

**Cariboo Ski Touring Club  
Minutes: January 8, 2013**

**In Attendance:** Brian Black, John Redburn, Marilyn van Leusden, Peter van Leusden, Kari Bolton, Ron Watteyne, Bruce Self, Jim Crellin, Sunshine Borsato, Greg Strebel, and Vicki Esplen.

**Absent with Regrets:** Chris Elden, Kathy Jaffary, Tony Jaffary, Elaine Watteyne, Herb Chlebek Paul Mednis, and Holly Nelson

**Adopt agenda:** M: Bruce 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jim

**Adoption of Minutes of December 11, 2012:** M: Kari 2<sup>nd</sup>: John

**Treasurers Report:** M: Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>: Sunshine

See January 4, 2013 Bank Reconciliations & Year-to-date Revenue & Expenses Reports  
Main CSTC Account has moved to Integris

**Correspondence:**

1. Criminal Record Checks received from RCMP for Tania Gruene, Jason Neumeyer, Nancy Last, Erin Dale, Ron Watteyne, Kelly Dreisinger, Shelly Barlow, Angela Mezzatesta, Lance Loggin, Joshua Boutotte.
2. 2013 Property Assessment Notice for 4427 Quesnel-Hydraulic Rd. in the vicinity of Hallis Lake for caretaker living quarter S, Lodge, Equipment shed & parking lot purposes. Licence # 515897 LBF: 5406262. Assessed value is \$187,500.00 Less exemptions \$167,900 with taxable value \$19,600.
3. 2013 Property Assessment Notice for Cariboo Land District, covering three parcels or tracts of land in the vicinity of Mount Tinsdale, Mount Greenberry and Waverly Mtn for cross country skiing purposes. Licence # 515920 LBF: 5400229. Assessed value \$19,200.00 Less exemptions \$19,200.00 Taxable Value Nil
4. Register Mail RW 710 907 920 CA dated December 31, 2012, received from May Pinette, Senior Portfolio Administrator, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations with an attachment of the Modification Agreement confirming the amendment to add one more cabin to the Tenure of our Licence of Occupation No.515920. included is CSTC Management Plan dated November 15, 2012.
5. Christmas cards received from Quesnel Septic and Big Country printers.
6. Poster and flyers received from Reino Keski-Salmi Loppet to be held on Saturday, January 19, 2013 at Larch Hills Nordics' Club Chalet in Salmon Arm, BC.
7. Email received from G. Manhard on January 4, 2013 that includes a proposal for a common approach to ski pass pricing for skiers with a disability. The proposal was prepared by the Nordic Racers Ski Club in Vancouver and includes recommendations. Contact: Courtney Knight, Adaptive Program Coordinator, Nordic Racers Ski Club at [adaptivet@nordicracers.ca](mailto:adaptivet@nordicracers.ca)

## Old Business:

1. CSTC Open House/Pancake Breakfast: Sunday, January 8, 2012:  
Receipts have been obtained from Holly: 2012: \$289.49 2013: \$478.51  
Revenue generation from twoonie breakfast charge was \$447.00  
323 people attended Open House. 211 were visitors, 97 club members.  
152 ski rentals were issued, as well as, a few snowshoe loans.  
The Open House/Pancake Breakfast was a very successful event. Thanks to all the volunteers.  
**Action Item:** Marilyn and Elaine will request feedback from all the volunteers.
  
2. Lodge:  
**Action Item:** Marilyn and Brian will organize old CSTC files in the Office storage area and discuss with Tania what is needed to organize the Office, shelving etc. **Not yet done, but will attempt to do this after ski season is over**
  
3. **Youth Ski Program Power Point Presentation**  
**Action Item:** Marilyn and Sunshine (with possibly Tania) will update Sunshine's Rotary presentation. Possibly using Peter's CCBC article and pictures from Ski School 2012.  
**Not yet done**  
**Action Item:** Marilyn will send Peter's article to Sunshine  
**Action Item:** Tania will send pictures of 2012 to Sunshine.
  
4. **Lodge Maintenance:**  
**Action Item:** Storage box for pictures or some sort of racking is still required.  
We need to review and consider modifying the rental policy procedures and ensure if they are being followed.  
The box will need to be approx.24x30x16. Check with size of pictures that it needs to store.  
**Action Item:** Have the committee (Sunshine, Tony, Kathy & Christine) review the hard copy of the policy in the binder.  
**Action Item:** Marilyn will check if Christine will remain on the committee.
  
5. **Succession planning:**  
The executive should be thinking about their current jobs and who could succeed them. We need to be thinking about ideas to entice new volunteers to get involved and to spread out the work.  
**Action Item:** Committee members (Jim, Ron, John, Sunshine and Brian) will meet.
  
6. **Accessibility trail:**  
The CRD has applied for money for trail building. \$20,000 is currently available to CSTC, the CRD is committed to help raise the remainder of the funds required—Approximately \$30,000 is required. Daniel Dobson needs a sketch of our building modifications for the ramp and roof for wheelchair access ramp. We need to do this in the next few months.  
**Action Item:** Brian, Tony, Ron will work on this.  
**Not yet done.**

## 7. Cariboo Ski Cabin:

Brian sent a request to West Fraser not to log the block where the Cariboo Ski Cabin is located.

### New Business:

#### 1. Communication to members:

Discussion occurred on the need to have a CSTC newsletter to supplement Greg's emails.

**Action Item:** Vicki will work on creating our first newsletter with directors submitting drafts of articles on their area of responsibility to Vicki.

#### 2. Nordic Racers Cross Country Ski Club's Proposal:

Reviewed CSTC meeting motion of October 9, 2012 that set fees for the Quesnel Special Olympics group to purchase ski passes and rent ski equipment this season. It follows the recommendations set out in the letter sent by Courtney Knight, Adaptive Program Coordinator, Nordic Racers Cross Country Ski Club.

**Motion:** Bruce moves that the Cariboo Ski Touring Club have a policy to promote adaptive cross country skiing for people with physical and sensory disabilities, including athletes who are blind or visually impaired and/or deaf, wheelchair users, amputees and those with neuromuscular conditions such as brain injuries and cerebral palsy. All skiers with a disability pay the youth rate for a pass of any duration of time (i.e. day, week or season's pass) and a support person who is assisting a skier with a disability receive a complimentary day pass on an as-needed basis.

Seconded by Peter.

Motion carried.

**Action Item:** Marilyn will inform Tania of this policy and inform Nordic Racers of our motion.

**Action Item:** Marilyn will include this new policy in our policy file

**Action Item:** Tania will put a note informing people on the bulletin board outside the Lodge (or a copy of our policy)

#### 3. Pisten Bully, Ginzugroomer financing:

CSTC has submitted a Letter of Intent to Quesnel Community Foundation requesting funds to purchase a Ginzugroomer.

If our letter of Intent is approved, we will apply in February with funding if approved in May.

#### 4. Dealing with success: - JR issues:

- Coach supply
- Parking lot greeter
- Ski shop help

Discussed the wonderful increase in Jackrabbits enrolled this season and the resulting needs of the growing program.

Community Coaching course is being held this weekend and further courses will be needed next year.

Review Rental Shop hours after a few weeks and consider revising.

Consider possibility of Rental shop being open around times that the Youth Ski School is operating. If possible, then consider advertising hours open on the Club Calendar.

## Committee Reports:

### **1. Jackrabbit – Sunshine.**

- 60 maybe 70 kids I have no idea so it presents the whole new and exciting problem of different organizational techniques to accommodate this many kids
- Half (at least) are 5 and under so we should consider a few more boots 27-28 and skis 100cm.
- I need another technique of getting membership info directly for SDP - directly from Tania, Rocky Peak and Greg
- Need to consider if my early start date still works and definitely need a central registration next year
- Every week I have at least 5 new kids and three just from pancake breakfast.
- Need to get more toques and buffs from CCBC so will coordinate with greg and kari that memberships are paid
- Elementary races - still on for Feb 16th and think it might be huge. CCC sponsorship indirectly confirmed for races and double cross events. Starting to line up help and volunteers - Timber Trek will supply quesadilla lunch again and have medals mostly paid for in funding support - considering cookie medals for double cross this year - feedback??????????????
- Fundraising - completed project and Olive Walsh collecting prizes and donations for Loppet and Elementary races

### **2. Nordics / biathlon – Jim Crellin**

- The full complement of targets was set up in early December. Range conditions have been good, thanks to the tracksetting crew. Training sessions continued over the Christmas period.
- We received an answer from BIBC relative to selection of race venues. Prince George was selected as they were supposed to have their CWG range in operation, however it is behind schedule. Callaghan was chosen as a warm up for Biathlon Nationals in March. The third location chosen was Telemark to spread the races out geographically.
- The additional rifle approved in the December meeting is in service.
- The first major competition for the season will be BC Cup #1 at Whistler Olympic Park on January 18-20, 2013. Seven or eight athletes plan to compete at this time. There will be no biathlon practice on Saturday January 19 as all coaches will be out of town.
- Coaching transition continues to progress well with the newer coaches taking responsibility for training sessions and team race organization.
- Greg Roll has located some old railway ties that CSTC could purchase next fall for mounting targets on. Cost estimated is \$250.00
- Biathlon has 15 members this year, an increase from last year.

### **3. Membership – Greg**

- CSTC has 430 members to date and more coming in.
- CSTC needs to consider making online registration for membership free, as this will increase the number of people that register online, reduce workload and increase accuracy of data. Membership fees might slightly increase to cover the cost of online registration.
- Discussed need to have ability to purchase memberships with credit cards at the Rental Shop. Recommended to contact ABC indicating our need for internet in the future.

#### **4. Equipment / lighted track – Brian**

##### **Equipment:**

##### **Pisten Bully:**

- The new machine has been in service since Dec 14, operation is very good. All tracksetters are becoming familiar with nuances regarding the new unit. The spare wheel and tool kit have arrived from Oak Creek.

The adjustment made to the implement to improve the width of the skate lane so that one pass will provide a classic and a skate lane is working well.

- Note that the Vanderhoof and District Co-op has donated \$500 worth of diesel fuel for our season.

##### **Twin Tracks:**

- The three twin tracks are in good condition, two have been used regularly for packing since the first snow fall in October.
- Our snow grooming implements, roller and packer bar are in good shape. The frame drag is worn out and a new one will be built when time permits.

##### **Track Lighting:**

- A light at the south turn of the Katimavik loop is not functioning.

#### **5. Loppet – Elaine**

- The Loppet will be held on Sat. Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013, starting at 9:30 AM

- Thanks to :

Greg ; registration is up and running on zone 4.

Herb : website & brochure are updated and links to zone 4

Ron: working on a new route and designing the posters

Jim: GPS-ing the new route

Vicki: has negotiated a good deal for the luncheon with Bliss

Sunshine: rounding up sponsors and draw prizes

- Thanks to the quick responses to my email about volunteering. It's a little impersonal with emails. I know the executive doesn't mind, but I will be contacting individuals for specific jobs.
- Posters and brochures are starting to go up around town.
- Ron will be speaking with the Observer.
- If the radios will cooperate, I'm hoping to add another water station, so they will be located approximately every 5 KM.

#### **6. Backcountry – Bruce**

- There was reportedly 1.5 M of snow at Moncton before Xmas. The snow in Jubilee bowl is starting to settle but there is still 30 cm. of powder on top.
- Cariboo Mt. is starting to see increased use at least for day trips. I expect this to continue with the ease of access. Logging is about to start but no log hauling yet. I have asked Dan Goodwin to plow a parking lot as close as possible to the cabin so that skiers can park out of the way of the logging activity.
- CSTC has sent a letter to West Fraser asking them to reconsider their plan to log the block around the Cariboo Mt. cabin in the winter of 2014.
- The 1600 rd. has not been plowed since before Xmas and is unlikely to be drivable.

- The Yellowhawk trail, DJ cutoff, work party is this Saturday. Come and participate if you are interested to see the new route. I will be sending a reminder email through Greg.
- The AST 1 avalanche course was held this weekend. In the end there were only 8 participants, a bit of a disappointment, however it was very well received and people learned a lot.
- The chimney repair pieces have made it to the Murray cabin (thanks to Greg) but have not yet been installed.
- I have been approached by the Prince George Search & Rescue group wanting to book the Murray cabin for the last Saturday in January. They don't actually plan to use the cabin but want it for an emergency back up as they are conducting training with new members. The new members are required to spend the night in a snow cave and they want the cabin available in case someone becomes distressed. The S&R leader, Anthony Gagne, will become a member and pay the backcountry membership fee. I have discussed this with Brian and we decided that as this is a non-profit group which fulfills an important role we would agree. I have asked Anthony to locate the snow caves north and slightly east of the cabin, an area which gets almost no use.
- Yellowhawk Trail Work party this Saturday, January 12, 2013 to brush out & improve the new Yellowhawk Trail route. Meeting at Yellowhawk parking lot at 9:00 am.
- WATS has been given the option to care for the Two Sisters lookout. Jason Griffin will let CSTC if they are not going to do this and we will discuss CSTC's position.
- Anyone one with ideas or willing to lead a backcountry tour should contact Bruce.

## **7. Signs & Trails – John Signage**

- A busier than anticipated December delayed the installation and repair of some signage.
- One sign at the 3km trail was damaged possibly by someone knocking the snow off to read the sign ...it was an older sign with no plywood backing. Two aluminum signs were made for the Cariboo and Moncton Bowl huts
- Future; Install more LGM ( little green men) signs on the snowshoe trails, repair the sign on the 3 km and at the 7.5/10km.

### **Snowshoe Trails**

- The Wally's Way trail was opened before Christmas and re- opened prior to the open house. The Bigfoot trail was opened as far as Bypass 3 before Christmas. Kind souls broke open the remainder during the holidays. Both trails are in good shape with some minor brushing and signage required
- Future; A repeat of last years moon light snowshoe Possible date Jan 27 , Jan 30 or Feb 25 or 27. Probably in February.
- Bigfoot Trail is being used a lot.
- Snowshoe maps on trails will be replaced shortly.

## **8. Social – Holly**

- No report.

## **9. 10 Mile Lake Committee – Peter/Paul**

- Trails were set after Xmas.
- Peter will complete the maintenance report for Ten Mile for Parks.

## **10. 75 K Ski Challenge – Sunshine.**

- 75k ski challenge - underway! As usual K S cheated and completed his a week early but I am not sticky on that point - lots of people looking for entry forms at lodge last weekend which is exciting - challenge is growing
- Talked with Greg about another website photo contest I think we should do - close up photos of features on the trails we all see - boulders, outhouses, distinctive trees and people need to identify all of them for a chance to win a prize - gets people looking for landmarks, seeking out the features while skiing, general interest and applies to all ages - could the club sponsor as three prizes of free rentals for a friend to come and ski?????. Agreement was given.

## **11. Guided Ski Tours– Sunshine.**

- Lots of discussion and interest at pancake breakfast - I asked Dougal to come and play some music on wed nights at the lodge (he will ask Joel too) to create a fun party atmosphere - we should consider more momentum here to get lodge used more - have coffee or hot chocolate on etc as examples - 2 tours so far and this week is the Canis Lupus trail with Shannon and Shannon.
- Tours need to be back by 9 pm as this is Tania's closing time.

## **12. Lodge – Tony & Kathy Jaffary**

- No report

## **13. Lodge Rentals – Sunshine**

- February 16th rental with firehall including equipment rental and pilates classes starting Jan 14th Monday nights and working around couple jackrabbit classes

## **14. Newsletter- Greg**

- No report.

## **15. Publicity/ Adult Lessons- Ron**

### **Publicity**

#### **Open House**

- Posters, Cariboo Observer ad, radio interview,
- Emails to club members, outdoor groups, Facebook, business & industry.

#### **Loppet**

- Posters are done
- Will send posters out of town to PG, WL, 100 Mile and Vanderhoof and put up around town
- Radio interview, newspaper article, emails as I have done for the open house

#### **Ski Lessons**

- Sign board is up near Tim Hortons (south) and on the HMC board at the top of Dragon Lake Hill
- Posters are up at lodge & Rocky Peak
- Will be sending out posters to business and industry for ski lessons but don't want to do this until Josh is back .
- John MacDonald from Shaw Cable will be filming this Friday at Hallis.

**Instruction:****Ski Lessons**

- 1<sup>st</sup> classic session started on Jan 2 with 8 people
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Session skate will start on Jan 9

**16. Youth Ski School and Hallis Lake Rental Shop- Tania Gruene: Ski School Coordinator****RENTALS**

- The rental season started with Jackrabbits on Dec15 and the rental shop opened to the public on Dec22. In the Jackrabbit program we have 11 season rentals (as of today Jan5) and others who are renting each time they come or renting partial packages. The JR rentals are all in the small sizes- skis 100-150 plus 2 skate skis and all of the 26-28 size boots plus some sizes up to 36. If this trend continues we may need to look at purchasing a couple more of the 27 /28 boots and 100/110 skis. Right now I am moving some of the kids up into slightly larger gear – adding an extra insole to the boot etc. We will see if they all show up regularly enough to purchase more. The Holiday season has been great in that we have seen a lot of activity in the lodge. Rentals have fluctuated from a low of 2 in a day to 22 in a day. Even on lower rental days we are seeing people come through and buy seasons passes, day passes, pick up maps and enjoy the amenities.
- The exec committee free passes are being used with 8 coming in so far.
- The hall rental (FireHall) group on Feb 16 will have group members renting for the evening. The Special Olympics group will be renting skis every second Wednesday.

**YOUTH PROGRAM**

- The first school session (Bouchie Lake) starts on Friday Jan11. We currently have 4 schools and home school students (a total of 210 students ) booked. Our target is 250 so we would still like to book 1 double class or 2 singles.
- The classes that have booked are all K-3 except for one 4/5 class and Narcosli which is mixed ages.
- The Coaches available for the ski school have been very willing and supportive and there are not very many gaps in the sessions – we still have some coaches who have not decided on dates. I am confident that we will have everyone we need for each session and have backups available.
- I am planning on going to Caledonia to watch their sessions happen and ask some questions about how they have grown their program and the spring break ski camps. I would like to hold some spring break ‘ski camp’ sessions this year based on minimum enrollment.

**17. Coaching- Peter**

- We are in transition mode as I take over the responsibility of coaching chair.
- I have made it clear, that the job for me does not entail recruiting coaches for the various club functions.
- We are updating various spreadsheets on coaching certifications that members have obtained.
- We will also try to develop spreadsheets on other XC and Biathlon certifications that members have achieved. Eg. Officiating



- This ski season the club has had members attend the following coaching courses:  
2 members attended biathlon bears silver and gold coaching course in PG  
5 members attended the Biathlon IC1/2 course held at Hallis Lake  
6 members attended the ICC coaching course at Hallis Lake  
Eight members are attending the CC-1 coaching course this weekend at Hallis Lake Jan 11-13
- The club has received funding from Biathlon BC \$3,500 and Investors Group \$500 to help with the cost of these courses.
- Discussions will be held to see what coaching courses the club should host next season.

**Meeting adjourned at: 8:45 pm**

**Next Executive Meeting: February 12, 2013 at QCEDC office at 7:00 pm**

**Goodies Schedule:**

February: Kari Bolton

March: Sunshine Borsato

April: John Redburn

May: Brian Black