

Bulkley Valley Cross Country Ski Club  
Minutes of Executive Board Meeting  
Alpenhorn  
January 14, 2013

Executive Attendees: Jill O'Neil, Brant Dahlie, Andrea Scarth, Jill Krause, Rosemary Barnewall, Ken Eng, Peter Tweedie, Suzanne Pierce, Dave Pellow

Visitor: Kirsteen Laing (bookkeeper),

Call to Order: 5:40 pm

1. Adoption of agenda M/S/C

2. Minutes adopted M/S/C

3. Correspondence and e-mails Some misc communitcations.

- Property Assessment: Buildings value up \$100,000 YoY.
- Misc bills

4. Director's Reports:

Lodge and Area (Brant):

- New groomer is up and running. Some quirks that have been since worked out.
- Snow levels are low. Makes a good base for more.
- New trail map and sign at lower parking lot-good feedback.
- Wetzinkwa signs are up
- New lockers being built.
- Research into new heating system ongoing-for future discussion.

Membership (Jill K.):

- Member numbers: 635 total; last year was 675 at this point in year
- Ticket sales up YoY but not offsetting membership decrease
- It appears that some families have switched to Downhill, or ski less, at Hugs farm.

NSDP (Peter):

- Chris Werrell's Coach report;
  - The Nordic Skills Dev. Program has approx 50 participants with 3 Masters Racers, 14 Track Attack (10-13yrs), 15+ Extended rabbits, 15 Jr and Sr Racers.
  - The Teck Regional Snowcamp was held here Dec 14,15<sup>th</sup> with approx. 60 kids from terrace to PG. Approx, half were from out of town.
  - Coach training sessions have been hosted by him; to upgrade coaches skills
  - The practice schedule is in full swing.
  - Teck Cup 1 and 2 appeared to have lower than expect numbers (from his perspective), partially because no one from PG came. Suspect poor marketing within their club.
  - Three athletes attended BC Cup #2: Great results for those athletes
  - Chris also worked on a certification evaluation for himself while there.

- He expressed concern that he doesn't have a summary list of who is formally registered into which program and if they have paid the appropriate fee for the program the individuals are attending. I directed him to Liz Osborn for links to the zone 4 data.
- Rabbits: Report from Leigh-ann Fenwick; The first rabbit day run last weekend, with approx 70 rabbits. All planned coached came. The went well. The previous approved equipment purchase is underway with approx. 80% of the material bought already. Not many (2) kids renting skis from the ski pool. She noted that she has been getting a lot of support from club members and is appreciative of that and looks forward to a great rabbit season.
- Biathlon: Peter Tweedie; The practice season is fully underway. There are 15 youth athletes and approx. 8 Masters skiers (informal support group). The annual BV Biathlon Regional Open was held on January 6<sup>th</sup>. A good turnout (29 participants), with lots of help. Thanks to the Race Committee for their timing assistance. First Cup race coming up January 19<sup>th</sup> in Whistler.

#### Backcountry (Dave P.):

- The club received a letter from Pat Becker requesting funds to replenish the firewood supply and fix a window. Dave will look at access options for snow machines to be able to go in and resupply the firewood.

#### Race Committee: (Ken)

- See submitted report.

#### Financials: (Rosemary/Kirsteen)

- Reviewed program budget handouts for actual vs. budget
- Budgets looked OK, within projected values.

#### Grants (Andrea):

- Nothing new to report
- Gaming grant coming up.

#### Promotions (Sue):

- Had a good last Newsletter
- Looking for new ways of delivering a newsletter; possibly imbedding within an email. Checking out "mail monkey" a program that does this.
- Website – looking into updating and revising
- Next Newsletter: Submit date Feb 4<sup>th</sup>, publish date Feb 8<sup>th</sup>

#### Buchfink Lodge day:

- Last Sunday in January- 27<sup>th</sup>.
- We will host an Executive breakfast and punch ski.
- Jill O. will talk with Sue P. for ideas on marketing, events, etc.
- Someone needs to get prizes.

#### Next meeting:

- Capital Projects Meeting: January 28<sup>th</sup>
- Board Meeting: February 18th

Meeting Adjourned 8:45pm.