

**CARIBOO SKI TOURING CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2011**

In Attendance: See attached list

Absent with regrets: Marilyn van Leusden, Peter van Leusden, Bruce Self

Introduction of executive:

President: Brian Black
Vice-President: Sunshine Borsato
Vice-President: Chris Elden
Treasurer: Christine Kraayvanger
Secretary: Marilyn van Leusden

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Christine Kraayvanger

Jackrabbits: Sunshine Borsato obo Celine Giesbrecht

Last season we had some excellent conditions for skiing, we only had one cancelled session due to cold. Santa arrived to kick off the season with presents for all the Rabbits and Bunnies. The Jackrabbit Fun Race was a success with all finishing their race and prizes awarded. There were several Jackrabbits who participated in the Hallis Lake Loppet and the Elementary School Races. To wrap up the season we had some beautiful ski conditions for the Meltdown Party!

Also, starting last season, we introduced the Tiny Bunny Program for skiers age 2 and 3 years old. We had 5 Tiny Bunnies who participated last season. I feel it was a successful first year! They got acquainted with their ski legs, had some fun in the snow and got their fill of cookies and hot chocolate. Hopefully they will be participating in Bunnies this season.

We, my family and I, are moving to Dawson Creek in December, I have resigned as Jackrabbit Co-ordinator. We will miss Quesnel but its time for a new adventure for us! It has been a pleasure being part of the Jackrabbit program and members of the Cariboo Ski Touring Club, Thank you!

Biathlon: Jim Crellin, Peter van Leusden, Rob Johnston
Biathlon Report 2010-2011

The Nordics Biathlon group had a successful season in 2009-2010. We were down slightly in our athlete group over the previous year with 11 athletes registered and coming to training sessions.

We attended the BC Cups in Vanderhoof and Prince George. Kieron Langan was chosen to go to Nationals, however unfortunately became ill on arrival and was unable to race.

For the 2011-2012 season we have 13 athletes training so far, one of our older athletes having moved on to other pursuits, but new junior athletes joining as well. The first BC Cup race will be at the Burns

Lake on January 14-15, 2012. Telemark is hosting BC Cup 2 on February 11-12, and then Callaghan Valley is hosting BC Cup 3 on March 3-4, 2011. There will be regional biathlon selection races held on the weekend of January 7-8 for BC Winter Games participants in Prince George and the CSTC may be asked to host that race.

An initiative is in place to facilitate the current coaching staff phasing themselves out of mainstream coaching and organizing over the next two years by training parents and senior athletes to be able to assume coaching and other duties. As first steps in this program all of the biathlon rifles have been purchased by the CSTC and Cindy Sherstan has taken over the communications duties from Peter van Leusden .

Membership: Greg Strebel

Last year CSTC membership amounted to 405 members, which is fairly consistent with the several previous years.

As of yesterday (Nov 15), we have 48 registrations for this season, two from Prince George and all of the rest from Quesnel.

We expect that sign-ups will increase soon, upon the first word of tracksetting activity and in anticipation of the end of the early-bird discount on December 1st.

We will be manning a registration station at Rocky Peak Adventure Gear on Friday afternoon and Saturday November 25 & 26th to process memberships. I would also like to publicize the availability of on-line registration through a link on the club website www.caribooski.ca

Don't forget that the deadline for registering children in the Jackrabbit Skill Development Program is December 1st, and it would be very helpful to the organizers if people did not wait until the last day.

A final item is a request to all members to wear their ski passes conspicuously to help make it obvious to nonmembers that day tags or trail passes are required for all users.

Equipment & Lighted Track: Brian Black

Equipment:

Pisten Bully:

The PB ran extremely well again this season after the redesign of the engine cooling system. There were no signs of over-heating or hydraulic leaks. There were some issues with the fan belts slipping and work was done in the off season to enclose the drive area to keep snow out. We also had a failure of a pin securing one of the drive levers. The entire drive lever assembly was removed and sent out for a rebuild.

Twin Tracks:

One of the Alpine 2 machines ran well with few difficulties. The other two required secondary clutch replacement. Also two of the machines had work done on the ski to improve steering. Servicing and other minor repairs were done to get them ready for snow.

The Alpine 1 is being kept at 10 Mile and is being maintained by the Fire Hall and is being used by club members for tracksetting of 10 Mile Lake Park. Repairs have been made and it is ready for the season.

Equipment:

A utility sled purchased from VANOC last fall for use in hauling material around our venue when staging events. It has worked really well.

A new flat deck sled was built by Bruce Self and is a welcome addition to our tools.

Our snow grooming implements, roller and packer bar are ready to go.

Track Lighting:

We have had one large tree down on the Katimavik loop wires this fall. Both wires were severed; the repair has been made. A second repair was required due to wind / tree damage on the Biathlon loop and has been completed.

Youth Ski School : Brian Black

Funding

The project is fully funded and includes a huge inventory of skis, boots, poles, a boot dryer as well as modifications to the lodge to build a ski shop in the basement. Generous support was obtained from:

- Community Futures
- Sunrise Rotary
- Community Foundation
- Rotary Club
- Knights of Columbus
- Mountain Equip Co-Op

The CSTC share of the financing includes \$2000 in cash and \$4000 value of in-kind labour. A total of \$42,000 is available for the project.

Project Partners

School District 28 has partnered with us to support and facilitate schools participating in the program. Rocky Peak has managed to provide us with outstanding prices enabling us to have a huge inventory.

Recent activities

The skis boots and poles ordered from Rocky Peak have been received. The equipment donated by MEC has also arrived; there are a few items backordered.

Lodge renos are well underway with several volunteers doing all of the work. There have been seven work parties and another is on Friday. All work is proceeding according to plan and will be complete prior to Christmas.

Thanks to the many who have helped!

Mike MacLaughlin, Jim Crellin, Ron Watteyne, Arnold Kilsby, Mke Albourn, Peter van Leusden, Brian Black, Greg Strebel, Brian Kennelly, Jim Cappan, Lee Morgan, Scott Trueman and Joe Daigle (this guy works a graveyard shift and then works all day on the project! He hasn't missed one work party!!)

The plan to recognize sponsors with articles in the newspaper and signs at the venue is being implemented.

The ICC clinic was held in September to increase the number of coaches available. A CC1 clinic is scheduled for January. A tentative list of instructors adequate for the first year of the program has been assembled.

Committee members have met with each school to put together a schedule for the school program. At this point it appears that we are on target for bookings.

Project Committee

There has been a huge amount of work put organizing this project by the project committee; Marilyn van Leusden, Celine Giesbrecht, Lisa MacCargar, Sunshine Borsato and Brian Black.

Hallis Lake Loppet: Elaine Watteyne

The 2011 Loppet was held on Sat. Jan. 22, 2011.

We had 55 participants, many of those from out of town.

We had excellent conditions with plenty of snow. Special thanks to the track setting committee who worked long hours to keep up with the snow that kept on falling.

Thanks to the many volunteers who make this event such a success.

Lunch was served by Bliss. They did an excellent job and we had lots of compliments on the food, as well as the event in general.

The 2012 Loppet will be held on Sat. Jan. 28, 2012. We are looking for volunteers to come on board, and bring with them some new ideas for 2012.

Thank to Marie Skinner, past director, who is now working in Kenya for the winter.

Backcountry: Bruce Self

All cabins are ready to go and well prepared for the winter. The Murray cabin has had the floor reinforced, the stove improved, chimney extended and has a full wood supply. The addition of the propane system and cook stove, made last fall seems to be working well.

The Waverly cabin has a full wood supply and a new wood heating stove.

The Monkton cabin has a full wood supply and a new out house. The old outhouse has been left standing as gear storage space in the event of two parties being weathered in together.

The back country License of Occupation was renewed last winter and now includes three cabins, Murray, Monkton and Waverly. We made a decision to exclude the Agnes cabin which has on our recommendation been taken over by the Wells Snowmobile Club. Also we requested on renewal that the Cariboo Mountain cabin be included. Indications are very positive that the club will officially acquire the Cariboo Mountain cabin by early in 2012. Meanwhile we can use it unofficially. The Cariboo Mountain cabin has a full wood supply and a new woodshed.

In January the CSTC organized an avalanche course conducted by Craig Evanoff and Bonnie Hooge. It was fully booked and received very positive reports. There has been insufficient interest in an avalanche course and so the club will not be facilitating one this year.

Remember to travel safely in the backcountry, let someone know where you are going and when you will return and bring your avalanche safety gear if you will be in avalanche terrain.

Please remember to reserve cabins for overnight use via the backcountry links on the website. Day users do not need to reserve.

Please report any deficiencies or maintenance issues to the back country chair, Bruce Self at bself@goldcity.net or 250 747 2119

Social: Holly Nelson

Three Friday night events were held in 2011.

Ten Mile Lake: Peter van Leusden, Paul Mednis

No report.

Hallis Lake Lodge: Sunshine Borsato

No report.

Newsletter: Greg Strebel

We will continue to use email to contact the membership due to the immediacy and negligible cost of communication. We reach over 90% of the member households this way and express our regrets to the members who do not have access to email at home.

I would like members to submit condition reports, photographs and any messages of interest to other members to 429First at gmail.com. We especially solicit condition information and trip reports from Ten Mile Lake and the backcountry, as well as from snowshoe outings.

Adult Lessons: Ron Watteyne

2010 / 2011 Ski Instruction

Last season was very busy with 50 adult lessons taught resulting in revenue to the club of \$880.00.

Some of the Jackrabbit coaches took advantage of the lessons which were free for them.

The club hosted a CANSI level 1 Instructor's course and three new instructors got their certification Rob Rolfe, Chris Eldon & Josh Boutotte and I got a recertification.

2011 / 2012 Season

Availability of instructors:

Ron – Wed. nights

Josh – available weekday nights (Jan. 21 to Feb 4 and Jan 15 not available)

Rob – available Sat. afternoons

Chris – limited availability due to commitments with JR & Biathlon will help out if he can

Schedules & Times

Wed Evenings 7 – 8:30 (flexible) could also do other evenings the lights are on if requested

Weekends 12:00 – 4:00 (flexible)

Lessons will start after Christmas unless there is adequate snow and base before then

Advertising

Will talk to Dale Taylor at the Max, Percy at the Observer (sports editor) & CBC

Sign boards up along Hwy. 97 and various places in the city. See attached sign and cost.

Will create web page with Herb similar to PG's and advertize at the lodge

Josh will look into Twitter and Facebook to advertize and post lessons on School District 28 Bulletin

Possibility of having a free night for skiers 15 – 25 years old. Lessons, equipment, and passes all free to promote x-c skiing to a younger group. This would be put on Facebook and limited to the first 15 kids to sign up

Rates

Private 1.5 hour \$40.00 member \$45.00 non-member

Semi-private (2people 1.5 hour) \$25.00 / person member \$30.00 non-member

Group (max. 5 people) \$20.00 / person 1.5 hr, 25.00 non-member

Get 7 skiers and you and your lessons will be free

Refresher Course

Jan 6th PG

More Instructors

Need to encourage more people to get their certification with the new school program so if you are interested please contact myself or any member of the executive.

Skier Improvement Class

This would be for intermediate skiers that want to improve their technique and could be 2 weeks before the Loppet.

President's Report: Brian Black

It has been a privilege to serve as president of the CSTC for the last year. I have never observed another organization that achieves so much through the work of so many volunteers. It has been wonderful to work with such a group. In my report I will attempt to thank some of you: this is a dangerous practice because someone is likely left out. If it is you please forgive me.

The following are comments on some of the club's activities some of which have been covered in the committee reports:

-Financially we are in reasonable shape as reported by Christine but our Pisten Bully replacement fund has not grown. The treasurer also reported that operating expenditures exceeded revenue. This led the executive to recommend to the Extraordinary General Meeting in June to restructure club fees. As a result, in order to have the fees fair to all users, the increases are in effect for those using the Hallis Lake trail system both members and day users. This change addresses the areas with the most cost pressure: fuel, electricity and equipment maintenance.

-In the spring of 2010 the executive developed a Five Year Plan for the CSTC. Our Goals and Objectives for 2010-11 were derived from year one of this plan. Very good progress was made on year one items last year and our efforts are continuing to complete the remaining items as well as the year two items. This vision of where the club wishes to go, in the next five years, is being used to focus and guide our efforts.

- I reported last year that the priority of the executive has changed. Starting around 1995 the executive and many club members worked tirelessly to build the million dollar first class public recreation facility that we have today at Hallis. We have managed this with no contribution from the local taxpayer for construction or operating costs. The priority in the next several years is to further develop the sport in our community, attract more members, train more instructors and improve and enlarge instruction programs for youth and adults. This will maintain and build an active, dynamic club.

-A committee of the executive has worked very hard all year to finance and get our new Youth Ski School and rental shop up and running. The new shop is being constructed in the lower floor and will be operational before Christmas. It is our belief that the Youth Ski School and Rental shop will help build the sport, increase our membership and improve the long term viability of the sport.

Today I am pleased to announce that we are in the process of hiring our Youth Ski School Coordinator and Rental Shop Manager, Tania Gruene. We know that the Tania will do a great job and we are very much looking forward to her help. It is a huge step the CSTC to have an employee but I am sure you will agree that there are limits to what we can achieve as a volunteer organization without Tania's help. Some notable highlights from last season include:

- The open house / pancake breakfast in early January attracted lots of people interested in our club. There were also several other social events during the season, thanks Bonnie and Holly for all their good work as our social committee.

- The Quesnel Winter Carnival allowed the club to get nearly 100 Quesnel residents on skis many of whom had never tried skiing before. Thanks to the club volunteers who made this happen.
- The Loppet was very successful as Elaine has reported with many of the participants from out of town. We would really like to see more of our members out there. Go for the fun or try for the podium – your choice. It is all about participating and going your chosen distance. Thanks Elaine and your volunteers for putting it on.
- The Elementary School Ski Tournament –The morning of the race it was -30C but warmed up to a balmy -10 in the sun that day so with delayed start the brave athletes who came out had an amazing day with fewer numbers due to cold, still over 50 kids and 7 schools participated including Wells and Williams lake. Once again Sunshine and her crew of hardy volunteers made this happen despite the temperatures.
- Wednesday night ski tours were scheduled for the first time and were a great success. Thanks to Sunshine, Greg and Rita for making this happen.
- The Adult lesson program described by Ron in his report was a great success, thanks Ron. It is great that we now have three CANSI instructors delivering the program.
- The northern zone Cross Country Running race was held at our venue for the first time. It was very good by all reports.

We have started this season with a tremendous amount of work already completed in preparation for this winter.

- We have an online registration system for club membership up and running.
- Bruce reviewed the extensive work to improve the back country trails and cabins. Thanks to the many individuals who helped out.
- Lit track repairs have been made thanks to Art Leer and Dave Debus.
- The lodge renos have been a lot of work. We have had a total of seven volunteer days so far with several regulars showing up each time. I should mention Joe Daigle he shows up after putting in a full graveyard shift at work and volunteers all day!

It has been a great year and I have many people to thank for making it so. Your executive Sunshine, Chris, Marilyn and Christine have done an outstanding job. The appointed directors; Tony and Kathy Jaffrey- lodge, Bonnie and Holly – social, Bruce – back country, Celine – Jackrabbit, Jim and Peter – biathlon, Greg –news emails, Ron – publicity, Marie (and Elaine) Loppet, Don-membership, Paul and Peter- Ten Mile Lake.

Don is stepping down from his membership role so we wish to thank if for the huge amount of work he has put into this over many years.

Bonnie has stepped down from the social committee. Thanks Bonnie for all of your help.

Celine is moving to Dawson Creek and will not be able to organize the Jackrabbit program again this year. Thanks Celine for all of your hard work.

Thanks to Brent for keeping the cabin bookings organized and to our webmaster Herb for running a great website.

Thanks to John for all of the work to improve signage and his initiative to develop our two snowshoe trails.

Thanks to our Tracksetters who groom and also do most of the repairs: Al, Mark, Greg, Jim Capan, Jim Crellin and myself. Mike Albourn also helped out with equipment repairs; it was great to have his help.

Thanks to our teachers, they are out there giving time and energy to build the future of the club: Ron has been very dedicated in organizing and instructing Adult lessons, Celine – Jackrabbits. Jim, Peter and Rob – Biathlon. I am happy to say that there is some renewal happening in biathlon. Rob is stepping down after several years coaching.

Also thanks to Rocky Peak for all of their help in registering and helping to keep people up to speed on what is going on with our Club.

Brian Black
President, CSTC

Motion to accept Committee Reports: Greg Strebel 2nd: Ron Watteyne

Election of Officers: Jim Crellin to officiate

All Executive positions were filled by acclimation.

- 1. Nomination for President: Brian Black**
- 2. Nominations for Vice- President #1: Sunshine Borsato**
- 3. Nominations for Vice- President #2: Chris Elden**
- 4. Nominations for Secretary: Marilyn van Leusden**
- 5. Nominations for Treasurer: Christine Kraayvanger**

Confirmation of Directors:

Motion: Brian Black moves that the membership confirm the Executive's List of Directors to enable Directors to vote on motions at the Executive meetings.

Seconded by Ron Watteyne. Motion Carried.

DIRECTORS FOR AGM APPROVAL

Nov 16, 2011

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| Nordics/Biathlon | Jim Crellin |
| Membership | Greg Strebel |
| Loppet | Elaine Watteyne |
| Back Country | Bruce Self |
| Snowshoe and Trail Signage | John Redburn |
| Social | Holly Nelson |
| 10 Mile Trails | Paul Mednis |
| Lodge | Kathy or Tony Jaffary |
| Adult Lessons / Publicity | Ron Watteyne |
| Website | Herb Chlebek |
| Coaching Co-ordinator | Peter van Leusden |
| Jackrabbit | Sunshine Borsato |

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:30 pm

Special Presentation by Brenda Beatty: “Walking Down the Dream: Mexico to Canada on Foot”.

Cariboo Ski Touring Club AGM Attendance November 16, 2011

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