

BVCCSC Executive Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2010

Alpenhorn 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Attending:

Steve Howard, Geoff Recknell, Jill Krause, Steve Osborn, Adrian Johnson, Leanne Helkenberg, Deanna Bilodeaw, Brant Dahlie, Peter Tweedie, Daryl Wilson.

Guests: Brian Fuhr and Jill O'Neill.

1. Call to order at 5:30 at Alpenhorn.
2. Additions to the Agenda. None.
3. Changes to minutes of the meeting in January (attached). K 1: Motion changed to: The Club will pay the fees for the relay for the BC Club Championship. All in Favor. 5 F BVCF grant was \$1500.00
Motion to adopt PT. All in favour.
4. Business arising from the minutes – most issues will be covered in directors' reports. Issues from old minutes in italics.
5. Reports
 - i) Financial report –AJ: Expenses roughly the same. Proposed between now and next meeting, will draft a budget for next year based on this years expenditures. Directors to look at their programs and see how that suits them. Will e-mail. Big ticket items like tracksetting and coaching are hard to predict and won't know about grants. Will be broken into Operational, Programs and Capital Expenditures. Capital expenditures to be determined and operational not to be used for this. Wax hut: \$3,000 over budget and \$6,000 will be needed to finish it. Liz Murdoch is leaving the valley and it would be nice to have it finished before she goes. \$2,000 has been raised. Will club match the fund raising? At the end of the year, there should be \$20,000 left over.
 - ii) Membership – JK: Membership for 08-09 was 675 members. For 09-10 there are 721 members. Ticket booth in 08-09 was \$2390.32 and for 09-10 it is \$4565.20. Store sales are down by \$100.
 - iii) Promotions – DB and LH: Need to set up e-mail account for them so they can set up mass e-mails. Interior News mistakes.
 - iv) Race Committee – SO: Chris Dahlie and BV Open numbers are down. Not as many out of town skiers. Marathon is coming up. Looks like they will break even or may make some money.

- v) Area, lodge and community forest- BD: All is good.
- vi) Biathlon – PT: Largest club in BC. BC Biathlon Championships in Prince George March 20 and 21. The 12 hour relay is raising funds for Biathlon. Club is capped as it needs rifles to expand. Reaching coaching fatigue – course coming up April 9, 10 and 11 in Burns Lake.
- vii) Brian Fuhr and Jill O’Neill report and discussion on coaching plans. Wants to stay with a paid coach. Lisa Perry organized volunteer coaches and was behind every program. More of an all round community coach. Larry McCulloch and Lisa are trying for a Haywood grant again. Trying to word it so we can get the grant even though we don’t have high-level athletes right now. Lots of 10 and 11 year olds are coming up. Lisa will not be coaching next year. Need to be advertising for a position, but do not know about funding. Need to set up a coaching management team to interview, hire, and set goals for the new coach. This would be separate from the board and separate from the coaches committee. Reminder to the Executive of their commitment to replace monies used for the wax hut from the coaching budget. If the race team is short of funds, will the board come through with the funds to top up? Should they look at a 6 month coach? Lisa has set up the programs in a way that a part time coach could just step right in. Drafting a terms of reference for Athlete Development program, Biathlon and Racers, Budget and Funding. How does the expenses work? Programs and relationship with board needs to be more of a direct link to the board. Do Rabbits need more representation at the board again? Club’s money is club’s money just like Club wax is club wax whether Biathlon, Rabbits or Racers use it.
- viii) Backcountry: Bulkley Backcountry Ski Society want to develop new areas close to town. They are putting together a proposal to build a cabin in the East Boulder.
- ix) Community Forest-GR: The logging has been completed. Their feller buncher is broken and it will be removed in time. Looks good and it has potential for new trails. Should meet with them to review and do a walk through with them. SH may have a picture book ready in a couple of weeks for them as a thank you for the grant. Dick Harrison has donated his Olympic Torch to the Club. Thank you Dick!
- x) Daryl Wilson: Would board be interested in buying a 5 X 10 ft enclosed trailer to haul gear to races? Advertising on sides etc... \$2800. Daryl could look into sponsorship. PT is wondering if Scouts would be able to use it during the summer (rent or cost share)? Athlete Development Program should handle this. Bring a proposal back to the board.

- xi) Nominating committee appointed: Motion: Nominating committee – Katie von Gaza, Peter Krause and Jesse Chaplin. All in favour.
- xii) Other:
1. Expanding the dog trail: Possibility of using a new skid trail to be a new entrance of Pine creek and give the old entrance to the dog trail. Maybe some rough – not groomed trails. Should address this at the AGM.
 2. **Action item: SH** to write something for the newsletter that the club is looking into expanding the dog trail some how. New volunteer effort and cash will be needed.
 3. Club calendar beginning from CCBC. Need to take a look at it and submit dates as needed. Need input for it. Glacier camp – whether we are running it again or not.
 4. Capital Expenditure Plan and Lodge work bee list: How much are the projects going to cost? What is the priority? Any new projects? Ticket Booth? **Action item: GR** to talk to people in the know and bring back a draft.
 5. Operating Plan 2010 Update: We are required to look into the future and have a plan. Coaching funding has 2 options: Full or part time. They need to realize that grant funding is drying up and they can't expect things to remain the same. Support the community coach idea. They can't hire someone until they have secured funding. Have two great people (JO and FB) to guide them through. The \$20,000 needs to be dealt with, can't have it over our heads forever. **Action item: SH** will write up a letter on this. Include dollar amount. Bring to board then give it to JO and BF.
- xiii) Tracksetting: Brant Dahlie stepped out of the room during discussions. Volunteers need to be better organized so not so much responsibility and work on 2 persons.
Motion: Honourarium needs to be topped back up to historic levels (\$18,000). All in favour.
The logs were supposed to be kept as to how many hours were put into tracksetting and tracksetter maintenance. This did not happen. Allocation should be done by tracksetting committee. Brant has promised to keep hours for March. \$10,000.00 to be disbursed immediately.
- xiv) AGM Business: Fees need to include HST next year. Is e-mail the equivalent of post mail for AGM notice? Adrian will come back with a new fee structure.

Adjournment: DW and PT. All in favour.