

Cariboo Ski-Touring Club
Meeting MINUTES – 7pm, March 13, 2018
Community Futures Boardroom

Attendance: Bruce Self, Evi Black, Jim Crellin, Brian Kennelly, Chris Hyde, Jim Cappan, Ron Watteyne, Brian Black, Greg Strebel, Taylor Mastre, Jaimie Cappan, Charlotte Kurta

Regrets: Sunshine Borsato, Chris Elden, Elaine Watteyne, Peter and Marilyn v Leusden

Adoption of agenda: motioned by Brian K., 2nd by Ron W. Approved.

Adoption of FEB 13, 2018 minutes: motioned by Brian B., 2nd by Ron W.

Correspondence: none.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report. Jaimie C.

- \$51,192.08 in regular account as of the end of Feb 2018. Outstanding cheques not yet reconciled.
- Books have been updated to Quickbooks format.
- Income statements will be brought to April meeting.

New Business

1. Summary of meeting with Recreation Officer. Charlotte.
Meeting with Desi Cheverie MFLNRO Recreation Officer on March 2, 2018. CSTC Members present were Bruce S., Jim Crellin, Brian K., and Charlotte K. Good discussions about upcoming CSTC projects including the well, the snow-making project, and on-going trail and road upgrades. Desi is informed and supportive of the CSTC's projects and action items were set for this summer's work season (see details in Brian K.'s trails report).
Additional meeting set with the MFLNRO and CSTC Biathlon director on April 9, 2019.

2. Security cameras: Greg S.

Surveillance camera systems for Hallis Lake lodge and outbuildings could be set up for approx. \$400. Requires wireless cameras, router, monitor and harddrive. Recommended to include the surveillance system in the 5-year plan discussion next month.

3. Exhaust fan in the waxing room. Exhaust fan and supplies for venting needed in the waxing room. Preferably before the end-of-season ski waxing, so as soon as possible.

Motioned made to approve the installation of a fan, up to a maximum of \$300. Motioned by Ron W., 2nd by Greg S. Approved.

Old Business

1. Water well update. Bruce. Ongoing work to pull the pump and casing to clean and check. May require new drilling. \$5000 approved in Feb 2018 meeting for new repairs. Drilling can be expensive and would not want to interrupt the project if additional monies are needed.

Motion made to approve up to \$5000 additional (for a total of \$10,000.00) for well repair and drilling, as needed. Motioned by Greg S., 2nd by Jim Crellin. Approved.

Committee Reports – see below.

Next Meeting Date

2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm.

April 10 – Community Futures boardroom. 7pm

Important dates

March 17 – Season wind-up. Hallis Lake lodge.

March 23 – River Rock restaurant. Thank-you dinner for YSS coaches and track-setters.

March 28 – QCF Awards night – Bruce S will attend.

April 7 - QCF Gala Fundraiser event. Brian Black has tickets. \$40 each.

Meeting adjourned. 8:35pm

Snacks schedule

- April – Chris Elden

Committee Reports

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

CSTC Managers Report Mar 13th 2018

Lodge / Venue

We continue to have water problems. The well organizers have Aqua coming in later this week.

We have used a lot of fire wood this winter and will need to add to the wood shed this summer.

Some lodge maintenance will need to go on our work party list. The downstairs seating area is ready for a fresh coat of paint. The deck will again need an annual touch up. We will add shingles to the timing hut steps this year as a coach fell going down them when it was damp and icy.

Rental Shop

The Lodge and Rental shop will remain open through spring break going to 12-4pm daily.

We have not been able to do this for the previous 2 winters so we hope people will get out and enjoy. Final numbers for the rental shop season will be available at the next meeting.

Youth Ski School

Friday March 16th is our last ski school session. We have had an absolutely great season with only 5 classes being cancelled and rescheduled. This has made it much easier and smoother than the previous three years! We have had over 1800 little feet come through the lodge with schools this year. We have also had an absolutely amazing and committed crew of coaches. It seems we have the right amount of coaches for the number of sessions; nobody has complained of burnout and they seem to be finishing the season feeling positive about next year. Final metrics on the YSS will be available at the next meeting.

Volunteers

We will need to recruit a newsletter volunteer who is comfortable with mailchimp and would like to organize the newsletter next year.

Action item: exhaust fan needed in waxing room, priority before all of the end-of-season waxing needs to be done.

- 2. Snowshoeing – Evi Black.** no guided tours this month. Activity on all of the snowshoe trails. Request to use the south dog loop and Canis Lupis for snow-shoeing. Agreed that all trails can be used for snowshoeing, just please stay off the set classic tracks and to the side of the ski trails as much as possible.

Increasing snowshoe membership rates and day rates to be discussed before next season.

- 3. Club History – Evi Black.** 10 more copies printed. Club History copies are for sale at the Rental Shop. 1 copy donated to the City library.

Evi will coordinate tracking the history of the trail names. A poster in the lodge with the names of the trails would be appreciated. Send any trail names and some history of the name to Evi.

- 4. Backcountry – Taylor Mastre**

Waverly - no trail has been broken through since the last big snowfall.

Moncton - no news

Cariboo - no news

Murray - I need the measurements of the cabin so Simon can cut the donated 6x6 for the foundation. Does anyone know the measurements or shall I make a trip up to the cabin to measure? (Bruce replied in an email)

- 5. Coaching – Peter van Leusden/Tania Gruene.** Friday March 16 is last coaching day for the Youth Ski School.

- 6. Elementary Ski Races – Sunshine Borsato**

Ski Tournament - 50 kids attended the ski tournament from red bluff, wells, kersley, carson, dragon lake, bouchie lake, maybe one I am forgetting and William's lake. Fun and successful day - changes for next year discussed in last month's meeting. Medals were

more expensive this year and I am researching some alternatives - cookie medals cost almost as much but I will play with some ideas. We will still use medals but will look into a ribbon or similar for double cross to reduce the medal costs.

- 7. Equipment – Jim Cappan.** All equipment is good and running. End-of-season repairs and work is being planned.
- 8. Fundraising – Marilyn van Leusden, Brian Black.** Additional funding received for the snow-making project. \$10K from the BC Rural Dividend Fund and \$8K from the QC Foundation. The funding for the snow-making project is mostly complete and the committee can start with the next steps of starting this project. Thank-you to Brian B for his fund-raising efforts!
- 9. Loppet Report – Don Olson.** Don will be asked to attend the April CSTC meeting to give a de-brief of this year's Loppett.
- 10. Memberships – Greg Strebel.**

The club has 327 registered members as of 13 March 2018, compared to 367 members at the end of the season last year.

Daypass numbers and 5-for-4 Passes need to be counted to see if there is an increase in the other passes.

Category and Program participation is as follows:

JR Mon & Sat	15
JR Monday	5
JR Sat	12
Bunny	6
Biathlon	9
Back Country	26
Snowshoe	17

Our most recent registration was March 7. The on-line registration with Zone4 is scheduled to stop on March 17th. This could be modified to extend the date generally, or just for backcountry.

11. Nordics/Biathlon – Chris Elden/Jim Crellin

The range is in great shape for snow now as our season is coming to an end. There may be one or two more semi-official practices but spring break is pretty well the end of the season. Ryan Elden is the only one of our athletes are going to Nationals in New Brunswick this year. Ryan

did well on his European tour and at the World Youth Championships in Estonia. He placed top 40 at several of the IBU Junior competitions prior to the Open European Junior Championships (OEJCH), and qualified for the pursuit at the OEJCH, finishing 59th of about 120 competitors. He didn't place as high as he hoped at the World Youth Championships. He fell in the first lap or two of the Individual and didn't shoot as well as he has been. However he got his aim back for the sprint and again qualified for the pursuit in a very tight field where a minute was worth 20 places or more. He shot well again in the pursuit and moved up 10 places. Overall he was very happy with his first European experience. He said he learned a ton and now knows what he needs to do to try and catch up to the front runners. He is very excited about getting into the next season of training. But first Nationals in New Brunswick and then a month of light duty for a physical and mental break.

We had good attendance at BC Cup #3 at Omineca in Burns Lake and BC Cup #4 at Telemark in West Kelowna. Results were

BC CUP #3			
Athlete	SPRINT	PURSUIT	Category
Landon Aaslie	Gold	Gold	Midget
Laura Balkwill	Gold	Silver	Juvenile
Reese Hamelin	8 th	8 th	Junior Boy
Graham Balkwill	6 th	6 th	Junior Boy
Odin Mills	8 th	8 th	Senior Boy
Graeme Hamelin	9 th	9 th	Senior Boy
Chris Elden	Gold	Gold	Masters Men
Michelle Arcand	5 th		Rec 2
Brian Balkwill	6 th		Rec 2
Gisela Hamelin	11 th		Rec 2
Stig Aaslie	10 th		Rec 2
Karen Balkwill	9 th		Rec 2

BC CUP #4			
Athlete	SPRINT	PURSUIT	Category
Landon Aaslie	Gold	Gold	Midget
Laura Balkwill	Gold	Silver	Juvenile
Reese Hamelin	12 th	9 th	Junior Boy
Graham Balkwill	13 th	10 th	Junior Boy
Odin Mills	12 th	DNS	Senior Boy
Graeme Hamelin	11 th	9 th	Senior Boy
Claire Elden	DNS	8 th	Senior Girl

A try-it-out day was held in conjunction with our windup lunch at the range on Saturday March 10. The turn out for the try-it-out session was not well attended, perhaps because SDP had already wrapped up the weekend before. The folks that did come seemed keen for next year.

We received an unsatisfactory answer to the proposed upgrade plans for the shooting range and have requested a meeting with the MOFLNR District staff to hopefully present our proposal more clearly. This was scheduled for March 19, however it has been rescheduled for Monday April 9.

Chris, Jim and Jim

12. Publicity/Adult Lessons – Ron Watteyne. Adult lessons were not well attended this year. Lowest #'s in many years. Weekend Skate Clinic with Tony Fiala was very well attended.

13. Signs & Trails – Brian Kennelly

From Cariboo Ski-Touring Club and MFLNRO Recreation Meeting Minutes, March 2, 2018:

- a. Green and white illuminated road sign at the entrance of Hallis Lake Road will be adjusted and moved closer to Hydraulic Road in the spring. Currently it is blocked by the old wooden sign.
Action item: Desi will arrange to have sign moved in the spring.
- b. Wally's Way additional snowshoe trail development. Additional snowshoe trail can be created. No timber to be cut. Brushing only. Desi was given a map with the proposed additional snowshoe trail.
- c. Cattleguard. Discussion about an 8' cattleguard to be replaced with a 12' cattleguard, as the one completed in 2017.
Desi will discuss cattleguard replacement with MFLNRO Range.
- d. Trail brushing. Discussion about trail brushing on both sides of the fenceline of the SE sides of the South loop and the north fenceline of the North Marathon Loop.
Action item: Desi will discuss trail brushing (specifically on both sides of the fence of the South Loop) with MFLNRO Range and the HLCPA Ranchers. Potential benefits for both user groups.
- e. Motorized trail use. Late fall/early winter quad use of the trails causes bad ruts in the roads. They are getting worse every year and make trail grooming difficult in the winter. Hallis Lake FSR is open for vehicle traffic until end of hunting season Dec. 10. Winter snowmobile use in the pastures seems to be more popular every year. Access is usually from Venture Road community gate. Concerns with trail damage from the snowmobiles crossing or travelling on the groomed ski trails. There are only certain access points to the fields and ideally snowmobiles would be directed to cross only at designated crossings.
Action: Bruce has submitted coordinates for 3 places where snowmobiles could cross our ski trails to access the fields minimizing damage to grooming. Desi and Jayme have committed to posting signs, suggested wording: "snowmobiles: cross ski trail here in single file".
- f. Vehicle use on the Hallis Lake FSR, caused by legitimate vehicle traffic when the road is open, is causing ruts. The ruts are getting worse every year and actually widening the road in some places.
CSTC (Brian K) will identify the worst areas on a map and forward the map to Jayme Hills for further action.
- g. Next Meeting Dates
CSTC requested an annual meeting with the HLCPA Range Users for roundtable discussions of any current issues, and address issues from previous year. Request a meeting with a co-developed agenda, not just as guest speakers at the Ranchers AGM.
Desi will request a meeting with current HLCPA Directors, CSTC Directors, MFLNRO Rep's for

Range and for Recreation, and District Manager or representative.

14. Ski the Gold Rush Trail – Ron Watteyne. Only 5 participants this year. Greg S did manage to ski all the km's required to reach Barkerville 😊

15. Skill Development Program: Jackrabbit/Track Attack– Chris Hyde. Chris H and his wife Laurie will be co-ordinating the SDP program, replacing Sunshine. Thanks to Sunshine for all her hard work for the past years!

Goals for next year are to increase SDP enrolment and increase skill ability. Skate clinic will be scheduled for early in the ski season.

A survey will be sent to SDP families to ask what worked, and what could be improved from this season.

SDP - we wrapped up a great season with meltdown races march 3 and a ski and potluck March 11th - an awesome way to wrap up the season with beautiful sunny conditions. We ran with 45 kids and it was a strong group this year - bunnies, JR levels 1-4 and four track attack group (the top group being biathletes and not included in SDP). 15/16 sessions were held and 14 coaches made the season a success. Of course Chris will be taking over and I will continue to focus on my role directing the ski tournament while supporting SDP as a coach and helping get the race program better off the ground.

*note - racing program - we acquired jerseys and attended two races this year - a good start that we will formalize and build on for next year - intend to have a dedicated team that registers as such from 5-18 years old. Remaining details to be determined.

16. Social –Elaine Watteyne. Hallis Lake melt-down party will be March 17.

17. Website – Shannon C. Send website updates to Shannon. Best to do updates and changes to the website in the off-season. All directors please look at your website pages and send any changes to Shannon.