

Cariboo Ski Touring Club
Minutes: March 8, 2011

In Attendance: Brian Black, Chris Elden, Marilyn van Leusden, Peter van Leusden, Ron Watteyne, Christine Kraayvanger, Jim Crellin, Greg Strebel, , Kathy Jaffary, Tony Jaffary

Absent with Regrets: Paul Mednis, Don Cunningham, Bruce Self, Celine Giesbrecht, Bonnie Chlebek, Elaine Watteyne, Sunshine Borsato, and Holly Nelson.

Adoption of Minutes of February 8, 2011: M: Greg 2nd: Chris

Adopt agenda: M: Chris 2nd: Christine

Treasurers Report: M: Brian 2nd: Peter

- A cheque for \$150.00 was received from Cariboo Pulp as a donation to the Elementary Ski Race.
Action Item: Sunshine send a Thank you note to Cariboo Pulp.
- GST rebate was received for \$1 770.00 re the capital projects completed last year.
- Financial audit is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9, 2011. Rita Rief, Brian & Christine will attend.

Correspondence

1. Letter received from Quesnel Lions Club dated February 19, 2011 written by Ron Silver, Secretary.
The letter states that the Lions are unable to assist CSTC with funding for the Youth Ski Program as it is not in accord with their usual donation practice. They will consider assisting a school in their ski program, on direct application by the school.
2. Letter received from City of Quesnel dated February 15, 2011 written by Diane Rogers & Nancy Lillienweiss.
The letter thanks CSTC for our contribution to the 3rd annual Quesnel Winter Carnival.
3. Letter received from Rotary Club of Quesnel dated February 28, 2011 written by Simon Turner, Secretary.
The letter confirms the success of our funding application for a sum in the amount of \$5,000.00. Their financial contribution will be released upon receiving from CSTC confirmation of the other funding outlined in our application. They request contact to allow for suitable media acknowledgement.
Action Item: Marilyn will send thank you's to both Lions and Rotary. The Lions should say that we will advise interested schools of their kind offer.
4. Card received from Katimavik thanking CSTC for supporting Katimavik program and being a community partner in the first rotation. CSTC was invited to the Farewell party on February 25, 2011.
5. Biathlon Canada promotional video was received from Biathlon Canada, letter dated February 1, 2011.
6. Tenure Offer received from Ministry of Natural Resources Operations dated February 14, 2011, File # 5400229. The license is for ski cabins and replaces LOC # 515332.
Offer must be accepted by April 8, 2011 with all conditions met as stated in the offer conditions.
Package includes: Tenure offer, Certificate of Insurance form, Types of Security, Safekeeping Agreement and two copies of the Licence of Occupation.
7. Letter invitation to Open house Event on March 9, 2011 to get feedback on how the mountain pine beetle outbreak has affected the use of forested area from CSTC perspective.

Committee Reports

1. Jackrabbit – Celine

This season, for Jackrabbits, went great. I felt like it went too quickly but we did get in 11 sessions out of 13, due to cold. Thank you to all of the coaches for your time and energy and to all the volunteers as well! Tiny Bunnies was successful.

2. Nordics / biathlon – Jim/Peter

The Cariboo Nordics participated in the BC Cup 5 and 6 races in Prince George on March 5,6. Seven athletes took part in the competitions. Maddison Roll placed second in the Individual race on Saturday and first in the Sprint race Sunday. Kieron Langan and Tristan Langan both placed third in the sprint event on Sunday. Kieron qualified for the BC Team for Nationals based on his finish times in the sprint races in Vanderhoof and Prince George

Trails were slow and soft due to all the fresh snow. Weather was cool (-10) on Saturday and darn cold (-18) for Sundays race.

Eric Matzner plans to attend the Biathlon coaching course in Prince George on March 12-13.

The adult introduction to biathlon session was held on February 5th as planned. Five people participated and learned how difficult it is to shoot with an elevated heart rate.

The club about has agreed to acquire most of the rifles and equipment that Jim currently owns prior to the 2011-2012 season.

Jim Crellin, Peter van Leusden, Rob Johnston

3. Membership – Don No Report

4. Equipment / lighted track – Brian Pisten Bully:

The PB has been running well. There was some damage to the packer bar hitch. It was repaired by a club volunteer.

Current issues:

-belts continue to slip on the fan / alternator drive. The track setters are planning some changes to improve the situation.

-one of the control levers has a sheared retaining pin and repair is required.

In response to Greg's email, a ski club member has volunteered to assist with equipment maintenance.

Twin Tracks:

Two of the Alpine 2 machines required repair. The Rubber Ducky and Green Gables were taken to South Shore for repairs. Both machines required replacement secondary clutches and have been repaired.

The Alpine 1 being kept at 10 Mile and is being maintained by the Fire Hall. Track setting has ceased for the season at 10 Mile Lake Provincial Park.

Equipment:

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

Track Lighting:

The trail lighting operated reliably during the month.

5. Loppet – Elaine

Jim investigated the costs and benefits of using Zone 4 or Shane at Stride & Glide for club registration and events.

Further investigation is still required.

Action Item: Safety concerns will be discussed further by email with recommendations recorded for next year's organizing committee.

Action Item: Jim and Bruce will go out and check VHF reception at Hallis.

6. Backcountry – Bruce

Feb. 19 Arnold Kilsby and I led a very successful guided trip to Amador creek up the Cariboo wagon road. We had 9 participants besides Arnold and myself and all seemed to have a good time despite it being a bit chilly at -25-30 C. Most people said they were very interested in the projected guided trip that Kate Sullis is hopefully going to lead into the Bowron lake area.

We were first into Waverly on Mar.5-6 since McColls were there on Jan 3. Broke trail through 10" powder. Great skiing. Who knows why the gap in usage. Snow level with porch. Sawed off a huge (e.g. 6 foot) cornice from the cabin roof. Repaired and set trap and snares for the squirrel living in the roof. He has been inside a bit but with minimal mess. Repaired the hole he chewed to get in. If any future visitors could note if they see evidence of squirrel or find dead squirrel please let me know. I don't know how I missed it but the fire extinguisher is a completely unsuitable Halon type and is discharged. I will get a replacement and try to arrange for delivery as they are fairly heavy e.g. 5-6kgs.

We were first into Moncton this winter via the creek trail, as opposed to over the ridge on Feb 23-25 Broke trail through 16-20 inches powder. Snow 20" above the porch. Great skiing. The Coleman stove malfunctioned irreparably but I have purchased a replacement and Dave Hall kindly took it in. Cabin in good shape otherwise. 3100 road is plowed to 4 km. and the 1600 rd. is hard packed and good traveling by snowmobile.

We into the Cariboo mountain cabin Feb 28-Mar.1. . The 1300 road is newly plowed to 28 kilometer as there is active logging there. Broke trail through 28" of powder with snowmobiles. Snow about 12" above porch. Cabin in good shape. Great skiing. Added roof cap to chimney. The original builder's rather hastily built woodshed has collapsed under the weight of the snow but we were able to tunnel under and retrieve enough firewood. We will probably need to consider insulating this cabin in the future and constructing a sturdy woodshed.

Have not been to Murray but Magnus and Jim Crellin advise that the door does not open fully as the floor appears to have bulged up. Brent Hodgson suggested that is because snow load has pushed the walls down enough to distort the floor. If that is the case then the solution would seem to be to shovel the roof. Jim said that they shoveled the chimney area and might be back in a week or so and perhaps shovel more. If any visitors can let me know what they find I will try to address this. I can't go up to shovel for few days but I will arrange to soon if need be.

Interesting to note that when we came down from Waverly on Sunday, no one had been up the Yellowhawk trail to Murray, since the Crellin party on the previous Thursday, even though Sunday had blue skies and mild temps.

7. Social – Bonnie & Holly

The final social of the season is this Sunday, March 13. if there is good skiing weather, people may choose to ski or snowshoe. Following this will be a pot-luck dinner at 5:00.

8. 10 Mile Lake Committee –Peter/Paul

Track setting is not happening at Ten Mile since Paul Mednis has left town.

A report was given regarding the meeting on Thursday, February 10, 2011 with Tony Fiala and Chris Armstrong where the renewal of CSTC trailing setting permit for Ten Mile Lake Park was discussed. See attached email from Chris Armstrong dated February 11, 2011.

Discussion occurred from the report with a question regarding the charging of fees at Sovereign Lakes.

Action Item: Peter will prepare a management plan, share at a CSTC meeting and submit it to Parks by September 2011.

9. Lodge – Tony & Kathy Jaffary

We are enjoying our position as Lodge Managers and have this to report:

Jobs completed

- Stereo installed – speakers mounted
- Emergency exit door repaired
- Exit light bulbs replaced
- Emergency lighting battery replaced
- Smoke alarm rewired and now functional
- Indoor and exterior lights all working
- Pictures mounted
- Lost and found bin started
- Fireplace area cleaned and organized
- General supplies stocked and storage area established

In progress

- GFI's installed in the kitchen—decided this was not necessary
- Inventory of lodge assets

To be done

- Shelving for wood stove downstairs
- Organize storage area downstairs
- Organize office utilizing book shelves and file cabinet
- Acquire shelving for the mechanical room and organize

Large projects identified

- Roof over emergency exit /wheelchair access
- Paint upstairs and establish a policy for affixing items to the walls

Action Item: Kathy and Tony will make a recommendation of a policy for affixing items to the walls and whether renters can remove CSTC posters and pictures. The recommendation will be discussed at the April meeting.

Regular tasks needing attention

- Ashes removed from fireplace
- Restock kindling
- Empty garbage
- Stock outhouses and bathrooms
- Removal of snow on emergency exit/wheelchair ramp

Action Item: Brian will continue to take water tests once the line is repaired in the Spring. Other routines require an action plan and delegation to other club members.

Please note

- Please send us an email if you notice something needing attention rather than leaving a note at the lodge
- Kathy will laundry the towels

Thanks to West Fraser Mills and CNC for providing us with a “new to us” fridge, file cabinet, shelving and book cases. We could still use more shelving.

Water line failure was discussed. At this time, the water from the taps is not potable.

Action Item: Kathy will post a sign at the Lodge regarding the water.

Action Item: Kathy will email Bonnie to inform her that she will need to get water for the Social event on Sunday.

10. Newsletter- Greg
No report.

11. Publicity/ Adult Lessons- Ron
Publicity:

Social event on Sunday has been advertised. The 75 km challenge event awards will be handed out at this time.

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

Request motion to purchase skis and allocate \$2000 toward the program

Motion: Peter moves that CSTC contribute \$2000.00 towards the Youth ski Program. Funds are for renovation of the basement in the Lodge to create a ski shop. Seconded by Tony. Motion carried.

Motion: Ron moves that CSTC order \$20,000.00 worth of skis, boots, poles and bindings for the Youth Ski Program with the ability to increase the order to \$28,000.00 if more funding comes thru. Seconded by Greg. Motion carried.

Old Business

1. Club acquisition of biathlon rifles 2011-12

CSTC will attempt to purchase rifles and equipment presently owned by the Crellins by April or May 2011 if financially possible.

2. Club Fee Restructuring

Discussed two issues: format of fee structure and the need for CSTC to raise fees.

Motion: Greg moves that CSTC move towards instituting a system of Basic Club Membership plus program or area fees as the format of fee structure for the Club. Seconded by Ron. Motion carried. Committee will continue to develop the new fee structure.

3. Running at Veronica's boot camp

Sunshine talked to Veronica to ensure that the running component was not happening on the ski trails.

4. Printer for CSTC

A jet ink printer was donated by QCEDC.

5. Creation of a Flex GIC

A Flex GIC was created with 0.9% interest.

New Business

1. Storage area at the bottom of the stairs.

All the materials presently in the area at the bottom of the stairs are needed.

Kathy will investigate the number of containers required to properly store the materials and purchase them.

2. Confirmation of current snowshoe policy, review new trail prior to posting on the website.

Decided to postpone updating the website regarding snowshoe use till fee structure is determined.

-A number of suggestions were made to improve the map to be posted. The longer loop to be named Bigfoot on the map should be a blue trail with the outer loop black. The shorter loop should be coloured green. The colour codes to be explained on the map.

-The sign at the venue needs to be updated to show both trails and explain the colour codes.

-The sign needs to indicate that it is preferred that snowshoers use the trails provided for snowshoes. but that if ski trails are used then stay well off of the classic track and yield to skiers.

Action Item: Brian will follow up with John Redburn.

3. Day Pass Tickets

Executive members are requested to put out day passes when container is low.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm

Next Meeting: April 12, 2011 @ 7:30 pm at QCEDC office (339A Reid Street).