

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

2008/09



April 21, 2009
7:00 – 10:00 PM
Buchfink Lodge

Attending:

Executive Board Members: Geoff Recknell, Jill Krause, Steve Osborn, James Cuell, Adrian Johnson, Fred Oliemans and Larry McCulloch.

Club Members: Brant Dahlie, Teresa White, Adrian Johnson, Frank Guillon, Dave Bustard, Darlene Doogan–Smith, Kathy Spiro, Kevin Eskelin, Kevin Kriese, Irene Ronalds, Brandin Schultz, Dave Pellow, Sandra Franken, John Franken, Lisa Perry, Debbie Courtliff, Brian Furh, Daryl Wilson, Daena Bilodeau, Allen Banner, Steve Howard, Leslie-Jean MacMillan and Peter Tweedie.

Guests: Dean Daly, Bill Golding and Anne Harfenist

Part I: Presentations/Discussion

A. Wetzinkwa Community Forest Plans as presented by Bill Golding (General Manager) and Dean Daly (Chair of the Board).

Bill Golding provided background information of the Wetzinkwa Forestry Corporation. Discussed the Memorandum of Understanding negotiated between the Wet’zink’wa Community Forest Corporation and the Bulkley Valley Cross Country Ski Club respecting forest harvesting activities and ski club operations within the ski club operating area. The MoU:

- Establishes the agreement area
- Describes the purposes of both organizations
- Sets out the interests of both parties
- Provides guidelines for general operations that respects both parties interests
- Establishes a framework for partnerships on projects (eg trail building and improvements) and profit sharing

B. Summer Projects – Fred Oliemans.

- Lodge Addition (bathrooms)
- Wax Hut. Plan is to finish the exterior of the hut this spring.
- Firewood/maintenance.
- Work bee on May 9 at 9:00 AM

Capital projects (bathrooms and wax hut) are funded by external funding sources and the funding for operations is provided through fee collections (season and day passes).

Club needs to contact those individuals that have agreed to volunteer when they submitted their paperwork for their season’s pass.

Thanks to Anne Harfenist for doing registration.

Part II: Business meeting

1. Adoption of the agenda: Motion to adopt agenda. Frank Guillon / Adrian Johnson – Carried.
2. Minutes from April 22, 2008 AGM: Motion to accept minutes as written. Fred Oliemans /Kevin Kriese – Carried. Minutes can be found on website.
3. Reports from the chairs (Appendix 1).
 - a. Chair- Geoff Recknell
 - b. Membership- Jill Krause
 - c. Lodge Area and Community Forest- Fred Oliemans
 - d. Back Country – Geoff Recknell
 - e. Athlete Development- Larry McCulloch
 - f. School Program- Karen Mitchell
 - g. Rabbits- James Cuell
 - h. Biathlon – Frank Guillon for Jill O’Neil
 - i. Race Committee- Steve Osborn

Motion to accept the reports as presented: Brian Fuhr/Peter Tweedie – Carried.

4. Financial Report (Appendix 1) – Adrian Johnson
 - Small surplus this year from programs
 - Higher than anticipated maintenance expense for the pisten bully, partially off-set by increased revenues from membership/season passes and ticket sales
 - Financial position of the club is sound

Motion to accept the financial report as presented James Cuell /Adrian Johnson – Carried

5. Presentation of the Forecast (proposed budget for 09/10) (Appendix 2) – Adrian Johnson
 - A deficit of ~ \$3,000 is forecast for next year
 - Summer maintenance expense for the pisten bully is higher than norm
6. Resolution to amend membership/season pass fees (see appendix 3).

Discussion:

Some members expressed concern about proper notification of the membership regarding the changes.

The date at which the late fee should start was discussed, some members thought it should be earlier. Others thought it should be as late as possible.

Action:

Members will be notified of the fee structure change through e-mail and the newsletter. (note: all members have been notified by mail in April of the proposed change).

Two errors were noted in the drafting of the resolution 1. Bottom two right hand boxes should read “single” and “family” respectively. 2. Heading in the right hand column should read “Fees prior to/including Dec 10”. These corrections were made prior to the motion on the floor.

Motion to accept the amended membership/season pass fees with corrections- Geoff Recknell/Frank Guillon – Carried.

7. Open Floor

Geoff Recknell acknowledged and thanked the following executive members for their contributions to the club:

1. Larry McCulloch
2. Fred Oliemans
3. Jill O’Neil
4. James Cuell

James Cuell acknowledged the long list of achievements of the Chair- Geoff Recknell.

Motion to adjourn Fred Oliemans/James Cuell – Carried.

Part III. Elections

Run by: Debbie Courtliff – chair of Nominating Committee

The following are nominated for the 2009/2010 executive:

Jill Krause

Adrian Johnson

Steve Osborn

Peter Tweedie

Christine Birnie

Steve Howard

Dave Pellow

Daryl Wilson

Brant Dahlie

Daena Bilodeau

Leanne Helkenberg

Geoff Recknell

No additional nominations.

Move to close list of nominations –Frank Guillon.

Move to accept the above list as the new executive- Debbie Courtliff.

Meeting adjourned 10:00 PM

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Annual Reports
2008/09

April 2009

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Chair

This year the board operated with a small executive; eight of eleven possible board positions were filled. There was no representation for “promotions/special events’ or ‘backcountry’. Additionally we combined the responsibilities of ‘community forest’ and ‘lodge and area’ to ensure we covered the core program and operating areas of the club. This was a challenge for the executive, putting more workload on individuals; it is recommended that a board of at least ten directors is place for the future. Other recommended changes to the board structure are for a ‘Vice Chair” position to provide increased continuity from year-to-year on the executive. Under an ideal model the Vice Chair would become Chair, serve as Chair for two years followed by a year as Vice Chair.

We continued with policy development work this year. This included a review and changes to the Athlete/Parent Code of Conduct and new policies for Financial Management and Dispute Resolution. A club handbook, which includes our bylaws, policies and procedures, and planning documents, has been posted to the BV Nordic web page as a resource for club members and the executive. Increasingly the website is becoming a repository for key club documents as well as a communication forum.

After a number of years of work the club has been able to secure a more permanent tenure for our core operating area under the Land Act and to renew our management agreement with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts. In the past this agreement was held with Ministry of Forests and Range. In next few months we hoping to see the ski trails and hiking trails established as formal recreation trails under the Forest and Range Practices Act providing additional security.

Overall it has been a good year for the club. The membership continues to grow and we have increased the number of kids participating in the rabbits, biathlon and track-attack programs.

Thanks to the many dedicated volunteers, from coaches to wood splitters to policy writers that are the foundation of our club and allow us to continue to grow.

Geoff Recknell

Financial Report FY 2008/09

Income and expense statements for the year to March 31 (all figures are in \$s)

Income	Year to March 31, 2009			Year to March 31, 2008		
	Nordic centre	Programs	Total	Nordic centre	Programs	Total
Season's passes and memberships	55,217	-	55,217	51,550	-	51,550
Day passes	9,575	-	9,575	8,512	-	8,512
BC Gaming Grant	14,200	15,800	30,000	18,425	20,000	38,425
CCBC coaching grant	-	7,074	7,074	-	10,000	10,000
Haywood grant	-	28,297	28,297	-	-	-
GM coach training grant	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other grant income	1,200	-	1,200	2,001	-	2,001
Fees	-	16,438	16,438	-	16,549	16,549
Fundraising activities	6,077	7,407	13,484	6,353	4,900	11,253
Financing activities	2,123	-	2,123	1,450	-	1,450
Other income	1,838	1,563	3,401	11,093	3,217	14,310
Total income	90,230	76,579	166,809	99,384	54,666	154,050
Expense						
Operations	27,842	-	27,842	27,034	-	27,034
Administration and communications	9,126	-	9,126	12,221	-	12,221
CCBC / Biathlon BC membership	7,273	1,195	8,468	6,860	580	7,440
Equipment	-	5,407	5,407	-	3,316	3,316
Travel	-	5,811	5,811	-	9,590	9,590
Training	-	1,818	1,818	-	4,158	4,158
Events	-	2,225	2,225	-	2,822	2,822
Wages and contractor's fees	17,975	39,036	57,011	18,000	31,056	49,056
Program support	2,000	-	2,000	2,000	-	2,000
Other expenses	1,532	5,708	7,240	7,531	5,447	12,978
Depreciation	23,650	-	23,650	21,250	-	21,250
Total expense	89,398	61,200	150,598	94,896	56,969	151,865
Net (deficit) / surplus	832	15,379	16,211	4,488	(2,303)	2,185

Balance Sheet March 31, 2009

All figures are in \$'s

		As at March 31, 2009	As at March 31, 2008
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Bank and cash		12,001	59,849
Accounts receivable		9,253	598
Restricted assets			
Accounts receivable	12,000		
Bank and cash	21,482	6,053	
Term deposits	46,311	70,822	
Total restricted assets		<u>79,793</u>	<u>76,875</u>
Total current assets		<u>101,047</u>	<u>137,322</u>
Fixed assets			
Machinery			
Cost	125,185	101,200	
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(37,400)</u>	<u>(25,000)</u>	
Net book value	87,785	76,200	
Land and buildings			
Cost	673,809	610,421	
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(22,500)</u>	<u>(11,250)</u>	
Net book value	651,309	599,171	
Capital grants			
Cost	(27,000)	(27,000)	
Accumulated depreciation	<u>1,200</u>	<u>-</u>	
Net book value	(25,800)	(27,000)	
Total fixed assets			
Cost		771,994	684,621
Accumulated depreciation		<u>(58,700)</u>	<u>(36,250)</u>
Net book value		713,294	648,371
Total Assets		814,341	785,693
LIABILITIES AND RESERVES			
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable and accruals	105	2,296	
Deferred income	<u>14,629</u>	<u>-</u>	
Total current liabilities		14,734	2,296
Members' reserves		799,607	783,397
Total liabilities and reserves		814,341	785,693

Membership

Membership;

2007-2008	637 members
2008-2009	675 members

Ticket booth and self-serve ticketing:

2007-2008	\$5057.61	67-half days	per day average	\$150.97
2008-2009	\$4455.56	67-half days	per day average	\$133.00

Store sales:

2007-2008 \$3719.00

2008-2009 \$3250.00 *approximately*

Jill Krause

Backcountry

A maintenance trip to Starr Creek Cabin was undertaken in October by Brian Hall, Kym Putnam and Ryan Buchanon (Canadian Helicopters) to put in firewood and clean. Two seasons of firewood were cut and stored, the cabin was fully cleaned and garbage was removed. Future work includes replacing the front steps and building an external firewood storage area. Starr Creek cabin experienced low overnight use this season with only 18 person nights. The level of day use from snowmobilers is uncertain as we have no means to track this.

Harold Price Cabin benefited from a fall work-bee thanks to Len Vanderstar and Pat Becker. Firewood was moved in to the shed and maintenance was done to the wood stove and chimney. The cabin is in good shape but will require more attention in the future.

Both backcountry cabins require formal establishment as recreation sites to comply with crown land use policy. The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts is aware of this and working on the file.

Overall the use of the cabins has declined significantly over the past years. The Board of Directors recommends a review of the backcountry cabins and the backcountry program in the coming year.

Lodge and Area

Much work was accomplished this past year on the following items:

Gary Murdoch Memorial Wax Hut

This was a huge accomplishment late last season - thanks to those that volunteered. Completion will be a big task.

Track-setting

Track-setting went well this year, despite some mechanical breakdowns.

Special thanks to Brant Dahlie, Brian Fuhr and Jim Gordon - without their efforts we would have been without the Piston Bully for extended periods.

Tractor and Mower attachment

A tractor and mower were purchased last year, resulting in much improved pre-season condition of trails. There are still lots of areas that can not be accessed by tractor because of wet areas, especially on Pooch Paradise and Pine Creek. These areas and the sides of the trails that can not be reached by tractor mower will continue to need hand work each year.

Construction of a shelter for the tractor was partially completed - still in need of siding.

Excavator work

A lot of excavator work was done behind the lodge and in the play area to the north, including piling of the remaining debris and construction of the terrain park.

Lodge Addition

The addition for the bathrooms was partially completed last fall. Lots of work still to come on this addition and will occur as budgets allow.

Timing Hut

Timing hut was improved last fall, and has proved its' worth for the hardworking timing crew.

Water Well

A water well was dug behind the lodge last fall, and we are hoping that this well will provide adequate water in the future. We are currently testing for water quality, and may have to put appropriate treatment facilities in place. Time will tell!

Fred Oliemans

Lodge and Area Representative

Community Forest

Much work was accomplished this past year on the following items:

Ski Area Establishment and Management Agreement:

Significant progress has been made towards legalizing our facilities through obtaining a License of Occupation and negotiating authorization and a Ski Area Management Agreement with Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts (MoTCA) and with the Integrated Land Management Bureau. These arrangements cover our trails, parking lots, access road, staging area, biathlon range, and infrastructure, including the lodge and all other buildings, and ensure that all of our facilities are properly registered with the appropriate agencies.

10 Year Operating Plan:

Part of the Ski Area Management Agreement with MoTCA is the submission of an annual operating plan for the ski facilities. This operating plan is now in place and covers issues such as safety, trail standards, facility maintenance and proposed projects. This plan will be updated on an annual basis.

Memorandum of Understanding with Wetzin'kwa Forest Corporation:

The Ski Club has entered into a detailed MoU with Wetzin'kwa Forest Corporation (WFC), which is the holder of the Community Forest License and holds the rights to harvest all timber in the Community Forest. Central to the MoU is an agreement between the parties for open and timely communication and for support of each others' activities. The MoU applies to both the Pine Creek and Chris Dahlie trail systems, and outlines a recreational emphasis zone and a timber emphasis zone.

The recreational emphasis zone is formed by buffering all ski trails, proposed ski trails and facilities for 100 m on each side. Any harvesting that takes place within this zone will maintain or enhance recreational opportunities, and will be consistent with all of the ski club interests as defined in the MoU. The timber emphasis zone is adjacent to the recreational emphasis zone and harvesting operations within this zone will take place according to the guidelines as defined in the MoU.

The MoU outlines the interests of both parties, and a set of general operating guidelines that cover issues such as mutual support, collaboration, communication, timing of skiing/harvesting, safety, access, and operational issues.

Fred Oliemans

Community Forest Representative

Racing/Athlete Development Team:

The Athlete Development Program in 2008/09 was comprised of 45 athletes including ~18 extended rabbits (ages 6 to 14), 20 athletes in track attack (ages 10 to 13), 5 multi-sport athletes (14 to 16 years of age), and 5 ski focus athletes. Supporting the athletes were 11 volunteer coaches, and one full time paid coach. There was also the rabbit program and biathlon programs (each covered under a separate report), the school program, and a masters program, each with their own cadre of volunteer coaches. These groups made it a pretty busy place on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the winter and added to the Saturday melee with the Rabbits.

Coaches for the athlete development program included Lisa Perry (our full time paid head coach), Larry McCulloch, Liz Holdyk, Dave Pellow, and Adam Doogan-Smith with the ski focus and multi-sport groups, Ann-Marie Finlay, Alex Woods, Jane Woods, and Brent Weme with the track attack athletes, and Amy Bucher, Steve Hugg, and Irene Ronalds with the extended rabbits. Christine Birnie was our coach coordinator and we also had a coach review committee for the paid coach position that involved Christine, Steve Howard, Jill O'Neill, and Larry McCulloch. All of these coaches and volunteers have been part of the program for several years now and are a good source of information for anyone wishing to know more about the program.

Funding for the program came from a variety of sources. In addition to about \$9,700 generated from program fees and local fundraising efforts, we were very lucky to attract significant additional funding through grants including \$40,000 donated by Bob Disbrow of Haywood Securities for a paid coach, a gaming grant of \$15,800 from the BC Lotto Corporation, and a \$10,000 grant from Sport BC to provide regional coaching services. Now is the time of year we are starting to pursue these same grants and, although we will be applying for similar levels for the coming year, in the current economic climate, future funding levels are uncertain. Many thanks, therefore, to Jill and Haley Krause, Loretta Malkow, Teresa White, and Karen McKeown for raising almost \$1,000 during desert night. This kind of core funding support is critical in uncertain economic times.

With respect to program activities, the key elements of the ADP are described on the BV Nordic website. The level of activity in the various groups varied from a couple of dozen lessons during the December to March season for the extended rabbits, to year round training and racing for some of the older athletes. We generally follow the long term athlete development model sanctioned by Cross Country Canada. The kinds of activities the ski focus group are involved in, for example, include:

- individualized yearly training plans
- off-season strength training and roller skiing
- summer running or biking trips in the mountains
- circuit training
- sports psychology
- lactate testing
- critical speed tests
- four or five dryland and on-snow training camps
- video analysis and technical training
- lessons with coaches 5 times a week in the winter, and
- a lot of racing.

Our event calendar was pretty full this past year starting in the first week in November when the ski focus athletes went down to Vernon for the first of the North American Cup series. There were also local events like our BV Open, the Chris Dahlie Open, the Burns Lake Open, the Snow Valley Open, the marathon, and the 12 hour relay; and there were many away races and events including BC Cup 1 (Prince George), 2 (100 Mile), and 3 (Kelowna), the Westerns in Canmore, and the Nationals in Ontario. One of the most fun-filled events of the year was when an impressive contingent of Bulkley Valley track attack athletes showed up for the midget championships at the Olympic venue in the Callaghan Valley. We also hosted two regional camps and the provincial glacier camp in which we provided accommodation and all the meals for four days for cross country ski athletes from around the province.

There was some great progress in personal skills and fitness at all levels with several of our track attack athletes having podium finishes at the midget championships where they also won the team spirit award. At the juvenile and junior level, Cara McCulloch was invited to be on the BC Team and Nick Thompson and Sarah Holdyk were invited to be on the Development Squad for BC. Nick, Cara, and Kaileen McCulloch went on to represent BC at the Nationals in Duntroon. Also worth noting is our Para-Nordic athlete, Jody Barber, who trained hard all year with the National Para-Nordic team and competed in World Cup races in Finland and Sweden as well as here at home at Mt. Washington and Whistler Olympic Park. Jody came away with two bronze and one silver medal at World Cup events.

Overall the season was hectic and fun and we all learned a lot. It was great to have a full time paid coach and we owe many thanks to Lisa Perry who ran a tight ship and kept us all motivated. This was the inaugural season for our new athlete development model and I think we can report that it was extremely successful. We have provided long term athletic development strategies and tailored our training (physical, mental, and emotional) to development stage and an athlete's capacity and interest. It is hoped that by offering both core and specialized programs we will continue to meet the needs of everyone involved. This is no minor undertaking, however, and the continued dedication and commitment of parents and volunteers is fundamental to making this program a success in the future.

On behalf of the athlete development team, I would like to thank all the volunteers and parents for their support and effort in making our season a successful one.

Larry McCulloch
Athlete Development Team Board of Directors Rep

School Ski Program

This is the 5th year for this program. Four schools participated. We offered lessons to Grade 4-7 students. Five classes booked lessons. Eight classes used the trails without lessons, including teacher-led ski and snowshoe groups, and the High School Outdoor Ed class.

Trail fees were \$2/visit. Lessons were \$3/visit. This year 2 students used the Affordable Recreation Fund provided by McBike's 2008 12-hour relay. When teachers become more aware of this fund, more students will benefit.

Our coaching team this year was superb. We had Lisa Perry, Debbie Courtliff, Adam Doogan-Smith, Monica Howard and Chris Howard. Lessons are given with two coaches per class. The teachers had great things to say about the coaches' instruction. About the program itself, some teachers' comments were, "*We appreciated every day up there,*" and "*I hope the club offers the same lessons next year.*" We had 640 student visits this year. The lodge itself, and the great variety of trails near the lodge, is excellent for this program. The schools were able to provide their own equipment. The small collection at the lodge comes in handy for last-minute needs. More small poles would be welcome in this bin. The adult to student ratio of 1:10 worked well regarding supervision of the lodge area, inside and out. One day a teacher even recruited her husband and son to ensure this ratio was met.

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 track-setter, the lodge manager and the school program. Karen Mitchell and the CCBC staff developed a school program insurance waiver in Sept 2008. One waiver per school per season is required.

REVENUE		\$1967
EXPENSES		
coaches	\$800	
trail fees	<u>\$1244</u>	
total expenses	\$2044	<u>\$2044</u>
DIFFERENCE		-\$77

Karen Mitchell

Rabbit Program

This year, 89 athletes aged 3-14 participated in the Saturday Rabbit program. Ten certified coaches, their assistants and parent helpers led the nine rabbit groups through the 10 sessions scheduled from January to March. Season highlights included the well-attended and mild night ski, the obstacle course set up for all of the groups by Amy Bucher, and the year end Fun Day coordinated by Adrian DeGroot. Volunteer commitment was once again tremendous, and we would like to thank Marlene Thimmer (Volunteer Coordinator), Tisha (Hot Chocolate Coordinator) and Greg Tamblin (Photography) for their contributions to the Rabbit program. Many parents have said they are interested in taking training to become coaches next year, so we hope to be able to offer smaller, more closely skill matched groups for 2009/10.

The Extended Rabbits program began dryland training in early November with 16 skiers ranging in age from 6 to 9. The group was on snow twice a week by late November, and wrapped up in late March. Amy Bucher, the group coach, found it challenging to coach on her own because of the large range of abilities in the group, but with regular help from parents she was able to provide a good experience for all athletes. Skiers worked on both classic and skating technique, sailed over jumps, participated in local races, and headed into the backcountry in the end of the season. Friendship and team spirit were high.

The Extended Rabbit program was introduced this year to follow CCC's new Athlete Development model. It replaced the former "Racing Rabbits", allowing young skiers of a greater age range to ski twice a week, starting as early as possible in the season. The Extended Rabbit program was also a deliberate shift in philosophy. While the goal of Racing Rabbits was to provide additional training to those athletes interested in competing from a young age, the goal of Extended Rabbits was to give all young skiers opportunities to participate in a range of skiing experiences and develop their abilities in a noncompetitive environment. While skiers were introduced to racing, the primary focus of the program was recreational instead of competitive.

After the last Rabbit session, coaches and coordinators met to assess the Regular and Extended Rabbit programs, and make recommendations for the Regular and Extended Rabbit Programs for next year. Recommendations included:

- Registration: Limit to children four and above, and close prior to the first session.
- Ski Equipment: Clearly provide information about appropriate ski equipment before and on the first day of the Rabbit program.
- Skill development: Form groups based on skills rather than age; communicate to parents that groups are formed in the same way as at swimming lessons; create standard forms to track skill development, and give these forms to coordinators at the end of season to ensure groups members are at similar skill levels.
- Extended Rabbits: Because these athletes were skiing twice a week, they developed at different rates than Saturday Only Rabbits. Saturday Rabbit coaches could not easily follow up on skills introduced by separate Thursday Extended Coach. Have Extended Rabbits stay as separate groups on Saturday, but practice at the same time as Regular Rabbits. Continue to communicate to parents that Extended Rabbits is a recreational program open to all.
- Mentoring: Work with Multisport and Ski Focus to improve teen athlete mentoring of Rabbits for both the teens and the Rabbits.
- Communication: continue with email.

Leslie Jean McMillan/James Cuell

Biathlon

Biathlon saw another great year in 2008/09. We had some older athletes leave for school but had an influx of ones 9 to 12. Our numbers were ten young biathletes and up to seven masters coming out on a regular bases. We continued to work on being more connected to the main club and racer program.

Successes this year

- large number of new young athletes
 - this will really help build a strong base for future years
- almost all the athletes doing both Biathlon and track attack
 - really developed both their skiing and shooting skills
 - this will hopefully keep them engaged in the sport through their teenage years
- Stronger master program
 - were able to provide a masters program through out the year, everyone had lots of fun
- Acquired more biathlon rifles
 - allowed us to have more participants
- Parent support was very strong this season
 - we are starting to bring on future coaches
 - this makes the job of coaching easier and safer
- Had the biggest season wind-up ever!
 - twenty one participants, made it work by sharing rifles

Challenges

- Rifles
 - Still the largest limiting factor for biathlon
 - looking at purchasing more rifles in the future
- Number of targets is not adequate now
 - applied for money to purchase two
- Would like to see more participation in biathlon races.
 - working on developing a regional race circuit

Future plans

- Provide coaching training
- Purchase two targets
- Level firing line and fix up targets
- Acquire more rifles

Most importantly we will continue next year to have fun!

Jill O'Neill

Race Events

This year, our club hosted three race events.

On **January 11, 2009, the Chris Dahlie Open** was held as a classic technique, mass start race. It was originally scheduled as a free technique race but we switched to classic after there were troubles with the track setter. We had a total of 69 skiers registered for the race: 49 from our club, 16 from Burns Lake's Omineca Ski Club and 4 from Kitimat's Snow Valley.

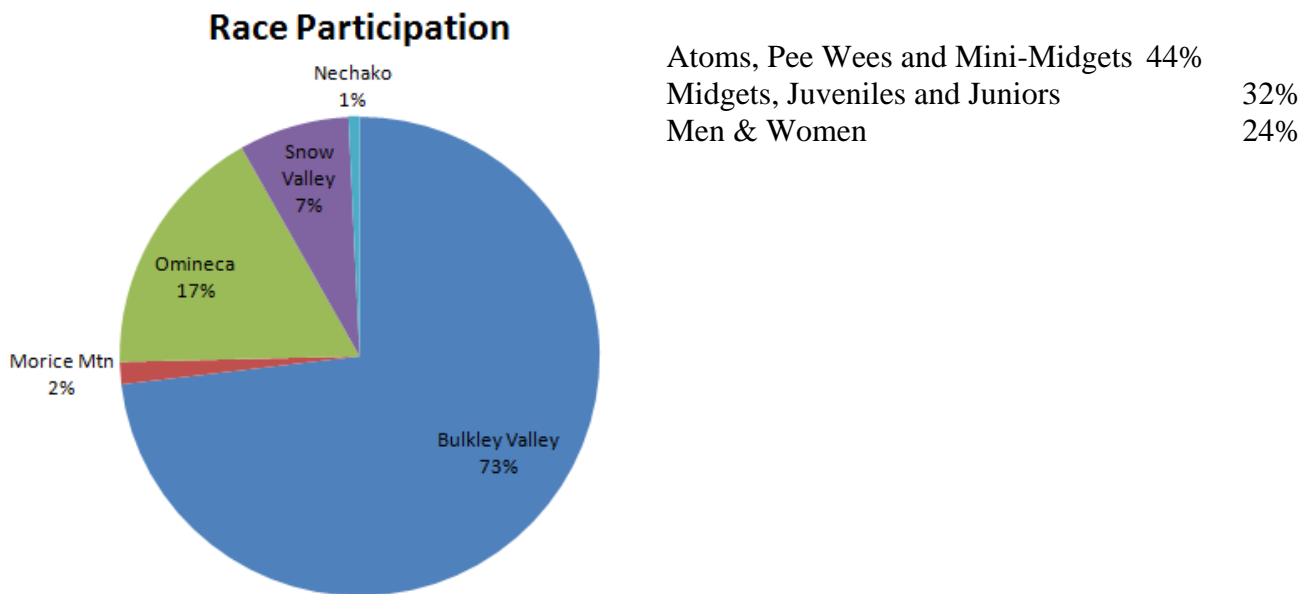
On **February 15, 2009, the Bulkley Valley Open** was a free technique, interval start race. (Changed from classic because of the switch in the Chris Dahlie Open's technique. 65 skiers registered with 49 from our club, 7 from Omineca, 6 from Snow Valley, 2 from Morice Mountain and 1 from Nechako.

On **March 28, 2009, the Bulkley Valley Marathon** attracted 117 skiers to ski classic technique on the long marathon (51 km), main marathon (34 km), recreational half marathon (17 km), recreational short marathon (7.5 km), recreational mini marathon (3.5 km) or recreational micro marathon (1 km).

We used to rent timing equipment from Cross Country BC but last spring, the club purchased a wireless Summit timer and a start gate. The Omineca Club purchased 2 Summit timers and are considering purchase of a finish beam. Omineca and Bulkley Valley agreed to share our timing equipment so this year we were able to produce better results faster. Ideally, our club should have one more Summit (\$900) but we can get by on the 3 currently available (or just 1 for Marathon.)

The races need to bring in enough money from race fees to cover the direct costs of registration, medals, lunch, etc. plus the occasional expense of equipment and officials training. Next year, officials training will be a high priority. Unfortunately, our races have been close to break-even this year so we need to consider higher race fees. Fees have not been set yet but may range from \$10 for younger racer to \$20 for masters.

Combined data from the Chris Dahlie Open and Bulkley Valley Open races in 2009:



APPENDIX 2

FORECAST (PROPOSED BUDGET) FY09/10

	Forecast - year to March 31, 2010	\$
Income		
Season's passes and memberships	51,000	
Day passes	10,000	
Direct Access Grant	38,000	
CCBC coaching grant	10,000	
Haywood grant	36,458	
GM coach training grant	2,000	
BC Lottery Capital grant amortization	1,200	
Fees	15,400	
Fundraising activities	11,850	
Financing activities	1,600	
Other income	2,900	
Total income	180,408	
Expense		
Operations	44,050	
Administration and communications	11,280	
CCBC / Biathlon BC membership	7,700	
Equipment	3,400	
Travel	6,750	
Training	6,100	
Events	4,200	
Wages and contractor's fees	73,300	
Program support	2,000	
Other expenses	5,890	
Depreciation	23,650	
Total expense	188,320	
Net (deficit) / surplus	(7,912)	

APPENDIX 3

BULKLEY VALLEY CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB RESOLUTION TO CHANGE FEE STRUCTURE

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, a greater number of early registrants assists in forecasting the season's income for the Bulkley Valley Cross Country Ski Club (the Club); and

WHEREAS, the club must register its membership with Cross Country BC (CCBC), by December 15th of each year; and

WHEREAS, volunteers administering the registration incur a greater workload resulting from registrations that occur after December 10th; **now therefore be it**

RESOLVED, that the **season pass** fee structure be changed to provide for a fee increase for late registration, effective the 2009/2010 ski season, to:

Fees Prior to/including 10-Dec		Fees after 10-Dec	
Adult	\$95	Adult	\$110
Youth (9-18)	\$40	Youth (9-18)	\$45
Children 8 and under	Free	Children 8 and under	Free
Family Maximum	\$230	Family Maximum	\$260

And that the **membership fee** structure be changed to provide for a fee increase for late registration, effective the 2009/2010 ski season, to:

Fees Prior to/including 10-Dec		Fees after 10-Dec	
Single	\$25	Single	\$30
Family Max	\$50	Family Max	\$60

Note: Season pass/membership fees include 5% GST.

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