

BVCCSC

Annual General Meeting

April 22, 2008 7:00 -10:30 PM
Buchfink Lodge
7:00 – 10:30 p.m.

Attending:

Executive Board Members: Geoff Recknell, Jill Krause, Larry McCulloch, Fred Oliemans, Darlene Doogan-Smith, James Cuell, Brandin Schultz, Francois Depey.

Non-Board Members: Steve Osborn, Dave Bustard, Kathy Spiro, Donna Jones, Kathleen Yates, Anne Harfenist, Einar Blix, Barri Blix, Donelle Murdoch, Will Hart, Irene Ronalds, Peter Krause, Sandra Nash, Steve Howard, Frank Guillon, Dave Pellow, Brian Fuhr, Tenley Dahlie, Brant Dahlie, Adrian Johnson, Kelly Wozniak, Emily Henry, Blair Ells, Joelle Botel, Liz Holdyk, Mary Knight, Kirsteen Laing, Al Gamble

Part 1: Presentations/ Discussion

- A. Murdoch Memorial Wax Hut – Brant Dahlie/Dave Bustard
 - Location is the same as present wax hut
 - 32’x24’ timber frame design by Nathan Murdoch
 - Win Hobson (structural engineer) will oversee technical requirements
 - 4’ concrete ring wall foundation with start date in late June
 - 10’ foot ceilings, lots of windows, downdraft ventilation, timed baseboard heaters
 - rough cost to lockup \$25 000
 - old wax hut will be burned

- B. Trail Master Plan – Fred Oliemans
 - Wetzinkwa Forest Corporation is the Community Forest Licensee that has forest tenure for our area.
 - BVCCSC is currently between tenures (seeking replacements)
 - BVCCSC has requested WFO to not harvest around our trail systems until a trail plan is in place and the club interests are properly reflected in their Forest Stewardship Plan
 - The trail plan will be used to guide harvesting activities in a way that will benefit the club as much as possible (eg logging access roads can then be used as ski trails)
 - Trail plans include:
 - i) Expanding the dog trail while maintaining it as a separate system
 - ii) Develop a big loop off the 7.5 km on Chis Dahlie Trails
 - iii) Develop a loop coming off the 10km on the Pine Creek Trails
 - WFO has agreed to work with the club on this proposal

- C. Summer Projects – Brandin Schultz
 - \$27,000 grant was obtained for Lodge Improvements but must be matched by BVCCSC funds

- with these funds we plan to do the following:
 1. purchase a used tractor with a mower attachment
 2. dig a shallow well and expand the lagoon
 3. construct an addition to the lodge on the kitchen end
 - will be wheel chair accessible
 - covered deck will wrap around to addition
 - work bees will be May 25, Sept 13 and Oct 04
 - concerns were raised regarding up keep of flush toilet bathrooms
- D. Awards – Geoff Recknell
- Thanks to Jill and Peter Krause for donations benefiting cross-country skiing from the 12 hour relay
 - 06/07 to Affordable Recreation
 - 07/08 to Murdoch Memorial Wax Hut
 - Thanks to board members who are stepping down:
 - Brandin Schultz – Lodge and Area
 - Troy Larden – Rabbits
 - Francois Depey – Backcountry
 - Darlene Doogan-Smith – Race Committee
 - James Cuell – Treasurer
 - Chris Dahlie Cup was awarded to Kathleen Yates and Brian Fuhr for their many years of contributions and dedicated service.
- E. Ticket Booth – discussion raised by Einar Blix
- Booth will be rebuilt with volunteer labour, possibly from the construction class at NW Community College
 - It will in the same location with precautionary measures taken
 - Moved to before Spring Break
 - Alarm System/ Security light

Part 2: Business Meeting

1. Adoption of agenda: Motion to adopt agenda as written Larry McCulloch / Jill Krause - Carried
2. Minutes from AGM April 22, 2007
Motion to accept minutes as written Larry McCulloch/Troy Frank Gullion - Carried
3. Reports
 - a. Chair-Geoff Recknell (attached)
 - b. Athlete Development – Larry McCulloch (attached)
 - c. Biathlon – Frank Gullion (attached)
 - d. Rabbits – Irene Ronalds (attached)
 - e. Community Forest – Geoff Recknell for Fred Oliemans (attached)
 - f. Race Committee – Darlene Doogan-Smith (attached)
 - i. Jan 04/09 Chris Dahlie Cup
 - ii. Feb 15/09 BV Open

- iii. Mar 07/09 12 hr Relay
- iv. Mar 28/09 Marathon
- g. Lodge and Area – Brandin Schultz (attached)
- h. Membership – Jill Krause (attached)
- i. Masters – Emily Henry (attached)
- j. Backcountry – Francois Depey (attached)
- k. Marathon – Brian Fuhr
- l. Participation up to 150 this year. Low-key family oriented event. No draw prizes. Next year will be held later. Grendel Group catering was a success.
- m. School Program – Karen Mitchell (attached post meeting)

Motion to accept the reports as presented – James Cuell/ Steve Osborn - Carried

4. Financial Report 2007/08 – James Cuell (under separate cover)

Motion to accept the financial report as presented – Kirsteen Laing / Donna Jones - Carried

5. Proposed Budget for 2008/09 – James Cuell (under separate cover)

6. Resolution to amend day pass rates – Geoff Recknell (see attached)

No discussion

Resolution – James Cuell/Larry McCulloch – Carried

7. Resolution to amend purpose statement – Geoff Recknell (see attached)

Anne Harfnesit moved that the proposed Purpose Statement be amended to add a statement “encouraging recreational cross-country skiing – Carried

Motion: to accept the amended Purpose Statement, including the proposed addition – Anne Harfenist/Steve Howard - Carried

8. Open Floor

Larry McCulloch – Thanks to everyone and encourages others to participate more with the operating of the club.

5. Elections for 2008/09.

Run by: Steve Howard – chair of Nominating Committee

The following are nominated for the executive:

- Geoff Recknell
- James Cuell
- Adrian Johnson
- Jill Krause
- Larry McCulloch
- Jill O’Neil
- Fred Oliemans
- Steve Osborn
- Blair Ells

No additional nominations, therefore list of members declared as standing.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30

Attachment 1 - Resolutions:

1. Day Pass Rates

- A. In that** day pass rates have remained unchanged since 2001 and the Nordic Centre operating costs have increased in that period, in particular for fuel, electricity, insurance and capital depreciation period a modest rate change is recommended.
- B. Be it resolved that:** the following fee schedule is put into effect for the 2008/09 season.

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| Adult | \$10 |
| Youth (9-18) | \$5 |
| Kids 8 and under | Free |
| Family ¹ Max. | \$20 |

C. Discussion:

The majority of day passes sold are at the adult rate. The proposed fee increase brings the adult day pass rates inline with other comparable Nordic facilities in the province. A review of rates for Caledonia Nordics, Telemark, Overlander, Sovereign Lakes, Blackjack and Nelson Nordics found that our adult day pass rates were 25%-60% lower. It is also believed that an increase in the adult day pass rate will encourage regular users to become members and participate more fully in club activities. A modest \$2/day rate increase for adults is proposed. A \$1 decrease in the youth rates is proposed. Partially to keep rates low for this age group in hope that it will not act as a barrier to participation and partially for the practical reason of simplicity of 'making change'. The family day rate is unchanged for similar reasons.

2. Club purpose statement

- A. In that** the sport of cross-country skiing, and the context for which the club promotes cross-country skiing in the Bulkley Valley, has evolved since the purpose statement was established in 1984 an updated purpose statement is required.
- B. Be it resolved that** existing purpose statement, that reads as follows:

The purposes of the society are:

- to promote skiing in the Bulkley Valley Region
- to encourage the formation and maintenance of cross country ski trails in the area
- to encourage people to have responsible attitude towards the use of private lands during ski touring
- to encourage safe ski touring practices in the Bulkley Valley
- to encourage and promote cross country ski racing in the Bulkley Valley

be amended to read as follows:

¹ A family is defined as immediate family and students up to the age of 24.

The purposes of the society are to promote community participation in the healthy outdoors lifestyle of cross-country skiing in the Bulkley Valley that includes:

- developing and maintaining the Nordic and biathlon facility (Pine Creek and Chris Dahlie Trails);
- offering and promoting cross-country skiing skill development programs for children, youths and adults;
- offering and promoting athlete development programs for cross-country ski racing and biathlon;
- organizing and hosting cross-country ski and biathlon race events; and,
- supporting the safe use of, and access to, the backcountry for cross-country skiing.

C. Discussion: The Bulkley Valley Cross Country Ski Club operates under the Societies Act. The club was incorporated under the Act in 1984. The club purpose statement is part of the club's Constitution that was established at that time. The Constitution forms the foundation for all club activities and sets out how the club operates (governance).

The club executive is in the process of developing a strategic plan that will guide the activities of the club including facility operations (trail and area), capital expenditures and club programs. As part of development of the strategic plan the existing club purpose statement was examined and found to be out-dated. Through the planning process it was recommended that a new purpose statement be drafted that reflects the current context of the club, and the sport, in our community.

Attachment 2 - Reports:

Chair, Board of Directors:

The 2007/08-year has been a busy one for the board of directors. The board met nine times as an executive committee over this period. In addition to the operations of the Nordic Centre and running of the club programs the priority has been to establish a number of club policies and to complete the strategic plan.

The development of club policies included reviewing the work of previous boards, affirming and making available those policies, as well drafting new policies to cover gaps. The focus areas for development of new policies were to address risk areas, promote sound and consistent decision-making and to clarify expectations. The following policies were put into effect this year and are available on the club web site:

- Roller skiing
- Cold Weather
- Athlete/Parent Code of Conduct (for athlete development/biathlon programs)
- Coaches Code of Conduct
- Risk Management / Criminal Records Checks
- Privacy
- Athlete Travel Funding
- Lodge Rental
- Conflict of Interest

The draft strategic plan has been reviewed and endorsed by the board and will be posted to the club website for member comment in June.

The board has also been working actively with the province to confirm a longer-term and more secure tenure for the intensively used portion of the Nordic Center, which includes the major club assets. It is anticipated that the new Lands tenure will be in place before the next ski season.

Geoff Recknell
Chair

Membership/Ticketing

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| Membership: | 2006/07 | 631 | \$12205.00 | |
| | 2007/08 | 646 | \$11447.50 | -6.2% |
| Season Pass Revenue: | 2006/07 | | \$41952.39 | |
| | 2007/08 | | \$40002.12 | -4.70% |
| Ticket Booth Revenue: | 2006/07 | | \$5828.82 | |
| | 2007/08 | | \$5127.35 | -12.0% |
| Store Sales: | 2006/07 | | \$5135.00 | |
| | 2007/08 | | \$3719.00 | -27.60% |

- overall net income decrease of 7.4%
- memberships are up over last year but not the revenue which could be due to children under 8 in rabbits and also to family season passes.
- ticket booth sales were even with last year until late February when they began to decline.

Jill Krause

Lodge and Area

Starting last spring, many area and lodge projects – big and small - were completed for the Nordic centre in the past 12 months.

With the destruction of the old the ticket shed last March, a major project involved re-construction of that facility. The good news is that with financial help from a Ministry of Sports, Tourism and the Arts recreation grant, supplemented by club funds and dedicated volunteer labour, a new ticket booth, complete with informational signs, a self-registration vault and a trouble-free heating system was built over the summer and operational by early winter. The bad news is that the ticket shed was once again destroyed by vandals over spring break in 2008. The Club is now in the position of re-assessing the procedures for onsite ticket collection and although all options may have to be explored for replacement, many are leaning towards having to re-establish the collection booth at the same location but with greater security measures in place.

Related to security, telephone land lines to the lodge and caretakers cabin were completed and telephones installed and operational this winter. Thank-you to the volunteers whom made this project a reality. The lodge phone is available for outgoing, local calls only.

General workbees were held in May, September and October where ongoing lodge maintenance was completed such as painting and clean-up. Excess wood debris from the sprint trail work was burned and merchantable logs removed. The wood shed interior was lined

with plywood left over from the Western Canadian Championships. In the fall, a large turn-out for the September work party resulted in the splitting and storage of enough firewood for two seasons. Various interior woodwork projects such as handrails for the stairs were undertaken in the lodge, the timing hut received more attention, and trails were grass seeded and brushed where needed most.

The lodge ski lockers continue to be a popular feature. All lockers were spoken for early in the season. Locker rental provides over \$1000 of revenue annually. Three more family-size lockers were built this winter and it looks like there is enough room to add more in the future.

A new energy efficient fridge and stove was purchased for the caretaker's cabin to replace older model well-used appliances. The worst areas along the access road and near the caretaker's cabin were gravelled to cover over the largest potholes and the caretakers' woodshed was relocated to a more desirable location.

Modifications were required to the machine shed in order to fully house the larger piston bully. The front doors were renovated and expanded outwards. A good winter for snow was matched by consistently good tracksetting with only a few breakdowns this season for an otherwise reliable piston bully.

A new viewpoint in memory of Gary Murdoch on the Chris Dahlie trails has been established, where trees have been felled and scenic views can be enjoyed by all.

A lodge use policy was developed and recently approved by club executive. The purpose of these guidelines are to provide direction for when use of the facility by large groups of 20 people or more is appropriate and what conditions should be applied.

A proposal for lodge and area improvements was developed and submitted to the BC Gaming Capital Grant Program. The proposal was successful. \$27,000 in funding was recently received to pay half the costs of purchasing a new 4x4 tractor to be outfitted with a mower attachment for maintaining trails, and to provide funds for developing an on-site water system and flush toilet bathroom facility.

Brandin Schultz

Community Forest Report:

Wetsin'kwa Forest Corporation

The year 2007 – 2008 was the first year that the Community Forest was expanded under the new community forest agreement, and operated by Wetsin'kwa Forest Corporation (WFC). WFC is managed by Silvicon Services, and much of our club's liaison activities in the community forest this year focussed on establishing a good working relationship with WFC's General Manager, Bill Golding. This was the first year that WFC submitted a Forest Stewardship Plan, and our club put significant effort into both commenting on that plan and ensuring that WFC was very aware of the multiple interests that our club holds in the Community Forest. WFC had planned to initiate some harvesting this spring, but for a number of reasons (mostly economics) that harvesting did not proceed. We will be working with WFC in the future to ensure that their harvest plans are compatible and hopefully improve our skiing opportunities and experience.

Mountain Pine Beetle

Last summer the beetle arrived in substantial numbers in the pine creek area. In the spring, there were fall and burn contractors working at several locations, both along the pine Creek trails and to the east of the Chris Dahlie trails. We are expecting more areas to be hit by beetle this summer, and to a large degree, the extent of the coming outbreak will dictate where WFC will harvest next year. We are in the process of putting together a Trail Master Plan, which identifies major access routes into beetle prone areas that would also serve as good ski routes and trails.

Ski and Ride Smithers

Ski and Ride Smithers is in the process of expanding their tenure area as part of their expansion plans. Our club has had initial meetings with Ski and Ride to open lines of communication and to establish a good working relationship. Initial discussions have focussed on our interests, how the two ski areas can work together for mutual benefit, and what types of items need to remain separate.

Nordic Area and Facility Tenure

It is one of our top priorities to complete the tenuring process so that our lodge, facilities and trails are covered by the appropriate tenures with Crown Agencies. This work has been ongoing, and should be completed by this summer.

Fred Oliemans
Community Forest Rep

Race Committee:

This season the race committee hosted a total of three races:

On January 13th the Chris Dahlie Open was an Interval start race, classical technique.

On February 2nd we host a classic Sprint race and on the BV Open, a Mass Start, free technique race was held on the 3rd.

We are in the process of purchasing a wireless Summit Timing system. All times are stored in the summit until reset or switched off. Times can be downloaded at any time to Zone 4.

Our club had seven official who worked at the Nationals in Callaghan Valley and who will also be working at the 2010 Olympics.

Darlene Doogan-Smith

Racing/Athlete Development Team:

The Athlete Development Program (formerly known as the Race Team) in 2007/08 was comprised of 45 athletes including 9 racing rabbits, 13 mini-midgets, 8 midgets, 11 juveniles, and 5 juniors. Supporting the athletes were 10 volunteer coaches, and two part time paid coaches. Additionally there was the rabbit program with 16 rabbit coaches and 86 rabbits this year, a biathlon program with four coaches and 15 athletes, a school program with four coaches, and a masters program with (at least) three volunteer coaches. These groups managed to keep the track setters hopping.

Coaches for the athlete development program included Liz Holdyk (who was also our coach manager), Sandy MacLean (our technical coach), Lisa Perry (head coach), Larry McCulloch, Dave Pellow, Karen McKeown, Brent Weme, Alex Woods, Jane Woods, Linda Kuslieka, Ann-Marie Finlay, and Irene Ronalds. These are the people you want to talk to if you would like to know more about the program. Funding for the program came from a variety of sources including racer fees, fund raising, a gaming grant from the Loto Corporation, and a \$10,000 grant from Pacific Sport.

Time requirements for the athletes and their coaches varied tremendously ranging from nearly all year long for the juveniles and juniors to once a week from December to March for some of the racing rabbits. Coaches are always challenged trying to juggle the schedule of keeners involved in half a dozen sports. The program is quite sophisticated for some of the more serious older athletes involving strength training, dryland training, sport psychology, technical training on snow, aerobic conditioning, lactate testing, critical speed tests, and many races. We have a lot of fun with a few summer time adventures and many winter trips. For example, this year some of the kids went to Glacier camp, the Vernon high performance camp, a local fall dryland camp, and a local snow camp, and that was all before the ski season really started

for the rest of us. Races included: our local events like the BV Open, the Chris Dahlie Open, the Burns Lake Open, the marathon, and the 12 hour relay and away races and events including a trip to Norway, a trip to La Ronge Saskatchewan for the Westerns, a trip to the Olympic venue at Callaghan for the nationals, NorAm races in Canmore and Vernon, BC Cups 1, 2 and 3 in various areas of the province, and the BC Sprint championships. As a group we are not doing that well with our Carbon footprint!

A few highlights that bear mentioning include:

- Some great one on one technical analysis by Sandy MacLean at all age levels including written reports for the older kids that will serve coaches well next season.
- Three training sessions for coaches facilitated by Sandy.
- Early season (spring and summer) strength programs with Carla and Adam Doogan-Smith for the juveniles and juniors.
- A life changing trip to Norway for three of our athletes organized and implemented by Lisa Perry.
- A near perfect turn out from the racing rabbits at the snow camp in December and all the local races.
- Impressive technique improvement amongst the racing rabbits and a couple of fun ski trips to the Hug farm and Tyee mountain.
- Boundless enthusiasm and a very positive attitude amongst all the mini-midgets this season.
- Some great race performances by many of our athletes culminating, for the older kids, in an invitation to Cara McCulloch to be on the BC Team, and to Laura Norman, David Gibb, Tom Pellow, Sarah Holdyk, and Nick Thompson to join the BC Development Squad.
- A sport psych workshop for coaches, athletes and parents (each separately) with Kelly Kilrea who worked with Becky Scott's sports psychologist.
- A chance to work with one of the National teams top wax technicians, Graham MacLean, at the BV Open.
- A fantastic turn out for the nationals with all but two eligible athletes travelling all the way to Whistler.
- Outstanding fund raising performance by Teresa White, Karen McKeown, Loretta Malkow, Jill Krause, and Tinka Von Keyserlingk at desert night.

Overall the season was hectic and fun and we all learned a lot. The future holds some changes for us including a new athlete development model which will accommodate both a racing focus and an option to focus on other aspects of cross country skiing. The intent is to provide long term athletic development strategies and to tailor training (physical, mental, and emotional) to development stage and an athlete's capacity and interest. At the rabbit level we will be piloting a "one hop" core program and "two hop" extended program meant to replace the racing rabbit program. Racing rabbits, currently for ages eight and nine, would be replaced by the Extended Program (2 hop) which will be open to a wider range of ages (6 - 14). It is hoped that by offering both core and extended programs we will better meet the needs of children and parents that are less interested in racing as well as those that are hoping to move onto to the race team's athlete development program. Future groupings will

also accommodate differences in abilities to allow for placement based on skill level if appropriate.

With the older athletes (juveniles and juniors) we will offer two streams, a multi-sport stream for athletes who do not want to focus on a single sport, and a high performance stream for athletes who want to achieve their full potential as cross country skiers. Racing will continue to be an important aspect of both streams.

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

Rabbit /Athlete Development:

Number of Rabbit participants: 86 participants, including Racer Rabbits, about the same as last year (85).

We had 5 new and 10 returning Rabbit Leaders. The Intro to Community Coaching Course and the Community Coaching Course were attended by 4 of the new leaders. This is our biggest expense. The ICC course costs \$45/person and the CC course costs \$65/person and we have to pay for a minimum of 8 participants. Since we have to pay for 8 anyways, we should make sure that we fill those spots. Lisa P Suggested that some of the Racers could take this training AND even lead a group. The dates for these courses must be requested from CCBC in the spring of each year for the following season. We have always had 2 leaders per group of 10-11 kids, but we may consider dropping it to 1 leader with a smaller group size.

Most of the kids are now on to the new Athlete Development Program booklets and stickers, which replaces the old badge system. Just a few of the older Rabbits and Racer Rabbits have asked to complete the old badge system. With this new system comes the challenge to meet other expectations of the CCBC program which are outlined in the Program Review document circulated separately.

Two parents were exceptionally generous this year. One parent baked cookies for the whole gang for every session, including lovely cookie medals for Fun Day. Another parent donated Fair Trade hot chocolate.

Program started Jan. 12 and ended March 1 – a short season on account of the timing of Christmas holidays and spring break. This meant that we did not have much leeway if we had to cancel a session on account of weather, and still get the minimum of 9 sessions in. On the BV open weekend we moved the Rabbit Program down to Pine Creek so that we would not have to cancel that weekend. This created concern with some parent leaders around crossing the Hudson's Bay Mountain road, which was addressed by appointing Troy as "traffic control", complete with safety vest and whistle.

We actually had to cancel the first scheduled night ski on account of cold weather. The leaders urged us to reschedule, which is an indication of how popular it is.

We thought we had come up with a great new plan for Fun Day last year, with a family ski out to Goldeneye Lake. Fun for some, not for others is what we heard. Coming up with an alternative was a bit of a challenge, with no leaders stepping forward. Finally Amie C came up with a fun relay event that involved mixing the kids up with all ages, all teams, some crazy hats and crazy manoeuvres. We think it is a ringer which we can add to and change for the next few years. We do have to get much more proactive in finding extra volunteers for these things, however, as our central core of volunteers have been around for a while. We need to clarify volunteer request on Rabbit sign-up forms, and get email addresses from everyone.

Troy Larden

Biathlon Report:

Biathlon had another successful season. Our numbers stayed about the same with 11 youth and 3 adults coming out to participate. We had four coaches working with the shooters and received help with skiing from Lisa and Sandy. We lost some older biathletes but gained a new group of age 10 to 14. This makes for a very enthusiastic group that keeps the coaches very busy.

Our successes this year were

- An influx of young members which is a good sign for the survival of our biathlon club
- Four active coaches with Dave Wilford starting up the biathlon bears program.
- Biathlon received strong support from the ski racing coaches and they encouraged athletes to pursue both disciplines. Biathletes felt welcome to ski with the racing groups.
- Biathlon stayed active within the ski club provide help with non biathlon events
- Held zone qualifying race for the winter games
- We sent two athletes to the winter games for zone seven and Frank Guillon went as the zone coach. Five athletes in total competed for the zone; it was a great experience for everyone.
- Offered a 5 week master program for adults. Even though we can only take a small number it was a great way to introduce biathlon and make the membership more aware of what we offer.
- Added another rifle to our club inventory

Some frustrations we encountered

- getting to cup races so local biathletes get to competitions
- providing local competitions
- keeping athletes active right through the teen years

Goals for next season

- Keeping the number of biathletes up.
- Adding more masters to our group
- Running a couple of local races
- Continue to encourage new coaches
- Remain a dynamic part of the BVCCS club

Jill O'Neil

Backcountry:

Starr Creek Cabin:

Season 2006: 80 person nights

Season 2007: 45 person nights

Season 2008: 62 person nights

A maintenance/firewood visit has not been done since April 2005. The visit scheduled for April 2008 was canceled. We tried to find somebody (among the backcountry skier community) who would own a snowmobile in order to come the same week end with a sled. On the Houston side, the road was not even plowed to the Morice river bridge. It is around a 160 km return trip to the cabin on snowmobile. We didn't find anybody ready for it. A sled would be an asset to pack wood back to the cabin. According to pictures taken by one of the latest group of visitors, the firewood pile is getting low but should be enough to go through the end of the season.

Starr Creek cabin should be featured in the first edition of the second part of John Baldwin's book "Exploring the Coast Mountains on Skis (a guidebook to mountain ski touring in Northwestern British Columbia) – to be released later in 2008.

Some BV Nordic club members who are unfamiliar with the cabin have expressed interest to use the cabin during the summer or fall, and possibly to participate in a maintenance visit (summer or winter). It didn't happen

Discussion regarding zoning (all year – non motorized) should take place with ILMB and MOE and our club (scheduled for April 18, 2008). The same day, a meeting should take place with backpackers, BVORS, Alpine Club of Canada regarding their view on cabin maintenance and supervision.

Harold Price Cabin:

The guest book has been replaced

We applied for renewal of tenures for both cabins and currently wait for a response from Kevin Eskelin, TSA.

Francois Depey

School Ski Program:

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

Trail fees are \$2/visit. Lessons are \$3/visit.

Finding enough coaches was a challenge. The number of coaches available during the day is a limiting factor when deciding how many grades can participate in the lesson program.

Overall, we had 670 visits (222 more than last year). The skiers enjoyed the lessons and the facilities and the teachers were very pleased. The expanded trails near the lodge provided great variety for the beginner skier. The proposed Rabbit adventure trails will be heavily used by school groups. The schools were able to provide their own equipment, with the small collection at the lodge coming in handy for last-minute needs. More poles would be welcome in this bin. The lodge, of course, is a marvelous facility.

Security, safety and respect in the lodge and on the trails were a concern last year. This year improvements were made. Students and teachers were reminded about lodge and trail etiquette. First aid features were pointed out. We ensured the adult to student ratio of 1:10 was met, with an adult present in the lodge at all times. Also the new phone enabled the race office to be locked.

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.

A school program insurance waiver was developed by Karen and the CCBC staff in Sept 2008. One waiver per school per season is required.

All school cheques and all coaches' cheques should be sent through Karen.

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| REVENUE: | \$2387 |
| EXPENSES: | |
| coaches | \$835 |
| trail fees | <u>\$1352</u> |
| total expenses | \$2187 |
| DIFFERENCE | \$ 200 |

Karen Mitchell

Masters Nordic Ski Program:

Income = \$745

Expenses = \$356.93 (refreshments each week, grand finale event)
Net = \$388.07

This year's Masters Nordic Ski Program was incredibly successful, with a high of 33 and a low of 12 participants over the 8 session season. Several Jackrabbit instructors/helpers also took advantage of this program to improve their skills. Many thanks to our dedicated volunteer instructors: Sandy Maclean, Tenley Dahlie, Greg Brown, Rod Leighton, Debbie Courtliff, and Gerry Pinkerton.

What worked?

The number of participants speaks for itself! I really enjoyed having a grand finale, wrap-up event. This gave folks more of an opportunity to socialize and re-cap on the season.

What was tricky?

A continual challenge the program faces is the inability to plan for how many people will turn out each week and which discipline they will be prepared for. This is the nature of the flexible, drop-in approach to the program. Attendance (and timeliness) typically dropped in the latter half of the season.

What could be done differently?

Each week there was a flurry of activity collecting peoples' money and making sure they signed in. I am considering a pre-paid punch-card system for those people who plan on coming frequently. The goal of this would be to reduce the fuss of monetary transactions.

Costs?

The program's operational costs are covered by the generated income. Next season will require replenishing the program's supply of wax.

Financial Report 2007/08:

- under separate cover

Proposed Budget 2008/09:

- under separate cover

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