

Cariboo Ski-Touring Club

Minutes October 22, 2015

In Attendance: Brian Black, Mike Alborn, Lee Morgan, Jim Crellin, Ron Watteyne, Greg Strebel, Marilyn van Leusden, Vicki Esplen

Absent with Regrets: Bruce Self, Peter van Leusden, Amy Reid, Herb Chlebek, Lisa McCarger, Chris Elden, Holly Nelson, Paul Mednis

Adopt agenda:	M: Mike	2nd: Jim
Adoption of Minutes of September 29, 2015	M: Marilyn	2nd: Ron
Adoption of Minutes of EGM September 29, 2015	M: Mike	2nd: Greg
Adoption of treasurer report for October 22, 2015	M: Vicki	2nd: Marilyn

Correspondence:

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 ½x 14 (legal) copies in the lodge. **In progress**

Jim and Herb are updating the website with iPhone and Android downloadable files for trail tracking.

2. Loppet ideas

Vicki is working on expanding the ideas put forward in the September meeting, with the goal being to attract more participants. She will bring her plan to the next meeting. **In progress**

3. Event dates 2015–16

Tania & Ron have set up a calendar of social events which will be posted on the club calendar:

- Saturday Nov 14th 12-4: CSTC Ski and Outdoor Gear swap. The purpose of this is to increase traffic to Hallis, push the membership drive and register SDP participants. We will also sign up and size Jackrabbit skiers for their season rentals that day. Tania will be putting the call out for some volunteers to help with the swap and the equipment drop off on Friday night.
- Saturday Dec12th: SDP first ski day.
- Saturday Dec19th: Opening weekend for the Rental Shop and Lodge and we will then be open 7 days a week.
- Dec30th: Youth Ski Camp.
- Jan10th: Open House
- Jan15th: Friday night social
- Jan 23 Loppet
- Jan29: Friday Night Social
- Feb 8th: Family Day- Members day
- Feb12 Friday Night Social
- Feb 20th: Elem school races

- Feb 26th : NI day ski camp , Friday night social
- We will continue with the weekend catering by Bliss. We made a small amount of money last year. We will continue to fill up Wed evenings by promoting youth group rentals and Pizza night. Tania would like to see the Guided tours meeting at and leaving from the lodge to encourage people to come in and see what's happening.

4. Lit track Modernization

We are waiting on news of the Canada 150 grant for this project. The estimated cost of the project is \$88,000, we have commitments of \$8,000 from Community Futures and \$30,000 from NDIIT.

New Business:

1. -Fall work parties

There were some successful October work parties including the 2 sponsored by Blue Collar.

Future planned work parties:

Oct 25 Murray wood

Nov 1 Hallis, fire wood and brushing, lodge stain deck, sealing lodge floor etc, etc

2. Outhouse rebuild

Joe Daigle will coordinate the rebuilding of the outhouse that was flattened by a tree that fell in a wind storm.

3. Ski Swap Nov 14 at Hallis

This will be an all season gear swap. CSTC will be selling memberships and trail pass punch cards.

4. Selling day passes

We need to ensure trail users are purchasing and wearing trail passes. The need for improved signage and a better trail to the lodge was discussed. A sign stating: "Please pick up your trail pass and map at the lodge" posted at the start of the dog loop. The idea of a surveillance camera was brought forward

Committee Reports:

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

On Friday November 30th SDP will have a table set up at Rocky Peak for registration in the Jackrabbit/Track Attack programs.

2. Nordics / biathlon – Jim Crellin

Regular practices are being held at the Kurta's range. Shooting practices are now on Saturday mornings at 10 AM as well as dryland training during the week. We have 8 junior athletes and 2 masters training as of September and interest from several new juniors and masters

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

Some of our athletes will be attending the Biathlon Running Competition in Prince George this coming weekend.

3. Membership – Greg

The on-line test registration works.

4. Equipment – Mike

The PB coolant has been replaced. Mike would like to sheet the stadium side of the snowmobile shed.

5. Backcountry – Bruce

Oct 25 Murray wood

6. Signs & Trails , Lit track –

Projects:

Lit Track Repair – Ron

Thanks to Ron, Jim Capan, Clark, Brian Kennelly who repaired 14 of 19 poles using the bucket lift donated by Dan Kaleta. Telus have volunteered to help with the last 5 poles.

Lit Track Modernization – Brian

The team is in process of choosing suitable lights.

7. Social – Holly

8. 75 K Ski Challenge – Peter.

Action Item: Ron will put forward a proposal on a revised concept.

In progress

9. Email communications – Greg

10. Newsletter – Vicki

Vicki is targeting the end of November for this.

11. Fundraising – Marilyn-Brian

Brian received an e-mail confirmation that CCBC will donate \$1500 towards the CSTC ski school. Note that this is \$1000 less than last year.

12. Publicity/ Adult Lessons- Ron

Nov 5 AGM poster is out.

13. Youth Ski School - Marilyn

Communication with SD 28 and the private schools began in September. Five schools have already booked their ski sessions for a total of approximately 850 student days are already booked. 1254 student days is our target for the 2016 ski school season.

Schools that have already booked are Lakeview (their first time attending), Bouchie Lake, Carson, Voyageur, NCCS and St Ann's.

We did raise the price from \$15 per student per session to \$17 this season. That does include PST so the increase in revenue to CSTC is actually only \$1.61 per student/ session.

In addition to the elementary schools I will send a letter to QJS inviting the junior secondary to book a session again. This invitation will go out after the elementary schools have all had the first chance to book their dates.

Two Ski Camp days are currently planned. The first is during the holidays, Dec 30th and the second is Feb 26th the NI day.

14. Lodge Management – Tania

Lodge Maintenance:

The lodge is in good shape, a few maintenance items to include in a work party are:

- sealing the floors on the main floor,
- staining the small section of deck that has the most wear,

- painting two ski racks that were not painted in the spring.

Youth Ski School Program

Rental Shop

Both Dianah and Janet will be returning to work in the rental shop / lodge this season.

- Following last year's discussion we will push the skate ski rentals and lessons this year by offering 'Skate Ski Sunday's' ½ price skate rentals and try to offer a Sunday lesson.

Lodge Rental

Due to a couple of rental events this year with unacceptable results, CSTC is drafting a policy:

What was agreed upon at 2 executive meetings was that we wanted to keep renting the lodge mainly for seminar type events, but that the executive would have discretion to allow some private functions by special request. Including a rental deadline of 11 pm for any event to respect the tenants.

Discussion to continue at the December meeting

Lodge Maintenance

Other items

The need for a proper PA system was discussed.

Action Item: Mike has agreed to contact Helen Dixon about available excess equipment.

Ski Swap

Ron will host a CSTC booth at the ski patrol swap October 30.

15. Succession Committee

CSTC has some executive roles to fill and the succession committee is contacting suitable candidates.

16. Coaching- Peter

Two Coaching Courses have been booked for the coming season:

- ICC (Introduction to Community Coaching) Nov. 20 -21, 2015

Since CCBC has booked an instructor from the coast, we need to fill this course by the end of the month, in order to book a flight. Tania, Sunshine, and Lisa have been asked to recruit potential candidates. Club wide message has not resulted in any interest to date

- CC (Community Coaching) Jan. 15 – 17, 2016

Hopefully we will have enough ICC certified members to fill this course.

We had a successful ICC course last spring to draw participants from.

Will apply for Investors \$500.00 grant for the CC course since it has a higher probability of running. Investors will only do a grant for one of these 2 courses in the same season.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:50 pm

Next Meeting: November 18, 2015

Goodies schedule:

December	Amy	January	Marilyn
February	Jim	March	Ronski
April		May	