

**Cariboo Ski-Touring Club  
Agenda September 2016**

**In attendance:** Brian Black, Vicki Esplen, Brian Kennelly, Peter van Leusden, Mike Alborn, Amy Reid, Charlotte Kurta, Chris Elden, Bruce Self, Ron Watteyne, Greg Strebel, Shannon Coffey  
**Absent with Regrets:** Lee Morgan, Sunshine Borsato, Herb Chlebek, Holly Nelson, Jim Crellin, Marilyn van Leusden

**Adopt Agenda:** M: Vicki Esplen 2<sup>nd</sup>: Chris Elden

**Adoption of Minutes of April 5, 2016** M: Peter van Leusden 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ron Watteyne

**Adoption of Treasurers Report for August 30, 2016** M: Mike Alborn 2<sup>nd</sup>: Vicki Esplen

**Correspondence:**

No one had checked the mailbox.

**Old Business:**

**1. CSTC Policies – Brian Black**

The policies were consolidated and organized into a computer folder last spring but have not been sent out to all the members yet. Discussion occurred regarding the need to review policies at a regular interval before the need arises.

**Motion: The CSTC executive will review 1 policy per meeting until all the policies have been reviewed and then reviewed every 3 years. Moved by Mike Alborn**

**Seconded by Bruce Self**

**Motion Carried**

**2. CSTC Website**

There are two separate issues with the CSTC website, its format and containing outdated information. It is important that the website look good and contain accurate information in order to attract non-members of the club who are more likely to be using the website than club members who receive information regularly through the email list.

All directors will check their relevant content on the website and send needed updates to Herb. Also, all directors can look over the website and report ideas for improvement next meeting.

**All Directors**

Amy will look into getting some quotes with local website developers and check with Tania who may have some information already.

**Amy**

### **3. Constitution and Bylaw Revision – Charlotte Kurta**

The new document will be emailed out shortly. Duties of directors are specifically outlined in the document. It is very important for all directors to read the duties of their respective positions and give feedback if needed. Let Tania Gruene know of any changes that need to be made ASAP as the final document must be voted on at the October meeting.

#### **New Business:**

##### **1. Dates for the coming season:**

October 14 – End of first early bird membership rate (-\$10)  
November 3, 7:00 PM Hallis Lake Lodge – AGM (waiting for confirmation on presentation)  
November 5, 2016 – Equipment Swap at Hallis Lake Lodge  
November 14 – End of second early bird membership rate (-\$5)  
December 10 & 12 – Jack Rabbit start dates  
January 8 – CSTC Open House  
January 14 & 15 – BC Cup  
January 28 – CSTC Loppet  
February 4 – Quesnel Winter Carnival  
February 18 – Elementary School Races  
April 1 – Meltdown

Dates for PG coaching courses to be added

Dates for social events to be added after they are planned

Avalanche course will likely be in December, Bruce to advise

**Chris /Peter  
Holly/Ron/Tania  
Bruce**

##### **2. Lighted Trail Project Update – Brian Black/Ron Watteyne**

The underground wiring is done and Ron is currently working with volunteer electricians to get the lights hooked installed. Difficulties mainly due to the wet weather this summer were encountered this summer while installing the underground wiring the the prject cost has increased from an original estimate of \$88,000 to a projected final cost of \$107,000.

United Concrete, Active Rental, and Kopetski have made significant contributions to the project and it was decided the club will thank them by providing free ski passes and rentals to their employees. Big Country Printers and Cariboo Propane have been asked for donations and will be given the same treatment if they come through with the donation.

**Motion: The CSTC executive is increasing the spending cap on the lit track project to \$35,000.**

**Moved by Greg Strebel.**

**Seconded by Bruce Self**

**Motion Carried**

**Motion: The CSTC will give free ski passes and rental to United Concrete, Active Rental, Kopetski, Big Country Printers, and Cariboo Propane. Moved by Ron Watteyne.**

**Seconded by Brian Kennelly**

**Motion Carried**

**3. Meeting dates, action calendar with dates - Sunshine**

CSTC meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month except for the AGM and in situations where key members are unavailable and/or quorum is not reached.

**Committee Reports:**

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

- I am sending out a dryland training thing today
- I want to brush out a zipline off lit track onto wascally wabbit
- I need equipment to RE-BURY my mogul mounds – Vicki to follow up on this

**Vicki**

- I am working on coaches
- Central REg was not busy but some good interest - connieM and chris Hyde manned it - lots of new adult interest
- Banner looks great
- I have no plans to book coaching courses this year
- I have a few new installs for JR on trails but not sure if Tania finished those projects or not.
- on JR calendar - please confirm that is good with everyone's schedule
- we are no longer eligible for a gift from CCBC (in past received toques or other cool items for racers) and it was an amazing cool incentive so Tania looking into a type of sponsorship for a token item like a water bottle or similar but at this point we are still running the race but without that incentive.

2. Newsletter/Loppet Report – Vicki Esplen

- Should be out by mid-October
- Will include registration deadlines, acknowledge summer work, upcoming dates, and article on getting ready for the ski season
- Contact Vicki with any ideas you have

3. Nordics/Biathlon – Jim Crellin/Chris Elden

- There are currently 14 on the team
- 5 are under 10, discussion about at what age children should start biathlon occurred – should stay with Jack Rabbits as well
- Coach development may be needed
- There are 4 BC cup events, ours is the 2<sup>nd</sup>, lots of volunteers will be needed as more qualified officials are needed than in the past

4. Membership – Greg Strebel
  - Website is in test mode for registration and should be open soon
  - Ski passes will be printed soon, separate passes will be made for snowshoers
  - There is an issue with insurance for snowshoers, a policy needs to be written
5. Equipment – Mike Alborn
  - Equipment is almost all ready to go
6. Backcountry – Bruce Self
  - A guided ski tour to Cariboo Mountains (?) was done last spring
  - A stretcher was donated for use in the back-country cabins, need to get one transported to the Waverley cabin
  - Probably wait a year for the Murray cabin rebuild as volunteers are stretched
  - Firewood needs to be stocked at Cariboo and Murray cabins (& possibly others)
7. Signs & Trails, Lit Track – Brian Kennelly
  - Currently have 3 commitments for advertisements on the big sign (\$200/2 years) so there are five spots open and will be offered to various local and relevant businesses
  - Brian attended a city meeting on expanding the regional trail network system. He pointed out the importance of considering trail maintenance in the plan which is in the early stages.
8. Social – Holly Nelson
9. Ski the Gold Rush Trail – Ron Watteyne
  - Will happen this season
10. Email Communications – Greg Strebel
  - Email list has been set up with Zone 4 for registration reminder to be sent out
11. Fundraising – Marilyn van Leusden, Brian Black
  - Waiting on decisions re grant applications to BC Hydro & Canada 150
12. Publicity/Adult Lessons – Ron Watteyne
13. Youth Ski School – Tania Gruene
  - First school (Lakeview) was booked today
14. Rental Shop Report – Tania Gruene
15. Lodge Management – Tania Gruene

**Greg**

## 18. Succession Committee

## 19. Coaching – Peter van Leusden

No coaching courses to be ran in Quesnel this year

Interested persons can take the courses in PG

### 5 Year Plan Tracking Items:

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

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:00 PM

Next Meeting October 11, 7 PM Hallis Lodge