

BVCCSC
Annual General Meeting

April 20, 2010

7:00 – 9:30 pm

Buchfink Lodge

Attending:

Executive Board Members: Stephen Howard, Jill Krause, Peter Tweedie, Brant Dahlie, Adrian Johnson, Steve Osborn, Geoff Recknell, Dave Pellow, Christine Birnie

Non-Board Members: Peter Krause, Kevin Kriese, Laura Bakermans, Larry McCulloch, Jay Gilden, Einer Blix, John Franken, Pat Klym Becker, Anne Hetherington, Liz Holdyk

Call to Order

- Call for Additions to the Agenda

- Status of Star Creek cabin
- Specific Christmas Term ski passes for out-of-town visitors

- Adoption of the Agenda: Motion to adopt agenda. Peter Tweedie/Kevin Kriese - carried.

- Minutes from April 21, 2009 AGM: Motion to accept minutes as written, Adrian Johnson, second by Kevin Kriese – carried. Minutes posted on website.

Director Reports: (all reports can be found on website)

- a) Chair-Stephen Howard
- b) Finance-Adrian Johnson
- c) Lodge and Area-Brant Dahlie
 - additional comment: wants to work on a trail maintenance and upgrade plan to guide the future trail work.
- d) Biathlon-Peter Tweedie
 - additional discussion: discussion around the table about equipment limitations limiting future enrolment. Suggestions were put forward regarding possible corporate sponsorship of rifles and potential for club to acquire rifles for rent.
- e) Membership-Jill Krause
 - additional discussion: Christmas ski pass; club executive has already discussed and agreed to implement a Christmas season, limited time pass for out-of-town visitors, students, etc. Jill indicated a different coloured pass could be used and dated with relevant term. Price to be determined by executive.
- f) Athlete Development-Christine Birnie
 - additional discussion: 2010 Glacier camp to go ahead.
- g) Back Country-Dave Pellow
 - 1) Star Creek cabin: Concern has been raised that the Star Creek cabin will be “turned over” to the snowmobile club. Dave P. indicated this was not the case. The BVCCSC had made an arrangement with the snowmobile club to help maintain the cabin and schedule snowmobile access so as to not conflict with ski tours to the cabin. There has been a lack of use in recent years and multi-use with the snowmobilers is seen as a way to maintain the viability of the cabin.

The cabin had 4 ski tours, with local ski guides, this winter and 3 snowmobile visits. Income of \$750, use up from last year.

There are plans for a work party this summer to complete some maintenance. Thanks extended to Valhalla and McBike for handling bookings and collecting fees.

2) Harold Price cabin

The cabin had 2 (recorded) visits and received \$30 income; maint. Cost was \$271.

Use of the cabin has been down due to reduced access as lack of forestry activity causes lack of road plowing to start point. Distance is too far for the "average" user- 18Km.

Pat Becker discussed the benefits of the cabin and encourages the continued use of the cabin and the ties to the BVCCSC.

Peter Krause suggested that better signage might improve ability to find the trail to get there.

Star Creek land use discussion:

- Anne Hetherington raised the question of the status of the Star Creek cabin and the rumours that it is to be handed over to the snowmobile club. Dave Pellow confirmed that was not the case. He outlined the access and scheduling arrangement made with the snowmobile club for use of the cabin.
- There was discussion regarding the landuse designations in the Star Creek cabin area with regards to motorized vs. non-motorized use and access in the area. Concerns were raised that part of the area was designated non-motorized and BVCCSC renting the cabin to snowmobilers was encouraging or contravening the landuse designation.
- The point was raised that the BVCCSC is not in the business of policing landuse designations and that the gov't agencies involved (MoFR, MoTCA) were aware of the snowmobile use and the use of the cabin by motorized rec users and no directive has been given to BVCCSC with this regard.
- Steve Howard acknowledged the increased interest in both cabins and encouraged people to get involved with the club to help with cabin maintenance and related use issues.

h) School Program-Karen Mitchell

i) Promotions-Daena and Leanne

j) Wetzinkwa Community Forest-Geoff Recknell

k) Race Committee-Steve Osborn

- Chris Dahlie Cup: Chair Stephen Howard presented the cup to Jill and Peter Krause in recognition of their efforts to support and promote skiing and the BVCCSC in the Bulkley Valley. Their efforts are appreciated by all.

Resolutions:

Resolution to change the current fee structure (see attached) was presented and read by the Chair.

In discussion on the Resolution, Kevin Kriese presented the position that the proposed fee increase was not enough and he advocated a larger fee increase to further cover increased operating costs to the club.

The Chair indicated that to change the resolution to further increase fees would require additional consultation and notification of the BVCCSC membership.

The Treasurer discussed the tax recoveries expected associated with the new tax regime and how this would offset not increasing fees any more than proposed.

A motion was put forward to amend the proposed Resolution to include, after the fee tables in the Resolution document, the statement: “further, the executive will review the operating costs of the BVCCSC versus the fee structure to determine financial sustainability is continued.”

The amendment to the Resolution was put to a vote. Yea’s 16; Nays 2. Motion passed.

The question was called to vote on the Resolution, as amended. Yea’s-All. Passed.

Resolution to change Bylaws Section 58 (see attached)

Resolution read by the Chair. Discussion. No changes.

Question called, all were in favour. Motion carried.

Open Floor:

Einar Blix - asked for more frequent website updates of snow conditions and grooming and track setting information. Discussion ensued around the timing of snow reports, frequency and who would do them. There are issues around timeliness of snow reporting versus when grooming gets completed if the groomer completes the snow report on the website. Usually too late in the day for that day’s grooming to be relevant for the day. It is also an manpower issue of who completes the report as it is volunteer efforts.

Einar Blix – raised the question of why BVCCSC is not listed with other locations on on-line regional ski conditions reporting. He suggests that getting Smithers more regularly reported may bring more skiers or make outsiders more aware of our facility.

Peter Krause- Suggested that perhaps an answering machine could be used to post snow/track setting conditions for access by those who could post reports elsewhere. It might be easier for the grooming people to update.

Chair Stephen Howard acknowledged and thanked the efforts and achievements of the outgoing Executive members:

Geoff Recknell

Christine Birnie

Adrian Johnson

Motion to adjourn business meeting. – All in favour – Carried

Elections:

Run by Peter Krause – chair of nominating committee.

The following were nominated for the 2010/2011 executive:

Steve Howard

Jill Krause

Peter Tweedie

Brant Dahlie

Laura Bakermans

Brian Kean

Liz Holdyk

Steve Osborn

Dave Pellow

Darryl Wilson

Daena Bilodeau

Leanne Helkenberg

No additional nominations.

Move to close list of nominations. – Kevin Kriese

Move to accept the above list as the new Executive-Peter Krause. – Carried

Meeting adjourned 9:30pm

REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, APRIL 20, 2010

PLEASE NOTE: ADDITIONAL REPORTS WILL BE ADDED AS AVAILABLE

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual general meeting of the Bulkley valley Cross Country Ski Club will be held on Tuesday, April 20th 2010 in the Buchfink lodge, at 7:00 PM.

AGENDA

1. Summer projects and work bees
2. Business meeting
 - Adoption of agenda
 - Minutes of the 2009 AGM
 - Reports from the directors
 - Financial Report
 - Proposed budget
 - Resolution to amend the fee structure for season passes
 - Special resolution to change our bylaws to allow notice by email
 - Open floor
3. Election of Officers
4. Adjournment



NOTICE OF SPECIAL RESOLUTION

FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BV CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB, APRIL 20, 2010

Purpose and background:

Presently notice of annual general meetings requires a mail out to all registered members. The cost of that mail out is more than \$300.00. Most members now have email addresses and are comfortable corresponding by that means. This change would allow notice of the AGM to be done by email where an email address is listed in the register of members. For those members without email addresses, or who prefer, a mailed notice will still be required.

Present wording in our bylaws:

PART 2

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

58. A notice may be given to a member, either personally or by mail at the registered address.

Proposed wording:

PART 2

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

58. A notice may be given to a member:

- a. personally
- b. by mail at the registered address, or
- c. by email to the member's email address recorded in the register of members.

MOTION

Be it moved that the bylaws of the Bulkley Valley Cross Country Ski Club be amended by striking out section 58 and replacing it with the following:

58. A notice may be given to a member:

- a. personally
- b. by mail at the registered address, or
- c. by email to the member's email address recorded in the register of members.

Submitted by:

BVCCSC Executive
Stephen Howard, Chair
April 20, 2010



RESOLUTION TO CHANGE FEE STRUCTURE

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, season pass fees for the 2009 / 2010 season included 5% GST and were as follows:

Fees on or before 10-Dec	
Adult	\$95
Youth (9-18)	\$40
Children 8 and under	Free
Family Maximum	\$230

Fees after 10-Dec	
Adult	\$110
Youth (9-18)	\$45
Children 8 and under	Free
Family Maximum	\$260

WHEREAS, season pass and membership fees will be subject to 12% HST for the 2010 / 2011 season.

Whereas, fees prior to Dec 10 have remained the same since 2006, when there was an increase of approximately 5%.

WHEREAS, to allow for:

- An increase in sales tax; and
- A decrease in grant income,

Season pass fees should be increased.

WHEREAS, after the proposed increase, and despite the club's tremendous facilities, membership and season's pass fees will remain less than those of most other BC Nordic clubs.

RESOLVED, that the **season pass** fee structure be changed, effective the 2010 / 2011 ski season, to:

Fees on or before 10-Dec	
Adult	\$100
Youth (9-18)	\$45
Children 8 and under	Free
Family Maximum	\$245

Fees after 10-Dec	
Adult	\$115
Youth (9-18)	\$50
Children 8 and under	Free
Family Maximum	\$275

Submitted by:

BVCCSC Executive
Stephen Howard, Chair
April 20, 2010

The foundations of our club are solid, a tribute to the members who volunteered their time and energy in making it so. This last year has been a process of building on that base rather than starting new projects. My role as chair has been to keep everyone communicating and to cheer on the efforts of directors and other volunteers who do the serious work to keep the club running smoothly, a role made easier by a full complement of directors at the executive level.

The economic downturn last year left us with some funding challenges when certain grants we normally access were not forthcoming. That funding gap was partially offset by a grant from Wetzinkw'a Community Forest, and by an increase in memberships and day passes. There was enough money to complete the washrooms and make huge progress on the waxing hut, to hire our head coach Lisa Perry, to pay our tracksetters at least some of what we owe them and to fund a full slate of programs. That economic challenge will continue as a new reality that we must meet.

It was very encouraging to see an increase in members to 721, an increase in day pass sales, an increase in school program participants in rabbits registrations and in biathlon. We are attracting new members and young families.

Above all, I want to thank the people who volunteer their time to make our club successful. The number and quality of volunteers in this club is easily our greatest accomplishment; we have built a supportive community by our friendships and respect for each other. Thank you all.

Finance report

This year has been a bit of a roller-coaster year for the club's finances. Last April saw an expensive overhaul of the PistenBully (the tracksetting machine) requiring us to withdraw \$20,000 of reserves which had prudently been set aside in previous years to allow for such events.

Later in the summer, the Athlete Development Program was unable to receive grant funding from Haywood – last year, \$40,000 was received to pay for a coach. Fortunately, enough was set aside from previous years to allow our excellent coach to complete her contract to the end of March, 2010. The club received a further set back when we were only approved for a BC Gaming Grant of \$9,000 – about \$30,000 less than in previous years.

At this point, the Board scratched their chins and thought hard about cost-cutting. It is not realistic to cut costs significantly without impacting the quality of our facilities and programs, or placing unfair expectations on volunteers. Just in time for the club, the Wetzin'Kwa Community Forest Corporation filled the financial void with a generous \$25,000 grant.

As the season started, club membership increased, bringing in about \$6,000 more in membership and season's pass income than last year. Various fundraising efforts from our various members and programs also brought in good amounts of money.

The season progressed with no unexpected large expenses, and ended well from a financial perspective. We have been able to replace the reserves which were withdrawn at the beginning of the year, and top them up by a further \$10,000. There is also enough cash to allow the various capital expenditure projects to progress over the summer.

Looking ahead, the club has some financial uncertainty, largely caused by the significant changes in grant availability. However, we have a sound financial footing and a solid membership, so with prudent action things look good for the future.

Adrian Johnson, Treasurer / Secretary

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Bulkley Valley Cross Country Ski Club
DRAFT Income and expense statements for the year to March 31
All figures are in \$s

Note: Figures include estimates and will change prior to the AGM to reflect actual results.

	Year to March 31, 2010			Year to March 31, 2009		
	Nordic centre	Programs	Total	Nordic centre	Programs	Total
Income						
Season's passes and memberships	61,602	-	61,602	55,217	-	55,217
Day passes	9,467	-	9,467	9,575	-	9,575
Grant income	18,200	43,629	61,829	15,400	51,171	66,571
Fundraising activities	11,109	9,315	20,424	5,807	7,408	13,215
Fees	-	17,342	17,342	-	17,970	17,970
Financing activities	960	-	960	2,123	-	2,123
Other income	1,433	-	1,433	2,139	-	2,139
Total income	102,771	70,286	173,057	90,261	76,549	166,810
Expense						
Operations	41,935	5,643	47,578	32,334	12,093	44,427
Wages and contractor's fees	18,800	49,864	68,664	18,775	39,015	57,790
CCBC / Biathlon BC membership	7,200	1,135	8,335	7,273	1,195	8,468
Training	-	1,641	1,641	-	1,228	1,228
Events	-	2,124	2,124	-	4,247	4,247
Travel	-	3,791	3,791	-	1,992	1,992
Equipment	-	2,337	2,337	-	2,963	2,963
Program support	2,000	-	2,000	2,000	-	2,000
Administration and communications	3,268	-	3,268	3,833	-	3,833
Other expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	23,650	-	23,650	23,650	-	23,650
Total expense	96,853	66,535	163,388	87,865	62,733	150,598
Net surplus	5,918	3,751	9,669	2,396	13,816	16,212

Bulkley Valley Cross Country Ski Club
DRAFT Balance sheet as at March 31
All figures are in \$s

Figures include estimates and will change prior to the AGM to reflect actual results.

	As at March 31, 2010	As at March 31, 2009
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Bank and cash	53,268	12,001
Accounts receivable	4,072	21,253
Restricted assets		
Bank and cash	91	21,482
Term deposits	56,182	46,311
Total restricted assets	<u>56,273</u>	<u>67,793</u>
Total current assets	<u>113,613</u>	<u>101,047</u>
Fixed assets		
Machinery		
Cost	125,185	125,185
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(49,800)</u>	<u>(37,400)</u>
Net book value	<u>75,385</u>	<u>87,785</u>
Land and buildings		
Cost	688,651	673,809
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(33,750)</u>	<u>(22,500)</u>
Net book value	<u>654,901</u>	<u>651,309</u>
Capital grants		
Cost	(27,000)	(27,000)
Accumulated depreciation	<u>2,400</u>	<u>1,200</u>
Net book value	<u>(24,600)</u>	<u>(25,800)</u>
Total fixed assets		
Cost	786,836	771,994
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(81,150)</u>	<u>(58,700)</u>
Net book value	<u>705,686</u>	<u>713,294</u>
Total Assets	<u>819,299</u>	<u>814,341</u>
LIABILITIES AND RESERVES		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accruals	10,019	104
Deferred income	<u>-</u>	<u>14,629</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>10,019</u>	<u>14,733</u>
Members' reserves	809,280	799,608
Total liabilities and reserves	<u>819,299</u>	<u>814,341</u>



I. BVXCSC 3 Year Capital Expenditure Plan (2010-2013)

Project	Priority	Cost	Proposed Year	Comments	Funding Source
Washroom Finishing	H	\$3,200	2010	Urinals, counter tops, trim, faucets, sinks, change table	Wetzinkwa Grant
Wax hut complete finishing	H	\$6,000	2010	Ceiling, finish inside walls, work stations benches, ventilators, finish outside	Fund raising \$2,000 Wetzinkwa Grant \$ 4,000
Biathlon targets	H	5,000	2010	Install 4 new targets	Fund raising/ relay
Snowmobile groomer	M	3,400	2010/11	Reduce time on PB for track setting	
Ticket Booth	M	6,000	2010/11	Transformer, new pole? electrical and electric heat	
Replace machine shed	M	\$35,000	Before 2020	Requires a capital grant when opportunity arises	
Finish Main Lodge Ceiling	M	\$3,500	2011	Long standing item for sound quality and aesthetics.	
Biathlon hut replacement	M	Tba	2011	Assessment and plan to be done in 2010. Grant dependent	
Biathlon Power	M	~ \$3,000		Run overhead line off machine shed – need proper estimate	
Replace Lodge Wood Furnace	M	\$10,000	2013	Current furnace may last 10 more years; monitor. Air quality concerns in the staging area suggest we should replace sooner.	
Upgrade Lodge Flooring; stairs and high use areas	M	\$4,000	2015	Commercial grade, 20 year quality, 800 sq. ft. @ ~\$5/ sq. ft.	
Water Quality	L	\$5,500	2012?	Install UV system and filters to bring well to drinking water standard.	

II. BVXC Lodge work list – 2010

	Priority	Comments	When
Lodge Maintenance:			
➤ Cabinet for stereo system	H	Under cabinet	Volunteer wood worker
➤ Paint upstairs walls	H		Work bee #1
➤ Storage unit in locker room	M		
Machine Shed:			
➤ Paint doors	M		Work bee #3
Caretaker cabin:			
➤ Complete upstairs balcony rail	H		Workbee #1
➤ Install deck railing	H	To comply with insurance requirements	Workbee #2
Lodge Improvements:			
➤ Kitchen cupboard doors	H	Brant	Ongoing
➤ More new lockers in north locker room	M	Requires a volunteer woodworker	Workbee #2

Future years:

➤ Rabbit storage	L	Build in cupboard under north stairway	
➤ Gear storage in wax room	L	Storage for bags on east wall; 24 inch deep cubicles. Requires a volunteer woodworker.	

Area work list

	Priority	Comments	When
Trail brushing	H	Need to clear sides of trails back 2-3 metres	mid summer
Biathlon range signage	H	Install new signage on perimeter of shooting range	Biathlon work bee #1
Repairs to biathlon hut	H		Biathlon work bee #1
Level stadium		Make room for new targets	July/August
Re / Re biathlon targets	H		Biathlon work bee #2
Biathlon storage	M		Biathlon work bee #2/3



III. BVXCSC Operation Budget 2010

Lodge	Priority		
➤ Supplies	H	Paint and repairs	\$1,000
• Supplies	H	Cleaning supplies	\$250
➤ Workbees	H	Refreshments	\$300
➤ Water aerator	H	Remove iron from well water	\$800
➤ Water	H	1 load	\$200
➤ Pump outhouses	H		\$200
Caretakers			
➤ Railing	H		\$250
➤ Misc	H		\$200
		Total High Priority Lodge	\$ 3,100
➤ Locker materials	M	Plywood etc	\$300
➤ Machine shed siding	M		\$300
➤ Kitchen cabinets	M	Plywood and hinges	\$400
Area			
➤ Biathlon maintenance	H	Door, target repairs, signage	\$500
➤ Biathlon stadium	H	Levelling, cribbing on firing line, posts for targets, cat/hoe	\$2,000
➤ Signage, safety, misc	H	To build a permanent structure for the lower parking lot welcome signs/drop box.	\$750
		Total High Priority Area	\$ 3,250
➤			
➤ Biathlon storage shed	M	Remove lean to from biathlon, patch roof	\$ 1,800
➤ Ditch and culvert at gate	M	Hoe: half day. Gravel	\$500
		Total (Area & Lodge) High Priority	\$6,350
		Total (Area & Lodge) H/M Priority	\$9,650

April 2010

Directors Report: Geoff Recknell; Past Chair

The focus of my efforts on the board this past year have been towards two areas; to provide continuity for the new board as the outgoing chair, and to foster and develop our partnership with the Wetzinkwa Community Forest Corporation (WCFC). Fortunately for me the new Chairperson turned out to be well seasoned and a quick study in the art of running the club and I was able to focus my efforts on Wetzinkwa and the community forest license.

This past season marks the first year of forestry operations within the club operating area under the new community forest license. The WCFC is a joint venture of the Town of Smithers and the Village of Telkwa. The community forest tenure is a unique forest tenure arrangement that transfers decision-making to communities that wish to more fully participate in the stewardship of local Crown forest resources. It gives communities exclusive rights to harvest timber, as well as the opportunity to manage forest resources such as timber and plant products, recreation, wildlife, water and scenic viewscapes.

In April 2009 the BVXCSC signed a Memorandum of Understanding that facilitates the ski club's input into forest management activities adjacent to the ski trails. This past year the ski club was very fortunate to receive \$25,000 in grant money from WCFC; and a further \$15,000 has been committed for 2010/11 to support club operations and program delivery. As part of the partnership the ski club is able to assist the WCFC in providing recreational opportunities from the operating area for community enjoyment.

This winter the WCFC was successful in logging approximately six hectares of timber in the Pine Creek trail area during February. Harvesting was focused on mountain pine beetle (MPB) attack and highly susceptible pine, with retention of other species. Logging operations resulted in ~ 2 week closure of a portion of the Pine Creek trails. This fall slash piles will be burned and the road access into this area from the Hudson Bay Mountain Road will be permanently deactivated.

The primary objective of harvesting adjacent to the ski trails is to remove trees that have been, or will be, killed by MPB, and thereby reducing the risk of future danger trees. There are many more impacted areas from MPB in the clubs operating area that will need to be addressed when future opportunities arise. Even then, not all areas will be addressed by logging, some will be left as standing dead with danger tree removal on an as need basis.

Similar scale future harvesting adjacent to the ski trails is tentatively planned for this summer and next winter as weather and markets allow.

AREA AND LODGE REPORT

AREA

The Gary Murdoch waxing facility has been a great success in its inaugural season. We have one of the finest waxing facilities anywhere. Thank you to all that contributed your time and energy to helping get it to the stage where it could be used for this season.

Tracksetting went well this season with good snow and no major mechanical breakdowns. Pooch Paradise continues to be one of our most popular ski trails.

The pine beetle logging on the Pine Creek side went smoothly with little interruption of skiing. Thank you to Wetzin'kwa and the club volunteers who helped this go so well.

LODGE

The major focus the bathrooms. About \$2000 was raised this year by selling additional poles. In February, the plumbing was complete and the bathrooms were operational. To complete the bathrooms we will install dividers, a urinal in the mens' room, and sinks in both bathrooms.

This was the first year of the "Ski Boosters" program with a set schedule for lodge clean-up; the usual chores of cleaning, sweeping, and general maintenance were really well looked after. Thanks to Kathy Wilford and Leslie-Jean MacMillan for organizing that.

The caretaker cabin didn't need any maintenance and the contract with Shawn was renewed for another year. Shawn did a fantastic job in his full year looking after the lodge.

Bulkley Valley Biathlon

Annual Report 2009/2010

Bulkley Valley Biathlon has had a great 2009/2010 season. This year has seen membership grow to 14 youth, 1 para-nordic and approximately 6 masters members. This is the largest that BV Biathlon has ever been. It should be noted that by a count of registered members, Smithers has the largest biathlon club in the Biathlon BC membership.

We started the season in late September with a fall dry-land camp and work bee. We had an evening session on rifle cleaning, fitting and safety, a sleep-over at the lodge, Saturday morning session at the range and a work bee in the afternoon. It was a great way to kick off our season.

Our coaches this year were Jill O'Neill, Frank Guillon and James Cuell with assistant coaching by Peter Tweedie and Geoff Recknell. In addition to coaches, the group had a high level of parental involvement and support. This was evident at practices and at all the races.

The regular biathlon season ran from the first weekend in December to the end of March. We sent teams to three BC Cup races this season, as well as two members and a coach to the BC Winter Games. Our biathletes showed good skill and ability growth through the season, collecting many top-3 finishes at all races and most importantly, had lots of fun. Our team represented the Bulkley Valley well at these events, bringing enthusiasm and good sportsmanship.

The bulk of the biathletes were also enrolled in the Track Attack program, skiing three sessions per week, as well as biathlon shooting practice. This additional ski coaching was evident in the development of ski ability through the season. This integration of programs has been a success and something to build on in the future.

The year has not been without its challenges. Biathlon is a facility and hardware intensive sport and this year's large group taxed both. With eight targets and 14 skiers, nearly half of whom were new to the sport, there was growing pains. The group managed to deliver the program effectively by splitting out the older biathletes with the Masters to manage practice sizes. With a limited number of coaches, this was a stopgap measure at best as it increases the time commitment of our volunteer coaches. There is a limited number of available biathlon rifles in the valley and all of these are in use. This lack of targets and rifles is seen as the limiting factor to the growth of the sport in the club.

There was significant fundraising support this year. I extend our thanks and appreciation to the efforts of Teresa White and Loretta Malkow for creating and baking the Bagels for Biathlon fundraiser as well as to Peter and Jill Krause of McBike and Sport for their organization of the McBike Fundraiser Relay and choosing BV Biathlon as the recipient of donations for this event. These two events raised over \$3000 for BV Biathlon. Also, the club applied for and received a \$1500 funding grant from the Bulkley Valley Community Foundation.

Since the range was built in 1993 there has been no significant upgrade or expansion. Our facility is now deemed too small to accommodate a provincial level (e.g. BC Cup) event and currently limits the numbers we can accommodate in our local program. The goal is to plot a course to acquire the funding necessary to complete an upgrade and expansion over the next 1 to 3 years.

Going forward, in 2010 BV Biathlon has the following goals:

- Expand our coaching base by sending 5 individuals to a biathlon coaching course in April
- Complete maintenance on the warming hut
- Level the firing line and target bases
- Purchase additional targets
- Upgrade range signage
- Funding permitting, widen the range area to accommodate up to 16 targets

So, the 2009/2010 season has been a good one for BV Biathlon. I would like to thank all the coaches and parents for their hard work and support in making this program the success it was. Most importantly, I would like to thank the biathletes for their interest, energy and enthusiasm in being a part of BV Biathlon.

I look forward to another good season in 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Tweedie
BVCCSC Director - Biathlon

Promotions article

Can you believe the ski season is almost over? Many events took place this winter, starting with the annual ski swap, which was very successful this season, raising over \$800 for the race team. The women's Ski Clinic had a low turnout for December and so was postponed to January and was held as a 1 day event as opposed to the originally planned 2 day. Some of the very fun and popular events were the Poker Ski, Chris Dahlie Open and the BV Marathon Weekend. A few of the many great opportunities to get together with fellow community skiers. A big thank you to all the racers and volunteers who have made these events so successful!

Ingrid Granlin has done an amazing job of putting together this season's newsletters and posters. Something for the exec board to consider is whether we agree to pay Ingrid for her designs and promotions posters next year. Loretta Malkow was the person in charge of delivering the newsletters to club members. Thank you to Ingrid and Loretta!!

Advertising misprints were noticed in the Interior News... Leanne and Daena will look into advertising with Northword as well as Interior News and will initiate contact in early September when an events schedule has been laid out. A potentially free advertising prospect is with 93.9 – Smithers' radio station.

The amount of money spent on advertising this year seems to have been pretty minimal and the promotions team have a better idea of how to spend their budget next year.

SCHOOL SKI PROGRAM

Report

26 March 2010

This is the program's 6th year. Five schools in grades 2-7 participated. Nine classes booked lessons. Two classes used the trails without lessons, to ski and snowshoe. In all, we had 695 student visits; our biggest year ever.

Trail fees were \$2/visit. Lessons were \$3/visit. This year four students used the Town's Affordable Recreation Fund, which was donated by McBike's 2008 12-hour relay.

Our awesome coaching team this year included Lisa Perry, Debbie Courtliff, Monica Howard, Chris Howard, Cara McCulloch, Adam Doogan-Smith, Nellie Dow, Duncan Gibb, Leanna and Karen Mitchell. The coaches, teachers and students all had great things to say about their time together on the snow.

Encouraging our young skiers to become certified coaches has benefited the club and the valley students. Without them, we would have had to decline ski lessons to some classes this year. I hope that the club continues to encourage young skiers to train as coaches.

The lodge itself, and the great variety of trails near the lodge, is excellent for this program. Generally, the schools are able to provide their own equipment, but they usually need more poles. I would suggest that the club consider buying some poles to be kept at the lodge for use when needed.

All schools in School District #54 are asked to book lodge use, trail use and ski lessons through Karen. This ensures good communication between the tracksetter, the lodge manager and the school program.

report submitted by Karen Mitchell
School Ski Program Coordinator
BV Cross Country Ski Club

School Ski Program
Financial Statement
26 Mar 2010

REVENUE	Moricetown	\$ 240
	Walnut Park	\$ 845
	Muheim	\$1028
	Telkwa	\$ 604
	Christian Elem	\$ 170
	<u>Town Rec Fund</u>	<u>\$ 40</u>
	Total revenue	\$2927

breakdown:

536 visits @ \$5 = \$2680	lessons, non-season's pass holders
21 visits @ \$3 = \$ 63	lessons, season's pass holders
92 visits @ \$2 = \$ 184	no lessons, non-season's pass holders
<u>46 visits @ \$0 = \$ 0</u>	<u>no lessons, season's pass holders</u>

TOTAL 695 visits \$2927 revenue

EXPENSES

coaches' fees	Debbie Coutliff	\$270
	Monica Howard	\$290
	Chris Howard	\$150
	Cara McCulloch	\$330
	Adam Doogan-Smith	\$ 90
	Nellie Dow	\$120
	Duncan Gibb	\$160
	<u>Leanna+ Karen Mitchell</u>	<u>\$150</u>
	subtotal	\$1560

Annual school ski day Feb 25 \$ 71
Total expenses \$1631

REVENUE \$2927
EXPENSES \$1631
difference + \$1296 (includes 582 trail passes @ \$2 each =\$1164)

Five Year Summary:

year	# student visits	income	expenses	\$2 trail fee	balance	total revenue to club
2006	182	869	420	324	125	449
2007	448	2184	980	840	364	1204
2008	670	2387	835	1352	200	1552
2009	639	1967	800	1244	(77)	1167
2010	695	2927	1631	1164	132	1296

submitted by
Karen Mitchell
26 Mar 2010

REPORT FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

This year saw a significant increase in both memberships and day passes.

Here are the figures, with comparisons to last year

	2008-2009	2009-2010
MEMBERS	675	721
Day passes	\$3,745.58	\$6,526.01
Day pass amounts per day	\$111.81	\$210.52

It became clear that checking tickets on the trails resulted in more day passes being sold. Jan Pinkerton was instrumental in instituting a regular ticket checking regime, and our thanks to her and others for their help.

Racing/Athlete Development Team

The Athlete Development program in 2009/10 was comprised of 40 athletes including:

- 14 Extended Rabbits (6 – 9 years)
- 22 Track Attackers (10 – 14+ years)
- 4 Ski Focus

There were 9 volunteer coaches and six month paid coach supporting the athletes. There were also Rabbit and Biathlon programs, (each covered under a separate report), as well as the Masters and School Programs – each with their own group of coaches. It is worth noting that the racing and Biathlon programs have continued to work closely together. Of the 14 athletes in Biathlon 13 were also in the Track Attack program.

Coaches for the Racing/ADP included our paid coach, Lisa Perry as well as the following volunteer coaches:

Extended Rabbits – Irene Ronalds, and Amy Copland
Track Attack – Alex and Jane Woods, Anne-Marie Findlay, Steve Hugg,
Ski Focus – Larry McCulloch and Liz Holdyk.
Nellie Dow worked as a “floater” coach with Track Attack and Ski Focus.

Jill O’Neill and Brian Fuhr were the Coordinators for the Coaches’ Committee and Christine Birnie was our representative on the Club’s Board of directors.

Funding for the program came from the following sources:

- 1) GM and CCBC Coaching Grants for a total of \$10,000
- 2) BC Gaming Grant - \$4500
- 3) Wetzinkwa Grant - \$12,500
- 4) Program fees and fund-raising - \$5200

In addition Dessert night, organized by Liz Holdyk, (and contributed to by Theresa White, Loretta Malkow and Jill Krause among others), brought in \$1000.00. Members of the Coach Committee are busy making applications for grants for the coming year, including a Haywood grant and a Gaming grant. Core funding support from the Club as well as fund-raising efforts remain critical.

The key elements of the ADP are described on the BV Nordic website. Activity levels for each group range from once or twice a week from November, (or whenever the snow arrives), through to March for the Extended Rabbits - up to year round training for the older ski focus athletes. We generally follow the long term athlete development model sanctioned by Cross country Canada.

This past season our athletes attended some or all of the following races:

B.C. Cups 1 and 2(Kelowna and P.G.)
B.C. Championships in Burns Lake (where our club took the Club Trophy!!)
BC Winter Games Trials (Kitimat)
BC Winter Games (Terrace/Kitimat)
BC Midget Champs (Salmon Arm)
Snow Valley Open (Kitimat)
Omineca Sprint Challenge
Omineca Open (Burns Lake)
Norams (Canmore)
National Championships (Whitehorse)
B.V. Open and Chris Dahlie Cup in Smithers

We also hosted fall and winter Regional camps and provided food lodging and logistics for the CCBC Provincial Glacier Camp in August.

For the coming season Kaileen McCulloch as been invited to join the BC Ski Team and Kate Woods has been invited to join the BC Development Team.

It has been a positive season in which athletes, coaches and parents have worked well together. This year some of the younger athletes came out to work with the older ski focus group doing some interval training and technical sessions. It is expected that some of these athletes will join the summer training program.

Our athletes have been making steady progress and many of them have achieved personal bests this season. In addition the Athlete Development Program is giving them an opportunity to learn discipline and life skills not necessarily obtained at school or in more sedentary recreational activities

We send out a big thank you to Leanne Wilson and Cathy Wilford who have headed up Ski Boosters to coordinate parent volunteers.

Finally a VERY BIG THANK YOU to Lisa Perry who has put a huge amount of work over the last two seasons in setting up a solid program structure and in working so effectively with all coaches and athletes. Her enthusiasm and dedication will be missed as she moves on to take up other challenges. THANK YOU Lisa.

On behalf of the athlete development team I would like to thank all the volunteers and parents for their support and hard work in making this a successful season.

Christine Birnie
Athlete Development Team Board of Directors Representative

Race Events 2010 - Summary

	General exp & Marathon from 2009	CD Open	BV Open	Marathon 2010	Totals
Registered Racers		72	52	133	
Registered on Zon4		54	52	0	
Income:					
Zone4 remittance		\$577	\$526	\$0	
Cash registrations		\$195	\$40	\$2,781.52	
Concession		fundraiser	fundraiser		
Total:		\$772	\$566	\$2,782	\$4,120
Expenses:					
Lunches		91 x \$4	78 x \$4	166 x \$\$??	
	\$432	\$364	\$312	\$530 lunch/dinner	
Feed stations		--	--	\$154	
CCBC rental		\$30	\$30	\$60	
Equipment/supplies	\$179	\$52		\$29	
Medals & trophies		Old stock	\$143	\$241	
Training 33%x\$440		\$150	\$150	\$150	
Other 33%x\$180		\$60	\$60	\$60	
Total Expenses		\$656	\$695	\$1,224	\$2,575
Profit (- loss)		\$116	-\$129	\$1,558	\$1,545

	CD Open Jan 24	BV Open Feb 14		Marathon Classic	Marathon Skate
Atom Boys	12	8			
Atom Girls	2	1	1 km	7	
PW Boys	8	7			
PW Girls	7	3	3.5 km	5	
MM Boys (PW3+M1)		4			
MM Girls (PW3+M1)		2	7.5 km	8	3
Midget Boys	5	5			
Midget Girls	4	3	17 km	35	17
Juv Boys	1	1			
Juv Girls	5	2	34 km	16	8
Jr Male	0	0			
Jr Female	5	1	51 km	16	18
Open Men	7	3			
Open Women	8	7			
Master Men 30-50	3	3			
Master Men 50+	2	2			
Master Women 30-50	2	0			
Master Women 50+	1	0			
	72	52		87	46