

**Cariboo Ski-Touring Club
Meeting Minutes March 14, 2017**

Attendance: Bruce Self, Brian Kennelly, Amy Reid, Shannon Coffey, Mike Alborn, Brian Black, Evi Black, Chris Elden, Charlotte Kurta, Taylor, Mastre, Holly Nelson, Greg Strebel, Marilyn van Leusden, Peter van Leusden, Elaine Watteyne, Ron Watteyne, Tania Gruene

Absent with Regrets: Brad Benson, Sunshine Borsato, Herb Chlebek, Jim Crellin, Vicki Esplen

Adopt Agenda:

M: Peter

2nd: Greg

Adoption of Minutes from February 14, 2017

will be done by email

Adoption of Treasurers Report

will be done by email

Correspondence:

Email from Ian van Leusden regarding mountain bike trail network in the wonderland area. (attached to end)

Old Business:

1. CSTC Website – no update

In Progress

2. Legal Responsibility of Boards Workshop – Marilyn van Leusden

Marilyn will organize a date to meet with the other involved directors.

In Progress

3. Snow Making

A grant application for \$40,000 has been made. The grant decision will be known in May.

New Business:

1. Printing the CSTC History – Evi Black

The cost to print 1 copy of the CSTC History as a spiral bound book is \$23.68, the cost to print 25 copies is \$339.00 or about \$13/copy. It is felt that the club could sell 25 copies to interested members. An idea is to look into printing some hard-cover copies through Staples or other online businesses.

Motion: The CSTC will order 25 spiral bound copies of the CSTC History from Big Country Printers. Moved by Brian Kennelly. 2nd: Peter van Leusden

Motion Carried

2. Biathlon Fence/Expansion – Bruce Self & Chris Elden

The CSTC is proposing an amendment to the existing tenure boundaries to allow club members to have year round access to the biathlon range rather than the current December to March time period.

In Progress

Chris is meeting with Desi Cheverie from the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations to discuss the expansion next week. If the ministry is on board with the plans, the club will look into meeting with the ranchers.

3. Donation Co-ordinator – Bruce Self

Discussion occurred regarding having a director keep track of what businesses have been approached for donations and who has donated. Bruce will look for a director to take this on. Amy has good records of what has been donated in the past.

In Progress

4. Free Day Passes after March 18 – Greg Strebel

Good idea, however the weather is ending the ski season.

5. Club Jacket Reimbursement – Elaine Watteyne

The CSTC will reimburse Elaine for a CSTC jacket and then sell the jacket.

6. Future Coaching Courses – Peter van Leusden

The club would like to hold an ICC course for Jack Rabbit coaches next October or November, and a CC course next January.

7. Review of Policies: Isolated Workplace and Workplace Violence Policy and Emergency Policy and Procedures

Tania will revise the Isolated Workplace and Workplace Violence Policy to reflect current practice and stay in align with WCB standards. The Emergency Policy and Procedures policy will be updated to include more contacts including the tracksetters. Mike Alborn will contact the tracksetters.

In Progress

8. Snowmaking – Bruce Self

Bruce initiated the discussion of does the CSTC want snowmaking equipment? Snowmaking could be done in the early season to build up snow in the problem areas for later in the season. It would be a hose based system with one portable gun. Snow would be made in the stadium area and then moved to other problem areas. The well would need to be upgraded and drainage in the stadium area needs to be considered. There were no objections to moving forward with snow making initiatives.

9. Reimbursement of Ski Lessons – Ron Watteyne

The CSTC will reimburse individuals who paid for ski lessons but didn't get to complete their lessons due to poor ski conditions.

Committee Reports:

1. Skill Development Program: Jackrabbit/Track Attack– Sunshine Borsato

We completed 15/16 sessions as we had canceled two Monday nights due to cold and reclaimed one day - all thanks to the groomers and a particularly resilient and hardcore group of kids. 40 kids registered (low year compared to typical 60 kids) although they seemed generally to be more dedicated skiers. Our wrap-up potluck meltdown party March 4th was excellent and I took 9 kids from our racing team to the WL ski tournament March 5th with 8/9 kids winning at least one medal; we dominated the races and podium awards and left with a trophy now on the mantle.

I would like to get the trophy engraved with our club name and year and I brought this up in a previous meeting a couple years ago but I would like to purchase team jerseys or jackets for future races - matching biathlon - for our cross country ski race team. Coach meeting wrap up is scheduled for this Thursday.

2. Elementary Ski Races – Sunshine Borsato

Held February 18th - small turnout with 50 kids compared to 90 typical. Good event with a lot of positive feedback and again, great work by tracksetters. This event takes weeks to prepare and 25 volunteers and is an important draw for the club for local and out of town participants. Will put on schedule now a week earlier next year to better combat potential low snow years and better showcase our venue. Again, this race is quite important to attract new families to skiing as it has effectively done in the past and coupled with "bring a friend day" we definitely have a few new families already committed.

3. Newsletter/Loppet Report – Vicki Esplen

4. Nordics/Biathlon – Chris Elden

The biathlon season is winding down. Several athletes attended the Western Canadian Championships in Hinton, AB. They used it as an opportunity to race up in the category they will compete in next year.

Ryan and Chris Elden competed at Nationals in Canmore this past week. Ryan had several top 10 finishes in the 30 strong Youth Men category, and Chris managed a couple of podiums in the Masters Men category.

We held a Try-it-out session on March 4th to provide an opportunity for interested new biathletes. It was well attended by about 7 older Jackrabbits. If interest continues we will be able to maintain or increase our membership numbers next year.

We may have a few more practices if conditions are suitable, otherwise we will be moving the range to its summer.

As per the letter that was forwarded to the executive, we have initiated discussions with the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations regarding having year round access to the biathlon range. The Ministry representative has agreed to do an initial assessment of the area as soon as the snow is gone. He doesn't think it will be a quick

resolution.

The team extends a big thank you for all of the club support this year in hosting the BC Cup, grooming trails etc.

5. Membership – Greg Strebel

373 Individuals

More...

Gender:	203	F	
	168	M	
	371		
Basic Individual Membership:	10	Under age 5 as of 31 Dec.	
	346	Skier Membership (Hallis, Backcountry)	\$8825.00
	15	Snowshoer Membership	\$150.00
	371		\$8975.00
Individual Activity Options:	15	Club Supporter, not using trails or cabins	
	87	Family All Options, Snowshoe or Backcountry (Selected on previous page)	
	22	Adult - Back Country	\$1100.00
	3	Junior or Student - Backcountry	\$75.00
	204	Adult - All Options	\$16320.00
	21	Junior (ages 5-18) All Options	\$630.00
	2	Student (with card) All Options	\$80.00
	13	Adult Snowshoe	\$130.00
	0	Junior/Child Snowshoe	\$0.00
	367		\$18335.00
Skill Development Program (SDP):	4	Bunny Rabbit Program (Under 5 as of Dec 31)	\$100.00
	9	Saturday Jackrabbit	\$360.00
	4	Monday Jackrabbit	\$160.00
	17	Sat & Mon Jackrabbit	\$935.00
	4	Track Attack (for advanced or graduate SDP)	\$200.00
	38		\$1755.00
Biathlon Program:	12		\$660.00
CCC Membership:	346		

Janet Allen has suggested that the CSTC attend the Farmer's Markets in December to sell memberships, passes, and swag. This seems like a good idea.

6. Equipment – Mike Alborn.

Some minor repairs to be done to the piston bully, the season looks finished.

7. Backcountry – Taylor Mastre

Mt Murray

Murray was getting a lot of action when I drove by on Saturday. A few mice have been spotted in the cabin. Brian brought out some traps and bait to re-set them. I could post a sign to remind people they are there, to check, empty and re-set if they are comfortable doing so. Remember to keep your trail mix hung up!

Cariboo Mtn

Jim & company took supplies out to the Cariboo cabin to fix the vandalism. Lots of logging activity in the area so a radio is recommended. So far the M road has been plowed half way up to the cabin but the hauling may be finished now. I am booked in for this weekend and will bring some mouse traps up like at Mt Murray

8. Signs & Trails – Brian Kenelly

9. Social – Holly Nelson & Elaine Watteyne

23 members attended the Friday night social held on March 3rd, 2017. We were treated to some great music by Brodey, Denver, & Rylan LaMarsh. We enjoyed an evening of pot Luck appes, great skiing and lively conversations. The hat was passed around and the musicians were very pleased to receive this from the audience.

Next Social is the Meltdown on Sat. April 1st, 2017.

Dinner by Bliss . Advance tickets to be sold at Rocky Peak. Menu: still waiting to hear from Bliss, but should be ribs or chicken, and salads. Dinner at 6 PM. Ron will be sending out a poster shortly.

We'll be asking members to bring something to put into the Silent Auction. Discussion regarding a 50/50 draw, but legally we would need to have a gaming licence. Proceeds possibly to go towards some decorations for the social events.

10. Ski the Gold Rush Trail – Ron Watteyne

11. Email Communications – Greg Strebel

12. Fundraising – Marilyn van Leusden, Brian Black

Lighted Trails Modernization Project: \$10,000 received from Canada 150. Project complete except for the announcement from Canada 150 and possibly an opening ceremony.

Venue Equipment Project (\$15,000):

- Quesnel Community Foundation has approved a \$5000 grant
- MEC application for \$5,000 submitted
- Community Futures for \$2500 due Apr 30

Snow Making Project (\$15,000):

- Co-op application submitted for \$ 40,000 response due May 1
- NDIT application pending, due May 12

13. Publicity/Adult Lessons – Ron Watteyne

14. Youth Ski School – Marilyn van Leusden

- It snowed! Our fully booked season of 40 sessions and 600 students attending Youth Ski School this season has been saved, with only 2 ½ sessions unable to be scheduled before Spring Break, March 17th. A big thank you to Tania and the schools for their flexibility and effort to reschedule.
- 5 sessions are booked from March 14 to 17th and we are hoping that the warm weather will allow these sessions to be held. No rain, please. There is a slight chance to rebook Carson and NCCS after Spring Break.
- February 6 to 9th, all 4 sessions were cancelled due to cold. As well as, February 20th.
- Ski school sessions have been held every week day since February 21 with double sessions on March 13 and March 17.
- Ski school requires more coaches for next season, so please pass on the request.
- A big thank-you to the tracksetters for doing a great job!

15. Rental Shop Report – Tania Gruene

January and February's wild swings between – 20's and warm melts resulted in very curtailed operations in the lodge this season. We have resumed opening only Wednesday evenings and weekends right now with March 17th and 18th likely being the last weekend open. Despite the current excellent snow conditions we are seeing very little traffic in the rental shop and fewer cars in the parking lot.

We did not have a 'pass checker' in the parking lot as agreed upon in the last meeting. Immediately after the meeting we were closed the next two weekends due to very cold temps then the extreme melt. This plan will definitely be brought forward to next season and will be useful in the beginning of the season especially during the peak holiday time.

16. Lodge Management – Tania Gruene

- The lodge has had run out of water 7 times this season. While it has occasionally run dry after a big event this is a very unusual occurrence this year. The refill rate seems to be slower than usual. Bruce has it on the off – season work plan.
- The inside stairs are beginning to wear and will require repainting this year.
- Low mobility out house requires a new toilet seat installed.
- The deck will need to be re-stained.
- We are looking for a donation of a newer microwave for the lodge.
- Hot water bottles have been purchased and kept in the lodge re: first aid.
- The lino floor in the lodge is to be rewaxed / buffed with a commercial grade sealant and buffer to protect it.
- More detailed labeling of the plumbing in the electrical room will be done this spring.

17. Coaching – Peter van Leusden

18. Snowshoeing – Evi Black

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Next meeting Thursday April 6

Goodies – Ron Watteyne

Dates for the coming season:

April 1 – Meltdown

5 Year Plan Tracking Items:

-Rebuild the Murray Cabin foundations	2015-16
-Install gates to eliminate having to place no-posts twice per year	complete
-Brushing required on the Monkton trail, approach the ministry first	2015-16
-Conduct CANSI level 1 course again and encourage certification and re-certification	2016-17
Hold a Biathlon BC Cup event	scheduled
-Increase rifle inventory	complete
-Consider redesigning the website	2016/17
-Modernize the trail lighting including LED lighting and underground wiring	complete
-Diversify and expand social committee for events planning	2016-17
-Create a new CSTC/Hallis brochure	2016-17
-Develop information sheet for new/ prospective members	2016-17
-Purchase club swag in advance of ski season	complete
-Conduct a publicity drive in September/October for membership	complete
-Consider staging a late season skate race on a very simple basis. Set course but no officials, possible meal, self timed	2016-17
-Register as a charity	2016/17
-Membership registration exclusively thru Zone 4	2016-17
-Consider improving access to lodge	complete

Attachment:

From: Ian van Leusden [<mailto:vanleusdeni@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 1:59 PM

To: bself@goldcity.net

Subject: Wonderland trail network

Hey Bruce,

I wanted to clarify our quick conversation at Hallis Lake today. I'm working along side the Gold Rush cycling club and the Cariboo Mountain Bike Consortium to start developing the wonderland area, above dragon lake boat launch into a mountain bike trail network.

I've been in contact with Desi from ministry of forests in Williams lake and my plan is to get the area designated as a Section 57, a recreation area specific for mountain biking. We don't have any trail building plans at the moment or development and by no means will we be entering Hallis lake or the community pasture land. All our trails would be single track with no access for motorized equipment.

I've attached a map that Thomas Schoen from the Cariboo Mountain bike Consortium has made for me to include in the Section 57 package I will be submitting to Desi.

Please if you have an comments or concerns contact myself. I'm in the very early stages of this and trying about the process the right way. Its a big learning curve for myself.

Thanks so much Bruce

Ian van Leusden

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