

**Cariboo Ski-Touring Club
Meeting Minutes – 7pm, December 12, 2017**

Attendance: Bruce Self, Evi Black, Sunshine Borsato, Brian Black, Jaimie Cappan, Taylor Mastre, Jim Crellin, Tania Gruene, Mike Alborn, Ron and Elaine Watteyne, Chris Hyde, Greg Strebel, Brian Kennelly, Charlotte Kurta.

Regrets: Shannon Coffey, Chris Elden, Peter and Marilyn van Leusden

Adoption of agenda: Motioned by Evi B., 2nd by Taylor M. All in favour.

Adoption of November 17 minutes: Motioned by Jim C., 2nd by Brian K. All in favour.

Correspondence:

- Invoices
- One membership was mailed in, but not received. Tania and Sunshine will follow-up.

Treasurer's Report:

Financial statements will be provided in January.

New Business:

1. Gaming summary report. Tania.
 - Discussion about the final summary for the 2016/2017 BC Gaming report and where it was spent. Motion to accept the final report: Mike Alborn. 2nd by Brian B., all in favour. Signatures will be required for the final report.
2. Open House / pancake breakfast. Scheduled for Sunday Jan. 7. Previous budget was \$800, but this has been reduced to \$500. Tania will coordinate the volunteers. Please send any suggestions to Tania.
3. Season history record. Bruce.
 - Recommendation that the Club track snow and weather records for the seasons, and gather any possible weather history available from past years. It would be helpful to have a weather tracking record for the seasons.
4. Budget info for Directors. Tania.
 - Tania provided a 2018 budget estimate for each Director to be aware of their program's budget. Reminder to all Directors if there is a spending requirement greater than \$100 outside of their regular budget, it must be brought forward to the executive for a vote.

Old Business:

1. Keys for the lodge. Bruce.
 - Final cost for re-keying the lodge and buildings was \$290. Only 2 keys required for accessing most of the facilities. Tania will track who has the keys.
2. Biathlon area – year-round use. Charlotte / Jim C.
 - Meetings are continuing with the Ministry of FLNRO for establishing year-round use of the biathlon shooting range and permanent targets at the range.
3. Policy Review Update – Charlotte. Conflict of Interest policy.
 - Policy was reviewed and motion was made to leave the policy as it is, with no changes. Motioned to approve the Conflict of Interest policy by Mike A., 2nd by Brian K., all in favour.
 - Reimbursement policy to be reviewed in January.

Committee Reports – see below.

Next Meeting Date:

2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm. Alternating locations with Hallis Lake lodge and Community Futures meeting room.

Jan.9 – Hallis Lake

Feb. 13 – Community Futures boardroom

March 13 – Hallis Lake

April 10 – Community Futures boardroom

Important dates:

Dec. 15 Social night at Hallis Lake lodge– biking slideshow

Dec. 16 SDP Start Date

Dec. 18 SDP Santa Party/ Pancake breakfast

Jan. 7 Open House

Jan. 14, 21, 28 Snowshoe tours. 11am

Jan. 18 John Dunn presentation at Chuck Mobley Theatre.

Jan. 27 LOPPETT – Tania and Don Olson will confirm.

Meeting adjourned: 8:50pm

Snacks schedule:

- November – Holly
- December – Chris Hyde
- January – Ron
- February – Charlotte
- March – Chris Elden
- April – Shannon

Five-Year Plan Tracking List – to be reviewed in January.

Committee Reports:

1. Lodge Management / Gaming / Youth Ski School / Rental Shop – Tania Gruene

Ron has re-keyed all of the doors. The door locks are now down to two main key. A huge improvement.

Key 1- Lodge entrances, electrical room, timing hut and biathlon hut

Key 2- Office and ski equipment room

Youth Ski School

We have filled up and are at maximum capacity for this years with 1570 student days booked and Nazko still to pick their dates which will bring it to about 1630 student days. I have cut off registration.

We have great coach retention but have two people that are not coaching this year. That said we have 7 new coaches who have taken the course in November and look like they will be a great fit in the ski school team.

Rental Shop / Lodge

It looks like our planned opening date of December 16th will be delayed due to lack of snow. I hope we can open for Dec 20th and have a strong Christmas break. Something to think about is opening for New Year's Day and having a catered brunch and making a big ski day of it as there has been some traffic on the trails in other years. This depends on ski conditions.

We need one fill-in person at the rental shop in Jan/Feb. Typically 8-10 hours per week. I will advertise this week but if anybody know of anybody pass the info to me.

Gaming account summary

Gaming report must be approved by the board and signed off by two directors.

Christmas market

We made a total of 642 dollars at the market. Two memberships, eight 5for4cards, 4 history books, a cup and a gift certificate. The last one that I was at was slow but Janet reports that many people asked questions, got directions, picked up info sheets. Janet's input is that it was a worthwhile PR exercise.

We paid \$150 for tables, \$280 for staffing = \$430 so we did end in the black.

OPEN HOUSE

This is the next big event on the calendar. We will need to plan in the week after Christmas. Schedule attached. We will need to recruit a pancake breakfast coordinator. I will send a volunteer callout through email this week.

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

Coach meeting held Nov 20 generating a lot of energetic enthusiasm and ideas already implemented including a new speaker at the lodge and request for a couple sets of ski pups for beginners at the rental shop and showing Olympic ski races on TV in lodge including a social built around an Olympic ski race.

Also requested an AED.

An additional coach meeting held December 7/17.

Postponed start date of Dec 9 to Dec 16. Santa party scheduled December 18.

New CCBC SDP coordinator is brilliant and helpful and Santa has his toques already for the kids.

About 30 registered kids which is a season normal for this time of year increasing typically over December.

New- jackalope program and Saturday lessons time change from 10-11:30.

3. Elementary Ski Races – Sunshine Borsato

I will submit a proposal to CCBC in January. As with last year, there are no incentives any longer. I asked last year about increasing the budget for this event to include incentives without any firm feedback. Suggestions welcome.
Previously spent \$380 on medals.

4. Loppet Report – Don Olson

Saturday, Jan. 27 is the Loppett.

5. Nordics/Biathlon – Chris Elden

6. Membership – Greg Strebel

- 224 members as of Dec. 2017

7. Equipment – Mike Alborn.

- All equipment is ready to go – just waiting for snow!

8. Backcountry – Taylor Mastre

I have visited the Waverly and Murray cabins this season. The snow levels are low, so there are not many runs to be had. Cabins appear to be in decent shape. There was a significant pile of wood on the Waverly deck. Am I right to be worried about this added weight to the deck? Or am I just being picky?

I will be bolting an avalanche warning sign near the Cariboo cabin on my next trip. Unfortunately this may not be until early January now. If anyone is going sooner, feel free to take the sign up there.

The idea of an "Intro to backcountry skiing" day was suggested, as our local snow levels are disappointing. I love this idea, however my schedule is quite full. I would be available December 30th, January 6th, January 7th at the earliest. By then, we may have the snow we are missing. I'll leave this up for discussion, but I am willing.

Also, a member recently tried to access the Mt Murray cabin and was unable to locate the cabin. They later reached out to board members for navigation coordinates. I propose that I create a "cheat sheet" of directions + coordinates to the cabins - to be distributed to club members upon request.

- **NO directions and coordinates to be distributed for cabins. The intent is to keep the information limited to the people who book the cabins, rather than widely available on the website.**
- **December 30 potential backcountry tour date.**
- **Recommended to have a beacon search practice coordinated by the Club.**

9. Signs & Trails – Brian Kennelly

10. Social –Elaine Watteyne

Friday, Dec. 15: social 7pm. CSTC will be hosting Chris & Heather Hartridge on their ride across Canada. Limited seating. Pick up your reserved tickets at Rocky Peak. Admission is by donation or appy / dessert. BYOB. Coffee, Tea & Hot Chocolate will be provided.

- **Recommended to have a Social Event at the lodge for viewing the Olympic cross-country ski racing events or biathlon events.**

11. Ski the Gold Rush Trail – Ron Watteyne

12. Fundraising – Marilyn van Leusden, Brian Black

Event Equipment Project:

This project is complete. Final reports have been submitted to Community Foundation and Community Futures. Cheques for \$5000 and \$2500 have been received. The CSTC funded \$636, much less than the planned \$1500.

Snowmaking Project:

The budget for this project is \$78,050. The NDI applications resulted in a positive response for both applications giving us \$54,635. The application for a Gaming Capital Grant for \$20,415 is pending. An answer is expected in December.

An application is being submitted this week to the BC Rural Dividend Fund. Our application is limited to \$10,000.00.

Resolution: the Cariboo Ski-Touring Club resolves to make application to the BC Rural Dividend Fund requesting \$10,000.00 to aid in financing of the snow making project to be completed in 2018.

Moved by Brian Black. 2nd by Bruce Self. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Publicity/Adult Lessons – Ron Watteyne

- Everything is in place for the 1st social on Friday Dec 15: Posters, Radio The Goat, Radio CBC, Observer, Facebook, Tickets available at Rocky Peak.
- Open House will get the info out after the event on the 15th.
- Jan 18 will be a presentation by John Dunn at Correlieu school. Tickets will be 10.00 in advance or 15.00 at the door. Will be working on posters and advertising in the new year.

14. Coaching – Peter van Leusden/Tania Gruene

- ICC course had 9 people.
- CC course will be offered in January 2018.

15. Snowshoeing – Evi Black.

- Snowshoe tour leaders needed for snow-shoe tours.
- 27 history books have been sold. Discussion about printing another order. No decision made at this time.

16. Website – Shannon C. Presented by Tania.

Website is now live. All directors are asked to check the website for their activities.

Shannon will regularly update the website with information and pictures. Please send all info to Shannon at shannon.coffey@icloud.com