

Tania participated in the Societies Act webinar which gave broad information about changes to the Societies Act and what societies need to do to migrate to the new system. The final regulations were not yet complete at the time of the webinar so we are still waiting for some details. To summarize:

- ✓ Every society will make some changes to their constitution to meet the new regs.
- ✓ All information will be submitted electronically in the future.
- ✓ The new system requires each society to actively migrate to the new system through a series of compliance exercises, ie. Submitting the new constitution, creating the new electronic account etc.
- ✓ Societies have two years to move to the new system.

These changes will not be difficult to make and my suggestion is that we work on that at the end of the season (March) and prepare to finish the migration to the new system by June.

Tania suggests that she and a board member could easily prepare the information in March to present to the CSTC board in the April meeting.

See new business item 7

15. Succession Committee

16. Coaching- Peter

1. CSTC hosted an ICC (Introduction to Community Coaching) Course on the weekend of November 20-21, 2015.

Four CSTC members got certified to the ICC coaching level.

2. Work has started in recruiting CSTC members who have their ICC certification to take the CC Course (Community Coaching) on the weekend of January 15-17, 2016. We need a minimum of 8 participants to be able to host this course. An Investors Grp. grant has been applied for, to assist in hosting this course. Acceptance has not been received at this time.

Meeting adjourned at: 9:27 pm Next Meeting: January 12, 2016

Goodies schedule:

January	Marilyn	February	Jim
March	Ronski	April	
May			