

Cariboo Ski-Touring Club

Minutes April 16, 2015

In Attendance: Peter van Leusden , Brian Black, Marilyn van Leusden, Amy Reid, Mike Alborn, Lee Morgan, John Redburn, Jim Crellin, Ron Watteyne, Greg Strebel, Holly Nelson, Vicki Esplen, Chris Elden, Paul Mednis

Absent with Regrets: Herb Chlebek, Bruce Self, Lisa McCarger

Adopt agenda: M: Peter 2nd: Mike

Adoption of Minutes of March 10, 2015 : M: Ron 2nd: Chris

Adoption of treasurer report for March 31, 2015 M: Greg 2nd: Peter

Correspondence:

1. QUESNEL V DAY VOLUNTEER FAIR

WHERE CORRELIEU

WHEN APRIL 17, 2015 12:30-5:30 (Open to the public 2:30 – 5:30)

PRESENTATIONS: 12:30-1:35 FAIR DISPLAYS: 1:35 – 5:30

CSTC plans to set up a booth at this fair next year.

2. Correspondence re gates to replace concrete barriers on the FSR. CSTC letter to Desi. Desi's letter to District Manager
3. CCBC AGM agenda and invitation to attend in Kamloops May 2 & 3, 2015.
4. Letter from John Redburn. John is Alberta bound and as of June 1 will no longer be on the CSTC executive. John will be missed by all.

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

Trail names still to be discussed.

New Business:

1. Loppet ideas

There will be a discussion and brainstorming session on ways to make the loppet more appealing to our membership. Ways to decrease the number of volunteers required will also be discussed.

2. Forecast to year end

See Amy report

3. Review and update 5 year plan

Motion: Marilyn moves that the executive accepts the 5 year plan as amended (attached).

Seconded by: John

carried

4. Review draft budget 2015 -16

Motion: Amy moves that the executive accepts the draft budget as amended.

Seconded by: Mike

carried

Motion: Jim Crellin moved that a new internally restricted fund be created for a major project such as the eventual replacement of the Pisten Bully snow cat or construction of a caretaker residence. These funds can also be used as a contingency fund to cover the cost of a major repair of the Pisten Bully snow cat. Brian Black, President and Amy Reid, Treasurer by this motion are given a mandate to reinvest the current CIBC term deposits maturing May 6, 2015 and May 10, 2015 to an internally restricted term deposit or deposits and to open an additional internally restricted term deposit prior to the CSTC year end with 2014-15 funds. These accounts are to be internally restricted and used as described above provided the executive approves.

Seconded by: Greg

carried

5. Review fee structure 2015 - 16

Action Item: Greg will review the existing fee structure and propose a fee increase schedule for the 2015-16 season to the executive via email. The executive will discuss by replying to all and will adopt the new schedule by voting on line.

6. Coaching and event dates 2015–16

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

Tentative dates for key events will be as follows:

Nov 5	AGM
Nov 21-22	ICC
Dec 19	BC Winter Games Trial Biathlon
Jan 10	Open House
Jan 16&17	CC coaching
Jan 23	Loppet
Feb 6	Winter Carnival
Feb 20	Elementary races
April 2	Meltdown

Committee Reports:

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

2. Nordics / biathlon – Jim Crellin

Nationals turned out to be very successful for our CSTC athletes. In the Sprint competition on the Monday, Ryan Elden took the Bronze in the Senior Boys category. Then on Saturday in the Individual competition, Kyra Teetzen took the Gold in the Senior Girls category.

I don't believe that we have ever had our CSTC athletes take two medals at Nationals before.

The Range was dismantled on Sunday March 22, conditions were ideal and we were able to drive right down into the range and take out all of the targets on Jim Kurta's trailer. It took about 3 hours to put everything away. It was the last chance, after that all of the snow turned to mush.

Many of the biathlon athletes and parents attended the Meltdown social on March 28.

Caledonia Nordics is putting their old targets up for auction starting May 1. We would like to bid on 3-4 of the best targets, total cost not to exceed \$1200.

Motion: Mike moves that CSTC bid on the above mentioned targets.

Seconded by: Ron

Carried

The Biathlon BC AGM will be held in Prince George on May 16-17.

The CSTC Biathlon BC club membership for the 2015/16 season has been paid as of April 15, 2105

3. Membership – Greg 505 members

Greg and Amy have drafted a letter to send to the CCBC regarding the difficulties we experienced with their staff in processing payments and registering participants in the Skill Development Program. If someone attends the AGM this spring it could be discussed there.

4. Equipment – Mike

Based on their research, Jim Crellin and Brian Black are recommending the purchase of a 2016 Arctic Cat Bearcat 7000xt GS.

Motion: Mike moved (via e-mail) that CSTC purchase a 2016 Arctic Cat Bearcat 7000xt GS, instead of a ski doo Skandic SWT.

Seconded by Jim, Brian and Greg and 8 other members gave a yes

carried

Not much to report this month. We finished the season without any major equipment failures. I'm going to schedule a work party, probably May, to do annual maintenance and take care of repair issues.

The machinery is in motion to purchase a new Arctic Cat 7000XT GS, with delivery in time to start next season.

5. Backcountry – Bruce

6. Signs & Trails , Lit track – John

Trails

The Katamavilk loop and 2.5 Lit track took substantial damage as a result of a wind event late March. Twenty trees mostly large spruce are down destroying one light damaging another and destroying one pole as well as damage to the power line. On Canis Lupus there were three trees across the trail all three were removed. The remainder of the trails appear to have not sustained significant damage. Plans are under way to salvage log or remove the down timber and augment that volume with some standing mature tree. Chris Elden has taken the lead for this project. There are no estimates for the cost repairing the damage. Brushing priorities have been established and a map will be circulated for comment hopefully fire crew will be available to do the clearing.

Signs

All signs along the main road have been removed and stored. A volunteer may be available for putting them back up in the fall.

New Map

Jim Kurta is committed to completing the map in the next month.

Projects

The shortcut to the fields has been located and flagged. It still needs mapping before clearance can be granted and clearing can begin (target date is later this week)

The BFFSST extension will be located, flagged and mapped later this week.

Volunteer hours

1X8 hrs- sign removal

1X6 hrs trail work

Projects 2015-2016

Big foot Snow shoe trail extension

– The trail needs to be located, mapped and submitted to FLRNRO before clearing and inclusion to the trail system can take place. Projected completion June 1st Lead John Redburn

Shortcut to fields

...A 300 meter trails proposed from the gate at the top of the Adventure Park Hill to the fields. The trail needs to be located, mapped and submitted to FLNRO for clearance before clearing and inclusion into our trail system can take place. Projected completion June 1st 2015. Lead John Redburn

Map and large sign

The map needs to be finalized and then given to the Sign Stop for completion. Sign Stop can erect the sign or club volunteers can do it. Project completion Sept 30 2015. Leads Jim Kurta & Ron Watteyne*

Trail Clearing and timber salvage

The recent wind event damage needs to be cleared or salvaged with the possibility additional volume added to make the operation viable. Projected completion Sept 2015 Lead Chris Elden*

Gate Construction

Two steel gates are proposed for the main road and on Home Run in order to make closing and opening the trails easier. Projected completion Nov 2015, Leads Rob Johnson, Brian Black

Annual sign maintenance and set up.

Every fall there is a need to put the direction signs along the main road prior to the system becoming operational. In addition there is a requirement from time to time to replace or repair signs throughout the system. Ongoing. Lead Clarke Williamson

Trail maintenance

We have opportunity to avail ourselves of the services of the Forest Protection Unit Crews. The trail system was inventoried and a plan has been developed but is not yet ready for distribution. A club member would be needed to co-ordinate with the Fire Crew. Completion June 2015 Lead Clive Powell George Paul*

Siitz Ski

The possibility of the Club purchasing and making a Sitz Ski available for wheelchair or person with low mobility warrants investigation. This would include but not necessarily be limited to, cost insurance implications, logistics, rental, training and use. Completion Dec 2015 Leads Sally Johnson, Tania Gruene*

*- indicates a possible candidate not a committed person

Discussion indicated that unless we have someone interested in using the equipment then we will not proceed with this initiative.

7. Social – Holly

Meltdown:

The Meltdown Social was a great success, as measured by a full house and continuous conversational hubbub. It seems that scheduling a catered dinner brings out some folks who are just too busy to make something for a Pot Luck function. You can see photos of the turn-out here:

https://picasaweb.google.com/101605586261168075177/2015CSTCMeltdownSocial?authkey=Gv1sRgCO_vx-ugmvC0ggE

Great organization by Holly Nelson, with entertainment by Dougal Hines (predinner music) and skit “The Judgement of Ronski” with Peter van Leusden, Ron Watteyne and Dennis Morgan.

8. 75 K Ski Challenge – Peter.

Congratulations to those skiers who completed the 75 km challenge. 9 participants recorded and handed in the completed forms. Prizes were given out at the Meltdown. Some alternate options discussed for next year to increase participation include distance milestones with Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum categories.

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

9. Email communications – Greg

10. Newsletter – Vicki

11. Fundraising – Marilyn-Brian

To date CSTC has approval of \$12000 in grants toward the new snow machine for trail grooming. Funds have not yet been received. This includes a recent \$5000 from the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, \$5000 from Community Foundation and \$2000 from Community Futures. An application for \$6000 has been made to MEC. An answer is expected in mid May. A grant from CCBC for ski school (\$2500) is approved but not yet received.

12. Publicity/ Adult Lessons- Ron

13. Youth Ski School - Marilyn

14. Lodge Management – Tania

Rental Shop

Lodge Maintenance

Fireplace tiles have arrived. I am waiting for Mike Marsh to schedule a time to replace the tiles.

Some small maintenance – bulbs, organizational jobs need to be done.

Upstairs floor needs to be sealed.

Upstairs walls and doors could use a paint job to freshen up the lodge.- A work bee is in order when it warms up.

Lodge Rentals

We have 6 weekends of lodge rentals booked between June and August. 2 weddings, the wetland keepers course, BC lake stewardship AGM, Loop of the lake event and a yoga weekend.

15. Coaching- Peter

Coaching information:

- The ICC Course held on March 29, was a success. 12 participants. Unknowingly 3 were not paid up members at the time. So we were charged \$15.00 extra per person. In future will indicate in advertising that preference will be given to members, and others will have to pay their own way. The 3 non members have indicated they will be involved in club programs next year. Thanks to Lisa McGargar and Tania Gruene for assisting in recruiting and hosting the course. Final report for grant from Investors Grp will be completed very soon. Should receive the maximum allowed of \$500.00.
- Suggest that we host another ICC course Nov. 21-22, 2015; and a CC Course on Jan 16-17, 2016. Need to have executive approval for dates, since we need to apply very soon.

Additional Notes:

- HMC (now known by Emcon Services Inc.) received 2 cookie platters last week. Again they were very appreciative of our gesture, and I assured them that the club is very appreciative of the service we receive from them. Thanks to Gerd and Wanda, for supplying the platters at cost.
- Cory Melnychuk, one of the Special Olympic X-C skiers, has qualified for the National Championships in Corner brook, Newfoundland; next winter. Thanks to Dougal Hines and Joannette Girodat, for assisting me with the program.

Executive barbecue at Black's in May. Date TBA.

Meeting adjourned at: 10:00 pm
Next Meeting: TBA
Goodies Schedule: TBA