

Cariboo Ski-Touring Club
Meeting Minutes
7:00pm, Tuesday Feb. 16, 2021
Connecting remotely (by Google)

Attendance: Brian Kennelly, Brian Black, Tania Gruene, Audrey Maillette, Bruce Self, Mike MacLachlin, Ron Watteyne, Neil Mackay, Jim Crellin, Peter van Leusden, Joe Daigle, Greg Strelbel, Charlotte Kurta

Regrets: Chris Hyde, Chris Elden, Shannon Coffey, Sunshine Borsato, Ryan Titley.

Adoption of agenda. Motion to adopt. Jim C . 2nd Ron W. . Moved, 2nd and approved.

Adoption of January Minutes. Greg S. Moved Mike M. 2nd, and approved.

Correspondence:

1. Included in reports.

President's Report: Brian Kennelly.

1. Members' survey: will be shared with members by email, FB and web-page.

The Coles Notes Version: Our sport has a HUGE opportunity. How can we keep all these new members? Let's do a survey! There are prizes! Here's a suggested blurb to share:

Cross country ski & snowshoe survey: We want to learn from our members and day-pass visitors, especially those that are fairly new. There are great draw prizes up for grabs. Take the survey by Feb 28: <http://bit.ly/XCinBC>

The Prizes:

- **One \$500 gift certificate** to your favourite cross country ski store.
 - **Five \$100 gift certificates** to your favourite cross country ski store.
 - **Ten Swix Gunde toques**, the classic design from 1974 (\$40 value each).
2. Backcountry cabin tenure document (27pages): Final step in renewal process for licence of occupation on lands used by our 4 cabins has been completed. This is a 10 year tenure and required a guarantee and fee of \$210 to the Ministry.
 3. Multiple tenures renewed in the last year. Last year tenure for power line under the lake required \$1000.00 deposit to the Ministry. Last month was the 5year tenure for use of the Forest Service Road.

Treasurer's Report. Tania Gruene

1. Financial report. Past BC Gaming reports were primarily used for Ski School program, but this year is including the family lesson program and SDP. BCGaming seems to be okay with carryover from this year to next year.

Current Bank Balance:

General (operating) acct: \$	55,417
Gaming Acct: \$	<u>16,086</u>
Total Balance of \$	71,503

Projected revenue and expenses to Feb 28, 2021:

Begin Balance	71,201
Membership	200
Rental Shop	2000
Lodge Upgrade grants	16,819
Kal Tire/SDP	<u>1250</u>
	91,470
Payroll	-4500
Utilities	-800
Lodge Supplies	-100
Equipment repair	-200
SDP	-1800
Advertising	<u>-200</u>

Projected February end balance \$ 87, 870

Manager's Report – Audrey M.

Since January 18 until February 15 at the rental shop we had:

- 76 Adult classic rentals
- 41 Youth classic rentals
- 5 Adult skate rentals
- 4 Youth skate rentals
- 5 Snowshoes rentals
- 79 Adult passes
- 16 Youth passes
- 13 Family passes
- 20 Snowshoes passes
- 2 Wax
- 3 4 for 5

The money box has been emptied twice for a total amount of \$613.60.

Fire protection is coming on February 18th to inspect the Lodge.

Pictures are always appreciated, from the groomers especially, as it seems to boost our Facebook post to have pictures.

Race and Photoshoot this week-end : Skiers will be able to have personal pictures taken for 50\$, they must prepay CASH at the rental shop. Photographers will be on site from 10-3 ish. One in the stadium and one on skis going around the trails.

Inventory : The list of boots needed have been sent to Rocky Peak and I am waiting for their invoices that should arrive before the spring. I also sent all the broken skis for repairs, about 8 pairs.

Kitchen sink handle is broken. Still usable but would be nice to fix it. I am unsure if the whole hardware needs replacement or if some glue would do it.

Promotion Downtown : I want to set-up a table downtown with the banner to do some promotion. While I am there it would be a good opportunity to have Savannah cover me at the rental shop for a few hours. I was thinking of doing it this Friday, before the race.

New Business

1. Trees for removal on ski trails. Ron W. Canis Lupus entrance. Need to have the trees identified that need to come down, and the trees that just need to be limbed.

Hazard tree removal is the responsibility of Ministry Trails and Rec program, not CSTC. CSTC can remove branches, but not remove trees.

In the past, donation from Telus to limb trees with their bucket truck.

2. People walking on ski trails. Dog walkers and others. More signage will be put out.

Old Business

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Committee Reports

1. Backcountry. Ryan Titley.

Bruce S. spoke with Barb D. and backcountry cabins are booked solid back-to-back from Feb.10 – March 4.

2. Biathlon – Chris Elden/Jim Crellin

BC Cup 3 scheduled for early March in Whistler has been cancelled.

We have had two club time trials and plan to have several more. These have two purposes: To provide some sort of competition in a year with none, and to generate some athlete performance data for the Provincial coach to possibly use when selecting the Development and Talent Squads for 2021-22.

A new Bear stock has been ordered thanks to the Gaming grant.

3. Coaching. Peter van Leusden.

4. Equipment. Mike MacLachlin.

PB wing cylinder failed. Fairly expensive repair.

5. Fundraising. Brian Black.

Snowmobile Fundraising:

An initiative was launched in conjunction with CCBC approximately a year ago to raise funds for a new snowmobile. This took advantage of an opportunity to draw in matching funds that were available. A total of \$4260 was raised in donations from CSTC members, with \$800 in matching funds for a total of \$5060.

We have received a positive response granting \$6000 to the CSTC from NORDIQ Canada / Alta Gas re the club support grant for the Snowmobile Purchase. The cheque was received in December.

Application to the QCF has been made for the remainder of the funding (\$10,872) to complete the \$22,372 project.

Application to NDIT has been made for the remainder of the funding required. The CRD is expected to approve a resolution soon which will be forwarded to the Regional Advisory Committee for approval before going to NDIT.

Final approval dates: QCF April 12. NDIT April 28.

The following motion was passed in the Cariboo Ski-Touring Club executive meeting of February 16, 2021:

The Cariboo Ski-Touring Club is willing to allocate a maximum of \$5600 to fund the purchase of a new snowmobile. This includes \$800 in matching funding already received from CCBC.

Motion by Brian Black. Seconded by Ron Watteyne. Passed unanimously

Motion to put down \$1000 deposit for new Skandik snowmobile purchase. Motioned by Jim C., 2nd Brian B. Approved.

6. Governance / Policy. Charlotte

- No new policy to review yet. Still working on draft for rental shop financial policy.

CSTC Policies Review Checklist – updated Feb. 2021

Policy Checklist	Date Approved
1. Financial Policy for the Rental Shop & Youth Ski School Programs	2021 January
2. Conflict of Interest	2020 December
3. Investment Policy	2020 September
4. Lodge Rental Policy	2020 March
5. Lodge Decorating Policy	2020 March
6. Emergency Policy and Procedures – in review	2020 February
7. Reimbursement Policy	2019 November

8. School Use Policy (not including school program groups)	2019 March
9. Policy for Transporting Athletes	2019 March
10. Work Alone Policy	2019 February
11. Criminal Record Checks Policy and Procedures	2019 January
12. CANSI Instructor Course Reimbursement Policy	2019 January
13. Backcountry Cabin Use	2017 October
14. Fees for Users with Disabilities	2017 February
Executive Meeting Quorum Nov. 2011	2017 Incorporated into Constitution Bylaws

7. Hallis Lake Ski Tournament. Sunshine Borsato.

8. So-Lo-ppett. Sat. and Sun. Feb. 20 and 21, 2021. 9am-5pm. Sunshine B. 10km, 20km, and 30km courses.

9. Memberships. Greg Strebel. Highest membership numbers we've had in a few years.

10. Publicity/Adult Lessons – Ron Watteyne. 48 adult lessons. Going really well. Savannah is keen to get her coaching certificate but no instructor coaching training available at this time.

11. Ski trails and signs. Neil Mackay.

No volunteer hours/activity to report.

New member to the ski trail and signs maintenance group; Simon Higdon.

Sunshine provided a faller tailgate startup and faller checklist to review prior to falling activity by the trail maintenance group. Thank you Sunshine. Attachments provided for discussion/input from the executive.

Worksafe requirements must be met for anyone falling trees.

Signs update:

Sign sponsorship "thank you" and invoice for 2-year renewal sent to Mike Redmile at Quesnel Toyota.

12. Snowshoe trails and signs. Joe Daigle.

13. Skill Development Program. Chris Hyde.

Had Coach Graeme (CCBC Build the North Coaching Program) come back down this weekend to do more training with the SDP/TA coaches. We included our level 4's and T/A as well so they got some additional training alongside their coaches. I have had some preliminary discussions with Graeme regarding the possibility of him filling a head coach role with our club. He does this for the Smithers club on a part time/contract basis which

could be the same type of arrangement we could look at. I am not sure what this arrangement might look like but I am sure it is something we can talk about looking towards next season.

Peter vL and Chris Hyde will be involved with discussions for a head-coach for our Club, especially to help foster a race team.

Possibly 2 more coaching sessions can be organized for this season?

14. Snowmaking. Bruce Self. Status unknown for snow-making equipment repair.

15. Website. Shannon Coffey.

Please email shannon.coffey@icloud.com with information updates to be posted on the website. Also, any suggestions for changes and/or improvements to the website.

Important dates

Executive meeting dates: 3rd Tuesday of the month. 7pm.

On-line link will be sent out by Brian K in time for each meeting.

- Nov. 17., Dec. 15, Jan.19, Feb.16, Mar.16, April 20

Meeting adjourned. Time: 8:19pm. Meeting adjourned.

Snacks schedule

Snacks at home during covid on-line meetings 😊