

**Cariboo Ski Touring Club
Minutes: January 11, 2011**

In Attendance: Brian Black, Chris Elden, Marilyn van Leusden, Paul Mednis, Peter van Leusden, Ron Watteyne, Elaine Watteyne, Christine Kraayvanger, Jim Crellin, Greg Strebel, Bruce Self, Don Cunningham and Sunshine Borsato.

Absent with Regrets: Bonnie Chlebek Celine Giesbrecht, Marie Skinner, Holly Nelson

Adoption of Minutes of December 7, 2010:	M: Greg	2nd: Chris
Adopt agenda:	M: Peter	2nd: Greg
Treasurers Report:	M: Ron	2nd: Peter

Correspondence

1. Renewal Policy received from AC&D (Quesnel) Insurance Services Ltd. for Commercial Package No.#. CMP 81484480. Letter dated December 15, 2010 from Randy Enns. Policy effective November 24, 2010 to October 23, 2011. Letter request additional premium of \$411.00 to cover the addition of the Ski Track Setting Machine. This has been paid.
2. BC 2011 Property Assessment Notice received for 4427 Quesnel Hydraulic Rd (Living Quarters, Lodge, Equipment Shed & Parking Lot Purposes). Assessed value \$204,600 with taxable value of \$20,500.
3. BC 2011 Property Assessment Notice received for License 515332 covering 4 parcels of land: Groundhog Lake, Mt. Howley, Mt. Greenberry and Waverly Mt. for ski cabin purposes. Assessed value \$24,000 and taxable value Nil. The value of this parcel has increased from 2010 value of \$11,700.
4. Letter received from Ministry of Forests and Range dated December 2, 2010 from Els Armstrong listing stumpage rates effective between September 22, 2010 and March 21, 2011.
5. Letter received from The Treasure Cove Hotel in Prince George from Jessie Cairns offering Cross Country Skiers a special rate of \$119 for a room. See www.treasurecovehotel.com or call 877-614-9111 ext 104.
6. Flyer from Community Futures offering HR Toolkit and Workshop Series. Free Info Seminar January 27, 2011.
7. Pamphlets from Reino Keski-Salmi, Larch Hills, Salmon Arm on Saturday, January 15, 2011
Pamphlets from Cariboo Gold Rush Marathon, 100 Mile House, February 12, 2011.
Pamphlets from the Canadian Birkenbeiner, Edmonton, February 11 & 12, 2011.

Committee Reports

1. Jackrabbit – Celine

Action Item: Celine confirm with Don about SDP packages and fees????

We've had some interest for new jackrabbits joining, my point of view is that all are welcome. I'm not sure what the best way to handle registration fees would be seeing how the Jackrabbit fee is very affordable even if they only make it to 9 or 10 sessions.
Executive decided no discount for late registration.

Celine would like to host a "bring a friend" day for Jackrabbits, she was thinking February 5th. That would give the friends a little time to decide if they want to come to the Elementary races.

If Celine knows a few days prior to the 5th, she can bring out some school equipment to lend depending on the size of the friend.

Executive felt this was a great idea. Ski pass not required for "bring a friend" day.

Action Item: Celine check if the date will conflict with the need for skis for the "Winter Carnival".

2. Nordics / biathlon – Jim/Peter

Not a great deal to report, range is set up and operating, warming hut is much more inviting with new siding on it.

No one attended BC Cup 1-2 in Callaghan Valley as it was too close to Christmas.

The next race is at Vanderhoof on Jan 22 and 23 and we have close to full attendance of athletes and coaches. Snow conditions there are good as well. We will have a one day low key biathlon race on Feb 12 or 13 at Hallis for Northern zone athletes

The new Izmash Biathlon rifle arrived and has not been put into service yet, as it is a bit late in the season to start switching rifles.

The coaches issued an email to the parent group outlining the intentions of the current coaching staff as far as succession planning is concerned. Rob and Peter will stay for one more season after this at somewhat reduced level of participation. Jim will stay on for one additional season after that to ensure the transition is smooth. No feedback from the parents and athletes as yet. How the ownership of the non-club rifles and range use for training prior to setting up the main range still have to be worked out.

3. Membership – Don

Don has completed an updated CSTC Membership list. We have 395 members to date. Eight Xmas passes were purchased. Three adult memberships were purchased at our Open House/Pancake Breakfast. Consider for Club registration next year the listing of children less than 5 years of age, as we pay CCBC \$10.00 if they are on the membership list. This is a concern if they are not skiing. Look at the wording on the form for future years.

There is a need to list issues, regarding the registration process, and approach CCBC with our concerns. (For example, membership list (non-active) still includes individuals that have deceased. Waivers and multiple signatures required.)

Action Item: Celine review the Rabbit List as it has another new name on it. Does this list match with the faces that show up?

Action Item: Peter, please check this list with the Biathlon group to make sure they are the same.

Don has also attached the people who have joined the CSTC but have no email.

Motion: Peter moves that we refund the Jackrabbit program fees to the Isaak family. Club membership is not refundable. Paul seconded. Motion passed.

4. Equipment / lighted track – Brian

Pisten Bully:

The PB has been running well. The following problems have been rectified:

- heater circuit blockage
- slipping belts driving the cooling fan and alternator.

Twin Tracks:

The 3 Alpine 2 machines are all running well. There have been difficulties with the drive belts since the original equipment manufacturer no longer supplies the correct belts. We are now experimenting with various aftermarket ones to find the best replacement.

The Alpine 1 being kept at 10 Mile and is being maintained by the Fire Hall and is being used by club members for track setting of 10 Mile Lake Park. The machine is running well.

Equipment:

A utility sled was purchased from VANOC for use in hauling material around our venue when staging events. Initial use indicates that it will be valuable.

Our snow grooming implements, roller and packer bar are in good shape.

A new flat deck sled was built by Bruce Self and will be very useful.

Track Lighting:

In December a tree fell across the lines on the biathlon loop. Fortunately damage was limited and repairs were made by two linemen available during the holidays.

5. Loppet – Elaine/Marie

Registration information has been changed on the website.

New registration forms have been printed with new contact info.

Posters are up in town and sent to Red Shreds and Stride and Glide

Working on volunteers, almost done

Caterers have been booked: Bliss

Timing clock booked from Rec. Centre, Needs to be picked up by burly men

Marie has booked PA system from school district (have to confirm this)

Sponsors need to be phoned to remind them of their donations

Will ask Ida to clean lodge after Loppet

Brian needs to speak to Bruce Self and George Ryan about club snowmobiles

6. Backcountry – Bruce

Heather Peters, Beth Collingwood and Bruce visited the Curle Cabin on Dec 30. The 1300 road was plowed to the Porter creek rd e.g. within about 6.5 km of the cabin, but reportedly won't be plowed from now on.

Bruce will update this if he knows more. There was about 24" of snow in the cut blocks and we did ski a bit but it was quite cold. We also completed some very minor repairs and brought up some more crockery and utensils. The log indicates there has been a bit of use by the builders. Bruce doesn't know if any other ski club members have been there.

Bruce completed and delivered to the equipment shed a new sleigh just as the big fall of snow began. Bruce has the stakes for the stake pockets almost completed and will deliver them in a day or so. Users will need to configure any sides however they wish, e.g. plywood or whatever else.

The avalanche course on Jan 8-9 was oversubscribed at 17 participants (most of whom are club members) and was very successful with a crisp sunny field day in Jubilee bowl. We did discover an interesting layer or two with the new snow.

Bruce has solicited input for guided backcountry beginner tours and has received several good suggestions.

Bruce will begin to implement them in a week or two. He is still looking for others willing to volunteer to lead a trip.

Action Item: Greg notify membership that there is a high risk level for avalanches below and above the tree line in our area for Thursday, Friday and the weekend.

7. Social – Bonnie & Holly

The date of the next social event has been changed, from Friday, February 11 to Saturday, February 12.

Dougal Hines will provide musical entertainment. Bonnie will send details to Ron soon.

8. 10 Mile Lake Committee –Peter/Paul

There is two and a half hours of track skiing available at 10 Mile Lake Park and on the lake.

9. Lodge – Sunshine

Public Health would like the water tested monthly. The results from December were totally clean.

Elaine and Bonnie are going out Thursday, January 13, to take an inventory and check supplies.

A cleaner can be hired when appropriate.

10. Newsletter- Greg

Greg is requesting contributions from the membership for our newsletters.

11. Publicity/ Adult Lessons- Ron

Publicity:

Posters for the Loppet are printed and up around town.

Ron has sent out emails to membership, local clubs and to out-of-town ski clubs

Posters and forms sent to Stride & Glide in PG and Red Shred's in WL

Ron will be having an interview with Cariboo Observer, Wednesday, January 12, 2011.

Will set up interviews with Dale Taylor at the Max radio

Chris Harris Presentation:

Club earned \$526.00.

Ski Lessons and Lodge rental flyer:

Have a mock up of the Lodge rental flyer. Some photos will be changed. Mention designated dog trails.

There have been 26 paid ski lessons to date. At the Pancake Breakfast/Open House, approximately 30 individuals received free lessons. More lessons have been booked and future dates will be advertised.

Ski Tickets:

Ron has purchased 2 rolls of 500.

12. Elementary Ski Program- Sunshine, Celine, Lisa, Brian, Marilyn

For 2011-2012 program, we have approached 3 schools: Baker, Parkland and Carson.

We have submitted or are in the process of submitting funding proposals to:

- Community Futures: \$15,000
- Community Foundation: \$5,000
- Sunrise Rotary: \$9,000
- Rotary:????
- MEC

CSTC anticipates having all the money committed by mid-February.

CSTC needs to contribute \$6,000 to the project to receive the Community Future grant. CSTC will do the basement modifications partly in kind for our share.

Instructors for the Elementary Ski Program will need Community Coaching Level courses (ICC and CC)

Old Business

1. Membership Drive Sub-committee meeting report.

The adult biathlon workshop will tentatively be held on February 5th.

There will be space for 6 participants. The cost is \$20.00 per person.

2. CSTC 2010-2011 schedule of events

Need to update calendar to list all events.

Action Item: Sunshine will follow up with Celine regarding "Bring a Friend Day" and the Winter Carnival both is occurring on February 5th. Parkland's skis will be needed for both events, will this be a problem?

3. Community Futures Project Fund

See Committee Report: #12 Elementary School Program.

4. CSTC 2010/11 Objectives:

c)-Work on changing the FSR to a gazetted road

Desi is addressing our request to change the FSR to a gazetted road with dept of Highways in Williams Lake and Quesnel.

e)-Consider conducting organized ski tours (Hallis and backcountry) on a regular basis

Track tours are occurring on Wednesday night at Hallis.

Bruce will set dates for informal backcountry trips.

Action Item: Bruce will send copy of the safety list for Backcountry tour leaders to Marilyn for the minutes.

5. A letter has been sent to HMC Services requesting snow removal with Brian as the contact person.

6. Pancake Breakfast: January 9, 2011

Thanks to all the volunteers:

Track setters: Greg and Mark

Ski Rentals: Rocky Peak: Brenda and John. Marilyn, Alison, Bonnie (worked very well in the basement)

CSTC needs to purchase some small sets for young children to use.

Chefs: Holly, Gena, Vicky, Peggy and Katimavik

Lessons: Ron, Peter, Jim, Paul, Sunshine (jumped in at the last minute to help a tiny skier in need)

Tours: Victor, Greg

Parking: Doug

Memberships: Don

We had approx 140 people come out in the cold, but beautiful sunny day; 82 members and 48 non-members.

Approx. 35 people took advantage of the free lessons.

Lots of kudos from participants. Elaine had the best job of all, meet and greet.

The receipts have gone missing so we won't have a tally from Holly until she finds them.

7. Wheel Chair accessible trail

CRD has decided to choose another option rather than a wheel chair accessible trail.

8. Baby Glider: Storage at Lodge & rental issue

Baby glider is available for use.

9. Correlieu hosting X-country running race: October 22, 2011

Action Item: Peter will discuss with Pat Marsh pre-booking the whole facility for the event. Awareness to hunters that the event is occurring is a necessity.

10. Katimavik: CSTC requested the following dates for volunteer assistance:

January 9, 2011 Sunday CSTC Open House & Pancake Breakfast

January 22, 2011 Saturday Hallis Lake Loppet

January 29, 2011 Saturday Jackrabbits Fun Race

February 19, 2011 Saturday Elementary School Races

February 26, 2011 Saturday Jackrabbit Meltdown Party

Celine is the contact person for Jackrabbit events and Sunshine for the Elementary School Races.

Confirmation is required.

New Business

1. Proof for Poster: Ron
See Committee Reports #11. Publicity/ Adult Lessons

2. Quesnel Winter Carnival, Feb 5th
Discussion followed.
CSTC Executive will try to recruit a coordinator and volunteers.

3. Succession plans required for.
 - Biathlon
 - Lodge Manager (integrate Lodge rentals with manager position)
 - Membership/Club Registration
 - Loppet

4. Ski Tournament: February 19th
Sunshine will be recruiting volunteers. Peter and Chris are confirmed.

Next Meeting: February 8, 2011 @ 7:30 pm at QCEDC office (339A Reid Street).

Meeting adjourned at: 9: 25pm

Goody Schedule: February: P & M van Leusden