

Cariboo Ski-Touring Club

Minutes September 29, 2015

In Attendance: Brian Black, Amy Reid, Mike Alborn, Lee Morgan, Jim Crellin, Ron Watteyne, Greg Strebel, Bruce Self

Absent with Regrets: Peter van Leusden, Marilyn van Leusden, Herb Chlebek, Lisa McCarger, Chris Elden, Holly Nelson, Vicki Esplen, Paul Mednis

Adopt agenda: M: Mike 2nd: Ron

Adoption of Minutes of April 16, 2015 : M: Amy 2nd: Bruce

Adoption of treasurer report for September 29, 2015 M: Bruce 2nd: Mike

Correspondence:

CSTC (Brian Black) received a letter from the Northern Development Initiative Trust outlining the \$30,000 award for the Lit Track Modernization project.

An electronic communication from Community Futures confirmed that CSTC will receive \$8,000 for the Lit Track Modernization project.

Old Business:

1. Trail Maps

Work is in progress on the trail maps. The team of Greg, Ron, Sunshine, Mike, Jim and JR are working on the 3rd draft of the map to be ready for next season. **In progress**

Jim has sent executive members the track files that will show individual trails and he suggests that Maps 3D for Iphones is a good App to use the track files with. He and Herb are looking for an equivalent program for Android. The intent is to have the downloadable files on the website prior to the start of the 2015/16 season.

2. Rename some of the ski trails

This will not be considered at this time.

3. Loppet ideas

Some ideas put forward for the loppet include abandoning the 1st 2nd 3rd place finish awards for the younger skiers and replacing with time ranges that would result in gold, silver, bronze times thus recognizing more individuals. More discussion at the next meeting. **In progress**

4. Event dates 2015–16

Action Item: Holly, Tania & Ron to set up a calendar of social events by Oct. **In progress**

New Business:

1. Membership drive

A few ideas to attract early bird registrations were discussed.

Motion: Amy moves that CSTC offer 1 free season pass to be drawn from the early bird pass holders (purchased by November 30, 2015).

Seconded by: Ron

motion carried

Motion: Ron moves that CSTC offer a value punch card for \$40 (5 punches for the price of 4) to be kept at the rental shop.

Seconded by: Greg

motion carried

Action Item: CSTC will set up a booth at the ski swap Oct 30 to sell memberships and value punch cards. Ron has agreed to set this up.

2. Lit track Modernization

Our lit track suffered much damage from falling trees during wind storms this past season. CSTC has put together a proposal to modernize our lit track with underground wiring and LED lighting for an estimated \$88,000. Several grants were applied for to fund this. So far we have received \$30,000 from the Northern Development Initiative Trust and \$8,000 from Community Futures. We are waiting to hear about \$44,000 we applied for from the Canada 150 community infrastructure program.

Committee Reports:

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

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Sunshine to act as coordinator as Nicole and Lisa will still play roles but not coordinating this year.

A meeting October 8 is scheduled with some interested rabbit parents to form a sub-committee – the roles have been defined for many different jobs and we are filling people to those jobs – this active sub-committee will maintain the program during the season as well as conduct pre-season jobs like central registration and ski swap registration duties. I will continue to act as coordinator. An agenda is attached for this upcoming meeting.

I am attempting to start a dryland training program for SDP – focus is on track attack but for all interested kids at this point – in contact with dance instructors and yoga instructors to try and round out the training plus trail running and more traditional dry land training. IS biathlon interested in participating in some of the yoga and dance exercise classes? Hope to start after thanksgiving. A few interested people but I will send out another email once dates are firm.

I have an idea for re-stratifying the program a little and it would affect the registration form – to discuss at Oct 8 sub-committee meeting. Will send an email maybe once I discuss with sub-committee to get feedback from executive. Regardless we are hoping to include more Monday night sessions this season.

I intend to do a registration day for SDP – asking Brenda and John about using their store instead of doing it at Hallis as last year – schedule it for late November. Will confirm date at the SDP sub-committee meeting. Maybe Thursday November 19th from 2:30-5:30 as an example? SDP registration at ski swap, at the downtown registration at Rocky Peak and then start December 5th at Hallis – snow or ice (instead of rain or shine)!

We had a couple new families sign up at central registration (not become members yet but gave us their info and said they wanted to join SDP this year).

SDP scheduled to start December 5th or 12th at latest.

2. Nordics / biathlon – Jim Crellin

The first practice was held last weekend. Some targets were obtained from the Prince George 2015 Canada Winter Games.

3. Membership – Greg

4. Equipment – Mike

CSTC has purchased a new snow mobile with a 4 yr warranty, delivery is expected in November. Equipment is serviced and ready to go except for a couple minor issues which will be addressed in a couple weeks. Snowmobile shed has gravel and a new felt mat to try and avoid machines sticking to the ground. Adequate diesel for startup; I'm arranging to have the second gasoline barrel filled. Bruce is working on wheels for the Ginzu so it can be moved more easily in summer.

5. Backcountry – Bruce

All cabins have firewood, more would be better especially Murray. We are hoping some of the back country users will organize some firewood gathering outings.

6. Signs & Trails , Lit track –

Trails Blue Collar has offered to clean up the Katimavik loop with work parties of 12 people and 3 supervisors October 9 and 6 people with 2 supervisors October 14. Other work parties will be organized in October as well. Brian is coordinating with Kim of Blue Collar.

Signs Brian will contact that Clark Williamson about helping with the signage John Redburn had set up.

Projects:

Lit Track Repair – Ron

Dan Kaleta offered to supply a bucket truck to help Ron and others replace burnt out lights. Volunteers will be requested and work will start Oct 6.

Lit Track Modernization – Brian

See new business item 2

7. Social – Holly

8. 75 K Ski Challenge – Peter.

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

9. Email communications – Greg

Greg is working on tracking down e-mail address of all members.

10. Newsletter – Vicki

11. Fundraising – Marilyn-Brian

In addition to the funding outlined in New Business item 2 Lit track modernization, CSTC has received \$16,170.00 from gaming. Grant funds must be used for essential costs of delivering approved community program as per Section 5.1 of the Guidelines.

- ✓ Approved: \$7,626 - Skill Development.
- ✓ Approved: \$2,125 - Biathlon.
- ✓ Approved: \$2,000 - Community Participation.
- ✓ Approved: \$4,420 Youth Ski School.

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12. Publicity/ Adult Lessons- Ron

13. Youth Ski School - Marilyn

14. Lodge Management – Tania

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Youth Ski School Program

Information has been sent to the SD 28 admin and schools to give them the booking calendar, session information and elementary school race information for the 2016 season. The target this season is 400 students (1200 student days). This will require between 33-36 mornings of ski school. Booking for the youth ski school will happen through October, November and December.

Rental Shop

This is the first year we begin rotating stock. 12 sets of skis were taken out of stock at the end of the season and will be replaced with new skis. These skis are all youth skis and will be offered for sale first to membership then to the public.

Lodge Rental

Lodge rentals this season have been a mix of meeting type functions and weddings. The weddings have been disruptive and in one case disrespectful to the Stefans and they voiced some real frustration with that type of function. We have had several very successful summer functions like the wetland keepers course, yoga weekends, loop of the lake etc.

Lodge rental was discussed at length and an updated policy is being worked on. Due to a couple of rental events this year with unacceptable results, CSTC is considering excluding private functions. Further discussion will take place at the next executive meeting.

Lodge Maintenance

Half of the lodge upstairs and the doors were repainted this summer. Most of the ski racks were painted. The idea with lodge painting and regular maintenance is to complete one part of it each summer which breaks it up into smaller more manageable work parties and rotate through in an organized fashion year after year. Design Flooring replaced the tiles on the fireplace hearth. The upstairs lino will be resealed and buffed before the ski season begins.

Other items

Sunshine would like to purchase outdoor speakers for the lodge. I agree; portable outdoor wireless speakers can be used for our socials, our youth events etc and be safely stored inside when not in use. I think this would add a lot of energy and appeal to many events.

The need for a proper PA system was discussed. A suggestion was made that Helen Dixon may have some equipment available. To be continued at the next meeting.

Ski Swap

I would like to organize a Ski and Gear swap at the lodge again. I think that any time we bring people out to Hallis lake it helps marketing, we can push membership at the same time, distribute newsletters and event information etc. We can combine the ski/gear swap with a Jackrabbits registration sign up etc. We could push for the last week in October- just a different earlier day than the other swap. I would organize this and ask for volunteer help for the various tasks. I realize that the swap was tried before and may take a couple of years to build up but it could be valuable to us for exposure as much as gear swapping. We should push that snowshoe and hiking gear is included to try to increase the people that show up.

15. Succession Committee

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

16. Coaching- Peter

Meeting adjourned at: 9:05 pm

Next Meeting: October 20, 2015