

Cariboo Ski-Touring Club
Meeting MINUTES
7pm, Tuesday 19-November- 2019
Community Futures Boardroom

Attendance: Brian Kennelly, Chris Hyde, Tania Gruene, Brian Black, Chris Elden, Bruce Self, Mike MacLachlan, Ron Watteyne, Peter van Leusden, Jim Crellin, Cathy Walsh, Ryan Titley, Joe Daigle, Charlotte Kurta.

Regrets: Shannon Coffey, Cassidy Haber, Neil Mackay, Greg Strebel.

Adoption of agenda. Motion to adopt. Moved: Peter vL. . 2nd Chris E., and approved.

Adoption of September minutes. Moved by Ron W., 2nd Bruce S., and approved.

Correspondence:

1. Condolences card to be sent to former CSTC members the van Donklers (sp?)
2. Note about the Quesnel Community Forest project. Chris E. mentioned the community forest boundaries may include the Hallis Lake and whether the Club had any thoughts on that.

President's Report: Brian Kennelly.

1. As reported by email, I met with BCTS and Jayme Mills re: logging plans and road access. Jayme pushed the use of the current FSR and the "permitted" road (our N. Marathon loop out from the corrals) past that point, during our off season of course. This is the Option #1 currently. That could benefit us by addressing some of the swampy, rutted areas through the range. It will also leave the ministry and range staff to deal with the community pasture group. I threw out the idea to use our North Marathon trail from the junction to Birch Bench out as far as needed as a more sensible route than the proposed new flagged route. That could possibly improve some of the sketchier sections on that route for us as well; now considered Option #2. The proposed new road that has been flagged out through Ronski's and Bigfoot then paralleling the N Marathon trail within 100m for its entire length now sits as a distant Option #3.

I have a Referral Package for TSL A58789 with maps showing the areas of intended harvest for your perusal.

2. Jayme doesn't see an issue for our short re-route of Canis Lupus away from the fence. I offered to walk it with her to verify. I haven't heard a response to my last "reminder" email. My initial inspection has me thinking it would only need some brushing at the top with perhaps a boulder or 2 moved - not a real need for any heavy machine work. Scott's brushing machine is available. It would be nice to use that on that section if the timing works.

3. I have been contacted by a member wishing to make a large donation to the club. I am facilitating the donation through Nordiq Canada to provide a tax receipt. Nordiq is apparently setting up a format for doing this for all member clubs. We used them to provide receipts for our Utility snowmobile fundraiser last year.

Treasurer's Report. Tania Gruene

1. Financial report.

Bank Balance in General acct as of Oct31 is \$18,515.49

Bank Balance in Gaming is \$16,491.98

No significant (>\$1000.00) payables or receivables.

Integris should be ready for signers to come to the bank by Thursday but they will email Charlotte to let her know (note Dec. 1: New signing authorities on the accounts, and accounts are available to the new Treasurer).

Membership Revenue:

Details as of today Net Revenue from Zone 4: \$12,632.15

(30 SDP registrants = \$1335.00 of that.)

For the purpose of planning, now that the season is beginning, if you have questions about your program's budget, please contact Tania for program budget details.

2. Review Expense template and Expenses Reimbursement Policy.

All directors use the expense template for reimbursements to track the expenses with details. Wording to be added to the Reimbursement Policy: *"Directors can spend up to \$200 for reimbursable costs, outside of budgeted items, for items or expenses necessary for their Program."*

Submit the expense forms to Tania at t.gruene72@gmail.com

Manager's Report – Cassidy Haber

To start off, I'd like to acknowledge how happy I am with how well the Gear Swap went! I think we had our best year (?), Tania please correct me if I'm wrong. Thanks to the excellent foundation that you provided for the Gear Swap, we saw lots of traffic (and new faces) and had great earnings. I greatly appreciate Brian K, Brian B and Tania for providing the knowledge I could not, for the many questions people had about skis!

We are extending Janet an opportunity of returning to work in the lodge, but if she declines Brian and I will be posting a shop attendant job this week. Ski School is booking up fast and we are at 16 sessions now, nearing capacity of what we may be capable of this year due to a downturn in volunteer base. Which brings me to Coaching; I am hoping we can get a few new faces this year with the help of Cathy Walsh. I would like to see our numbers improve significantly although I am now learning it is a difficult task. In regard to this, I am very

appreciative of Peter's efforts in providing local opportunities for training in Community Coaching.

Some of the work party tasks have commenced, but I will require a few more day's worth of work, and will need some volunteers upon my return next week, so be aware you all may be receiving an invitation to do so along with the incomplete tasks! :)

This sums up most of my thoughts for the time being, hopefully I have not missed anything, but rest assured I will be very busy and have lots to report for the upcoming December meeting.

New Business

1. Ron would like to propose that the club host the Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival sometime in mid Feb. as a fund raiser and a social evening.

Introductory cost to the club would be \$300.00. Regular price would be \$600.00. Tickets would be \$10.00 in advance and \$15.00 at the door. If the last film "This Mountain Life" was an indication of the kind of response we will get from members and public this should be a great event.

Date selected: Friday Jan. 24, 2020 at the lodge.

2. Ron proposes the club host Chris Czajkowski and Fred Reid. They have co-authored a new book "Captured by Fire:: Surviving British Columbia's New Wildfire Reality. The only commitment we would have from the authors would be to allow them to sell the book at the event.

I'm suggesting around the 3rd week of March at the lodge for a social evening.

Tentative date: the weekend of March 11, 12, 13?

3. Ski Prep (waxing) Workshop in PG. Weekend ski-waxing training session offered by the PG Ski Club December 20-22. \$125 per person.

Motion to support one person from our Club to attend the course in PG, to bring the expertise to our Club. Motioned by Peter vL, 2nd by Jim C., approved.

4. Website Promotion. There is a lack of great photos and video footage to use for promoting our Club. Discussion whether to invest in professional quality photos/video/possibly drone footage of our venue and trails, to put together footage the Club can use for promotion to funding sources.

Agreement for getting quotes up to \$1500.00, for professional quality photos and video footage. Tania will coordinate getting quotes.

5. Access to Kids Helpline. Bruce will bring updated information to the Club, when available.
6. Christmas thank-you's and gratuities will be brought to Rocky Peak and Emcon, as in previous years. Thankyou Peter for taking on the deliveries.

Old Business

1. New road access for logging on the marathon loop. See President's report.

2. Parking lot lights. Nov. 16, 2 remaining lights were changed to LED. \$100 each. Add outside wall light on the Lodge and possibly at the map kiosk. Lodge and Kiosk light still needed.

Committee Reports

1. Backcountry. Ryan Titley.

Ryan snowshoed to the Waverly Cabin last weekend. Skiers have been to the backcountry and the conditions are shaping up.

2. Biathlon – Chris Elden/Jim Crellin

- The range was set up on November 2.
- Practices started November 9 with about 10 athletes.
- We have a try it out day planned for November 23.
- First BC Cup is at Sovereign Lake December 13-15.
- Meeting scheduled with Desi for continued discussion of a covered biathlon range.

3. Coaching. Peter van Leusden.

- a) Changes to the Criminal Records Check Procedures. Review Criminal Record Check policy.

The process is simpler. Forms can be picked up at the Lodge from Cassady. Paper forms will be mailed in. Peter will provide new written procedures for the policy.

- b) Learning to Train (L2T) Dry land Held Oct. 25 – 27, 2019

We had 11 participants for this course. Seven were from the CSTC, and four from Williams Lake. Five of the participants from the CSTC, completed their ICC – 2 on line modules before the L2T course. This is a mandatory prerequisite for all subsequent coaching courses. We applied for and were granted \$1200.00 from VIA SPORT for this course.

Thanks to Chris Elden who helped organize some roller skis for the group, and to the Go Cart organization for allowing us to use their track for the roller ski instruction.

- c) Community Coaching Course (CC), booked for Jan. 17 – 19 2020. Need 8 minimum.

Advertising has started, and will be applying for another VIA SPORT grant for this course. Participants will have to be certified or complete the ICC on line modules before taking this course. CCBC is VERY diligent in checking on the status of certification and club membership on prospective participants.

- d) Learning to Train (L2T) on Snow Feb. 7 – 9, 2020, Need 6 minimum.

I haven't changed the date for this course, since the assigned facilitator is not available any other weekend. Secondly, at this time there is not a loppet coordinator, and since the only advertising for the event is the CCBC magazine. If we do have a loppet, it could be scheduled for a different weekend in Feb. And have CCBC send out changed event email to their mailing list.

4. Equipment. Mike MacLachlin. All equipment ready to go, except one of the twin track skidoos is not working.

5. **Fundraising. Brian Black.** No fundraising report at this time.

6. **Governance / Policy. Charlotte**

Review Backcountry Cabin Use Policy. No changes in the policy. Website donation options for cabin use are being worked on. On-line PayPal pay options require a one-time \$200 charge for a security certificate. Tania will pursue the on-line pay options and let us know.

CSTC Policies Review Checklist – updated September 2019.

Policy Checklist	Date Approved
1. Lodge Rental Policy	2019 March
2. School Use Policy (not including school program groups)	2019 March
3. Policy for Transporting Athletes	2019 March
4. Work Alone Policy	2019 February
5. Emergency Policy and Procedures	2019 February
6. Criminal Record Checks Policy and Procedures	2019 January
7. CANSI Instructor Course Reimbursement Policy	2019 January
8. Reimbursement Policy	2018 December
9. Conflict of Interest	2017 December
10. Investments Policy	2017 November
11. Lodge Rental Policy	2017 April
12. Decorating Policy	2017 April
13. Birthday Parties	2017 April
14. Fees for Users with Disabilities	2017 February
15. Financial Policy for the Rental Shop & Youth Ski School Programs	2017 January
16. Backcountry Cabin Use	2016 October
Executive Meeting Quorum Nov. 2011	2017 Incorporated into Constitution Bylaws

7. **Hallis Lake Ski Tournament. Sunshine Borsato.** February 2020.

8. **Loppett.** Information submitted to Cross Country BC for a Loppett in 2020.

9. **Memberships. Greg Strebel.** 201 members to date.

10. **Publicity/Adult Lessons – Ron Watteyne**

- see New Business for update on Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival sometime in February. <https://vimff.org/> and Chris Czajkowski & Fred book presentation.
- Christmas farmers markets have not always been worthwhile for the Club to attend. Ron W. will enquire. Also promote the sales of the 5-for-4 daypasses.

- 11. Ski trails and signs. Neil Mackay.** No report. Trees down on Pancake Flats and top of adventure park.
- 12. Snowshoe trails and signs. Joe Daigle.** Will check out the Bigfoot Trail for maintenance.
- 13. Skill Development Program. Chris Hyde.** 31 kids registered to date. Dec.7 start date. And coaches are ready to go.
- 14. Social Coordinator. No director yet.** Options discussed are SKOGA nights (skiing and yoga), possibly Thursday nights. Possibly a contest on Facebook with prizes such as a punchpass.
- 15. Snowmaking. Bruce Self.** Plumbing in place. Waiting for valves. Electrician needed for some of the work.
- 16. Website. Shannon Coffey.**

The website is up to date with the youth ski dates, registration info, and other events.

The weather app and webcam are not working yet, I think this is dependent on wi-fi at the lodge? If someone could let me know if they will be connected soon that would be great, if they won't be I may remove them from the site for now.

Cassady is working on getting the wifi working at the lodge.

It was suggested to me that a photo contest might be a good way to get some new pics for the website. I think we would need to put some thought into categories, prizes, and judges... I don't think it would need to be anything big, maybe some club swag or day passes...Thoughts?

Important dates

Executive Meeting dates: Dec. 17, Jan. 21, Feb.18, March 16, April 21.

Dec. 7. SDP program start.

Jan. 12. Open House

Jan 17-19 2020: Community Coaching clinic. Need 8 minimum.

Jan 24. Film Festival

Feb 7-9, 2020: Learning to Train coaching clinic. Need 6 minimum.

Meeting adjourned. Time: 8:40pm meeting adjourned.

Snacks schedule

- November – Brian K.
- December – Peter vL.
- January – Tania G.
- February – Joe Daigle
- March – Ron W.
- April – Chris Elden