

Cariboo Ski-Touring Club
Meeting Minutes – 7pm, Tuesday January 15, 2019
Hallis Lake Lodge

Attendance: Mike MacLachlin, Chris Hyde, Neil Mackay, Peter van Leusden, Ron Watteyne, Taylor Mastre, Bruce Self, Jim Crellin, Joe Daigle, Greg Strebel, Brian Kennelly, Brian Black, Charlotte Kurta.

Regrets: Sunshine B.

Adoption of agenda. Motion to adopt. Greg Strebel. 2nd Brian Black. Moved, 2nd and approved.

Adoption of November minutes. Ron Watteyne moved., Jim Crellin 2nd . Approved.

Correspondence:

1. Water Licence approval received.
2. BC Assessment documents received.
3. City of Quesnel website tourist info received. \$75 cost for advertising on the City Tourism webpage

President's Report:

1. Many thanks to all our groomers, and volunteers for extra work clearing the brush, hangers, and downed trees brought about by the heavy snow falls. While these dumps have been greatly appreciated, their depth and frequency have created difficulties in getting our trails cleared and groomed for our members use. Coupled with mechanical issues amongst our machines, installing snowmaking facilities, and generally getting our programs up and running, it's been an intense few weeks. Hopefully we will soon be on top of this situation, just in time for all our planned events to get underway.

Without all the hands on board during this time, we would have been in a sorry state for sure.

2. As reported briefly last month, we will be faced with some logging affecting our area in the future, both through BC Timber Sales and fir beetle mitigation. Our main North-south trail is actually a Forest Service Road which can be used for transportation and access for logging purposes. In order to understand our rights under our tenancy in this situation, I sought some form of protection in writing. Attached is an email exchange I had with Desi Cheverie, District Recreation Officer, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations for Quesnel - Central Cariboo, in regards to regulations under Interpretive Forest Sites, Recreation Sites and Recreation Trails. There is a legal objective under the regulations pertaining to our trails that we can use to ensure our interests are protected as much as possible.

See attached Re: status of the CSTC xc ski trails at Hallis Lake.

3. All our hands and many volunteers will be needed for the upcoming Biathlon BC Cup on Jan. 19-20th, Open house on Jan. 27th, and then the Loppet on Feb. 9th. Thank you in advance for your help with these.

4. Cross-Country BC Fundraising.

Fundraising opportunity on the CCBC website. 15 Clubs participating. Members can donate through the CCBC website. Matching funds and tax receipts available.

Brian K moved to participate in the CCBC Fundraiser. 2nd by Greg Strebel. Approved.

Treasurer's Report. Kelsey Berlinger.

Tania and I have both been entering entries into Quick books which has been going well so far.

Reminder for reimbursements that photos of the expense report and receipts should be included in the email to expedite the process.

1. Financial report. Bank balances are \$13,887.00 in the general account and \$16,179.00 in the gaming account.

2. Motion to accept Treasurer Kelsey Berlinger, to have access to the CSTC's bank accounts online. Motioned by Joe Daigle, 2nd by Brian Black. All in favour. Approved.

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3. Square reader account update.
4. Sponsorship sign renewals. Neil Mackay. Neil has contacted many of the local business and has received new sponsorships and renewals (Bliss, Rocky Peak). The CSTC will contact Hildur about the CSTC sponsorship sign at Troll.

New Business

1. Twintrack for safety always at the Lodge. Jim C. Some flexibility will be needed. Any Operator of the twintrack will need to be in contact with the lodge attendant and respond when needed.

All groomers and snowmobile users will use the Tracksetter's Notebook when using any of the machines. Groomers and equipment users must leave a contact number with the lodge attendant if they are signing out the last available snowmachine.

Twintrack and rescue sled will be left at the lodge on Saturday mornings, if possible.

2. PA system. Ron W. Ron will research costs and equipment. Options nice to have include microphone and Bluetooth.

Recommended to include the PA in the 5-year plan

3. Lit Track timer. Tania G. Request to change the timer so the lit track is active on weekends as well as weekdays. Current setting is only for weekdays.

Discussion held. The timer settings will remain the same. Weekdays only.

Old Business

1. Webcam for temperature and display. Update. Tania. Discussion to look at other webcam options such as the one for Caledonia Otway at StridenGlide in PG.
2. Open House Jan 27. Tania will begin to organize.

Tours Brian K.

Lessons Ron W.

Greeter Elaine W. (day passes required for all activities)

Music inside Tania will check with the Fiddler's group

Rental Shop Janet Allen

Pancake Breakfast Tania G.

3. Well water. Jim Crellin. Proposed water system approved by Northern Health. Parts are being ordered. Approval from Northern Health is for the less expensive UV unit. Approx. \$3500 cost.
4. Credit card or Interac payments at Rental Shop. Completed. See Manager's Report.

Committee Reports

1. Lodge Management. Tania Gruene

Lodge

No issues to note in the day to day operations of the lodge.

The water in the lodge will be turned off for part of a day or so towards the end of the month to install the filter.

Rental Shop

We opened later this year than we have ever opened. Dec 31 was our opening day. We have had some rentals each day sold memberships passes and have a solid season rental participation in the SDP program this season.

We can now take Credit card at the rental shop. We have the square reader up and running and have made over 400 dollars in sales using the reader. Mostly memberships but rentals and

passes as well. I have said a \$10 minimum for the debit (ie people can't use it for the concession food) as we pay 2.65% of total back to square.

Cassidy has been working out very well in the shop. He is personable, willing to take on responsibility and reliable. Please note that if we need changes to event schedules or how we are organizing etc please talk to me. We tend to get a lot of people doing walk through's downstairs with random instructions of how to do things differently and it's a bit confusing when he is just putting the puzzle together of who everybody is and where they fit.

We now have a computer in the rental shop (thank you Brian K). We are beginning to transition more files and tasks to that computer and using it for social media updates.

Youth Ski School

We have 23 ski school sessions booked this season (approximately 1150 student days). This is down substantially from last year when we were overbooked to 36. 33 sessions is an ideal number of sessions.

Why? We have been trying to understand what is happening and we have several schools not coming due to a lack of financial resources for bussing (Voyageur, Riverview and Kersley) two who last year booked six sessions (3 intermediate and 3 primary) but this year are only booking primaries after parents complained about too many and too costly field trips. There has been teacher turnover as well. Vicki has visited some schools and so have I and we are trying to brainstorm how to increase ski school enrollment for next year for the schools that can afford it but are not coming. (Red Bluff and Lakeview).

Key: Teachers are the ones who champion a program and book the sessions, request PAC funding etc. It will be key to recruit and inform more teachers again of the benefits and accessibility of cross country skiing. Example: The Bouchie Lake Kindergartens will not attend this year. The PAC would pay but the teacher doesn't ski and doesn't have a picture of how we can make this work for kindergarten kids. These are the teachers we need to persuade.

Webcam: To date we have no solution. Herb did a test run with a program and it did not work. Leif and Eva have an old system and aren't transitioning to a new pc system until spring. After they have that running and tested we may find that works for us as well. Bob Michek does not work with that at all. We will now check into: Stride and Glide and find out what they are running at Caledonia. Or can we do live streaming?

1. Backcountry. Taylor Mastre.

The cook stove at Moncton is no longer working. Ryan Titley took it apart on his last visit and concluded that the o rings need replacing. He is scheduled to go back out in March. He plans to fix it then. As Moncton does not see a lot of use, I've asked Shannon to remove "cook stove" from the online description of Moncton cabin and I'll check back in with Ryan after his March trip to see if he was able to fix it.

Online calendar continues to be popular from what I hear. However, it seems that the accessible calendar has had an unintended consequence. During the Christmas break, I ran into a split-boarder from Williams Lake named Nick. He said that he was out on a free tour of the cabins as he could see when the cabins were not in use. I explained to Nick that I was unimpressed and explained all of the work that goes into maintaining the cabins etc etc etc. He

said he was going to send a cheque to the club. Somehow I doubt that Nick ever got around it. I'm still strongly in favour of having an online calendar!

Request: Is it possible to get a 'cabin maintenance donations' link on the website? Follow-up with Shannon, Tania and Kelsey.

2. Biathlon – Chris Elden/Jim Crellin

Well, as we know, snow arrived with a vengeance on Dec 28. Range is open, trails are in good shape and Athletes are training hard. BC Cup #2 in Prince George on January 8-9, 2019 was well attended by our club biathletes but the lack of training time on snow showed in the results. As usual Chris Elden posted some very good results in the Masters category (which is growing larger).

Preparations are well underway for our BC Cup #3 competition on January 18-20. The snow conditions look like they will be fast and hard, the range is good shape, volunteers are largely in place (We are still short 5 or 6 good volunteers for the finish area for the Saturday competition) and most of the arrangements have been made. Registration closes at midnight Monday January 14, and as of 0800 we have 80 athletes registered. It will be a busy weekend.

The next BC Cup (#4) will be in Vanderhoof on February 1-3, 2019 and most of our athletes are planning to compete there as well.

3. Coaching. Peter van Leusden.

4. Equipment. Mike MacLachlin. Brian K. motions to have a committee research a new snowmobile for the Club. Brian K., Greg S., Jim C., Mike M. will gather info.

5. Fundraising. Brian Black.

6. Governance / Policy. Charlotte

- Criminal Record Check Policy. Policy changes made to include all Youth programs.
- CANSI Coaching Fees Reimbursement Policy. Changes made to include annual reimbursements for active coaching.

CSTC Policies Review Checklist – updated Jan. 2019

Policy Checklist	Date Approved
1. CANSI Instructor Course Reimbursement Policy	2019 January
2. Criminal Record Checks Policy and Procedures	2019 January
3. Reimbursement Policy	2018 December
4. Conflict of Interest	2017 December
5. Investments Policy	2017 November
6. Work Alone Policy	2017 October
7. Emergency Policy and Procedures	2017 October
8. Lodge Rental Policy	2017 April
9. Decorating Policy	2017 April
10. Birthday Parties	2017 April
11. Fees for Users with Disabilities	2017 February

12. Financial Policy for the Rental Shop & Youth Ski School Programs	2017 January
13. Backcountry Cabin Use	2016 October
14. Policy for transporting athletes	2016 March
15. School Use Policy Hallis Lake	2012 January
Executive Meeting Quorum Nov. 2011. Incorporated into Constitution Bylaws.	2017.
Quorum motion Nov. 8, 2011. Incorporated into Constitution Bylaws.	2017.

7. Hallis Lake Ski Tournament. Sunshine Borsato.

Saturday Feb. 23

Application has been granted. The medals have been ordered, including a few extras for the teenager categories we have added. The application was officially approved again and we have toques and swag for all the participants coming.

I will of course need a lot of help from volunteers and hope some key people at the meeting table can help out too but I will officially request help from Jim C, Brian B, Peter V and more!!!

Racing team - first practice Tuesday Jan 8/19 - 7 kids on the team. First race in Vanderhoof January 19th - freestyle.

8. Loppett. Elaine Watteyne.

Loppet 2019 set for Sat. Feb. 9th

Most of the volunteers have been recruited.

Registration on Zone 4 is up and running.

9. Memberships. Greg Strebel

As of January 14 the club has 309 new and renewed members. This is about the same as last year at this time.

Males 143

Females 166

Individual categories:

Under age 5 10

Skier 286

Snowshoer 13

10. Publicity/Adult Lessons – Ron Watteyne

First classic lesson is completed with 5 participants. Conditions were good. Next classic lessons will start on Jan 21. Skate lessons to start on Monday Jan 14.

New2Nordic has been rescheduled to Sunday Feb. 3rd.

The Observer Sports reporter, Ronan, did a good article just after we opened.

Spoke with Dale Taylor at the Goat radio station and had an on line interview.
Running ads on the radio for the next 2 weeks.
Posters for the Open House and Loppet are up around town. Thanks to Lynne Simpson for putting these up.

11. School Program. Vicky Esplen

12. Ski trails and signs. Neil Mackay.

Dec.22 was a workparty at the stadium area and Gerry's Choice. Portions of the road brushed as well. Bruce S. and Arnold K. brushed and removed trees on the North Marathon and the dog loop. Excellent work – thanks!

Neil contacted many businesses for signs on the stadium sponsorship board. Some businesses will be renewing their sponsorship. Some will be new donations. **Brian K. will contact Scott at Troll about a CSTC sponsorship ad to post at Troll.**

13. Snowshoe trails and signs. Joe Daigle

14. Skill Development Program. Chris Hyde

Things are in full swing! 51 Kids registered in SDP programs. We are looking at having some make up days on Sunday Feb 10 and Sunday Feb 24 since we are losing 3 Saturdays due to BC cup, Loppet and Youth Ski races.

15. Social –Elaine Watteyne. Nothing to report.

16. Snowmaking. Bruce Self.

Ditch and culvert have been completed. Hoses arrived. Compressor completed. Waiting for pump and pump parts. Everything expected to be working before spring.

17. Website. Shannon Coffey.

Reminder to send pictures to Shannon for the website.

Important dates

- Skate Ski Clinic re-scheduled. Contact Chris Hyde for more info.
- Jan. 19, 20 BC Cup Biathlon Race in Quesnel.
- Jan. 27 Open House
- Feb. 9 Loppett
- Feb. 9 or 10. Introduction to Backcountry trip. More info to follow.
- **Feb. 19 Next meeting date. Hallis Lake Lodge 7pm.**
- Feb. 23 Hallis Ski Tournament for Schools.

Meeting adjourned. Time: 8:55pm. Motioned to adjourn: Mike MacLachlin.

Snacks schedule

- November – Ron
- December – Mike MacLachlin
- January – Brian K
- February – Tania
- March – Chris H
- April - Chris E

1/10/2019

Gmail - Re: status of the CSTC xc ski trails at Hallis Lake



Brian Kennelly <briankennelly7@gmail.com>

Re: status of the CSTC xc ski trails at Hallis Lake

4 messages

Brian Kennelly <briankennelly7@gmail.com>
To: "Cheverie, Desi FLNR:EX" <Desi.Cheverie@gov.bc.ca>

Wed, Jan 2, 2019 at 7:49 PM

Desi,
Happy New Year!

I was pursuing the CARIBOO-CHILCOTIN BUSINESS AREA FOREST STEWARDSHIP PLAN to investigate what rights we have to protect our ski trails in event of proposed timber harvesting on or through the area of our trails. I found some protective objectives for the Williams Lake District under Interpretive Forest Sites, Recreation Sites and Recreation Trails, e.g.

"Bull Mountain Ski Trail Trail 1997/05/23 To manage the Bull Mountain Ski Trails for a roaded resource recreation experiences. To maintain the broad landform features, and trail or route features. To provide opportunities for snow sport activities (cross country skiing), nature activities, and viewing activities.

Tatla Lake Ski Trails Trail 2003/02/24 The objectives are to manage the Tatla Lake cross country ski trails for a semi-primitive recreation experience and maintain them in a safe, socially acceptable, and environmentally sound condition to Ministry of Forests, Range and Natural Resource Operations standards. Use of motor vehicles is prohibited from November 15th to May 1st each year. The coniferous and deciduous vegetation features will be maintained along both sides of the trail for 100 metres to provide a wilderness setting. Opportunities for cross country skiing, hiking, biking, and wildlife viewing will be provided at ..."

But nothing for the Quesnel District or our trails in particular. Do such objectives exist for our facilities? Where else can I look for guidance in how to protect our interests in face of encroachment for timber harvesting?
Thanks for your consideration,

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Thu, Jan 3, 2019 at 10:01 AM

Brian, there is a legal objective for the Hallis Lake Ski Trails as well under Section 16 of the Rec Regulations, anyone wishing to conduct an industrial activity (logging is considered industrial) must have a written authorization from me to do so. That said, the section of trail that is on the FSR is the problem, the District Manager can order that road to be opened at any time for industrial use and there is nothing we can do other than plead our case. As far as access to the trails for industrial purposes, we can discuss with the proponent our concerns and to see if there are ways to incorporate our concerns into their plans (fixing sections of trail).

I have just received some information from BC Timber Sales in regards to some Fir Beetle Salvage they are looking at on the Quesnel side of the hill. I have posed a bunch of questions back to them in regards to access and timing and once I have that information I will discuss with you guys. The maps they sent are preliminary blobs and I need much more detail.

Remarks: Established 98/01/31. Varied (expanded) 03/09/05; Objectives: Manage for world class cross country ski experiences, for beginner intermediate and advanced skiers. Maintain to Ministry of Forests standards. Summer and winter non-motorized recreation trails. Opportunity for cross country skiing, hiking, biking, and wildlife viewing.

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