

**MCAPS Directors Meeting  
January 23, 2010**

**Directors:**

- Tony Madsen, • Jennifer Lash, • Darren Rowsell, • Dean Davidson • Shaun McConnell,
- Ed Jackson • **Guests:** • Cindy Adams •

1. Call to Order: 4:10

2. Adoption of Minutes from December 20, 2009 meeting

**Motion: To accept minutes**

**Mover: Dean Second: Ed**

3. Business arising from minutes and to do items

- • D.O.D. Keys – keys are in the old ticket booth. Make sure you take them in the morning
- • Kapitany Lodge Naming- Dean may be able to track down niece and nephew
- • Campbell needs a vehicle. He is using Sharon's car.
- • Philips Brewery – not an issue since Na'im left
- • Fuel gauges for Generators - Pete was going to source them through work. Need an update from him.
- • Cain cafe improvements-Helena and Casey donated a fridge, Alex Nichol wired it, put in new taps, shelving units

4. Update on Generators Maintenance and work on D8 Cat:

- Generator has arrived but needs to be rebuilt
- D8 Cat needs new radiator – 2500-3500. This was okayed by email

**Motion: Stu arranges for the fixing the radiator on the DB Cat with a budget of 3000.00**

**Move: Darren Second" Dean**

5. New Business

- • Kidsfest-March 6 – confirmed
- • Last operating Day – Easter Weekend

**Motion: Last operating weekend is Friday April 2 to Sunday April 4 and we will put the mountain to bed on Easter Monday.**

**Move: Tony Second: Dean**

- • DOD Mondays – Ed
- • New Years Eve 2010 –

**Motion: MCAPS rents accommodations for New Years Eve but does not organize a party and MCAPS leases security guard for the evening**

**Move: Tony Second: Ed**

- Master Plan Update Open House: • Bill Hunter will be holding an Jan 30 at Woss and he will be at Mt Cain in the afternoon
- Kids Ski Program: Lance has talked to a number of people about a kids ski program. He has some instructors and ready to run Jan 30 – end of March on Sundays. It will be informal. Lessons will include racing, freestyle, powder skiing, and an opportunity to learn more about the mountain (ski patrol, ski shop) 15.00/person/day.
  - They can wear the powder hound bibs and get first access on the tow.
  - All instructors need to be certified
  - Kids need to sign up at ski shop

**We run Powder Hounds through Ski Shop at 15.00 per person per day.**

**Motion: Dean Second: Tony**

- Pedestrians: What is the policy for people who want to hike up the mountain to go into the backcountry? Cindy will look into insurance issues. All hikers need to have a ticket and we do not want people walking up the hill if they are not going into the back country.
- C.R. Search & Rescue Training/ accommodations and joint mtg: want to back country avalanche training Feb 6&7. The Michelsons and Fear/Rainbows have made their cabins available.
- Gougeon Insurance visit: 3 reps are coming up next weekend. Pete Knott is hosting them.
- Fireworks: Need to notify cabin owners that fireworks are illegal
- Calgary Ski show: Darren will send info (logo etc) to them
- Passes:
  - Gold River Minor Hockey –asking for a pass: 2 day passes
  - Campbell River Maritime Heritage center: 2 weekend pass
  - North Island Hockey: 2 day passes
- Bus: Peter Curtis: Had to leave 3 people behind in parking lot. Wants to know priorities – staff or guests? First priority is staff who are working that day and guests. Staff who are not working are second priority. Dean will talk to Barb and Cody about staff.

## **6. Snowmobiles:**

- a) Policy stating that “Mt Cain workers going up the hill on a snowmobile must go up the left side of the Ridge” needs to be enforced
- b) Can staff and directors use personal snowmobiles for mountain work? Cindy will see if there is a way to lease the snowmobile to Mt Cain.
- c) Some people are not following the snowmobile policy and they are driving their snowmobiles late at night. Need to take action. The following steps will be taken:
  - Jen – send snowmobile policy to Tony
  - Tony get Don to write letter to Milligans
  - Tony will talk to RCMP about what the consequences are
  - Need understand the enforcement as a result of leases

## 7. Financials

- 28,000 in checquing account
- 11,000 today
- Financials statements will be available for next meeting

**8. New Accommodations Building:** Confirmation of the structural integrity of building: this is not complete yet. Helena and Casey discussed changes with engineer, gave them verbal approval. They took pictures. Tony will confirm that we have final sign off from engineers

## 9. Directors Reports

Don Mancell – see below

Darren: Strategic Forest Management put in an application on behalf of Mt Cain - 250,000 for summer grooming. Darren will write a letter of support.

Dean – water system seems to be failing – need new system – Shaun and Peter will look at it

Darren- road from upper to lower road: Ski patrol asking if Luke could put up a berm to make it safer for skiers. Dean will do this

## 10. Special events:

- Valentines sweet heart deal 2 for 1
- Every Sunday thereafter are community days – get 50% off

## 11. Underage drinking in staff quarters

Cindy will send out underage drinking policy to parents

DOD Duty – go through staff quarters at 10:00 at night – if drinking their pass is pulled, they don't work, parents have to get them, cannot work next week, caught again they are fired.

12. Next meeting scheduled Feb. 27, 2010

13. Adjournment

Items Tabled for future meetings:

- Projects that need to be finished – what is the progress
- Café
- Water

## Directors Report

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### Don Mancell: Report to Board of MCAPS for meeting on January 23, 2010-01-20

Hello

Unfortunately I cannot make the meeting due to ( minor ) medical commitments in Vancouver

### Master Plan Open House

Please be advised that Bill Hunter of Min of Tourism Will be on the Hill January 29 and 30<sup>th</sup> and will meet with people to discuss the Master Plan on the Saturday afternoon either in the Lodge or possibly our new meeting room . There will then be a Public meeting on the Master plan at the Woss Elementary school at 4:30 pm on the 30<sup>th</sup>. He will be skiing the hill on Saturday and will welcome questions from anyone at both public forums

Implementation of this Master plan will help Mt Cain move forward with all the agencies in an organized and planned fashion.

Please be advised that it is a "Master Plan" and is more like an "Official Community Plan". What the master plan says may or may not be implemented depending on circumstances. The plan is now available for viewing through a link on the Mt Cain Website

Please also be advised that there is a component of the whole exercise that is unresolved at this time and that is the "Namgis" requests for certain lands adjacent to the ski hill. MCAPS has been clear on its position to the BC Government on this matter and much due diligence has taken place over the past couple of years. We have supported Namgis involvement from a recreational and participating role in the ski hill in for example an expansion of the cabin area for cabins for use for their members. We do not support any kind of economic involvement in participating in possible revenues for the ski hill as we run on such thin revenues right now as it is. This issue is now in the hands of government officials and MCAPS has done all it can at this time in my opinion.

So get out and talk to Bill Hunter on the 30<sup>th</sup> at the Ski Hill or in Woss

The cabin Area component of the Master Plan is just one part of it and anything proposed by the Government pursuant to the Master Plan will have to be discussed, debated and decided at a later date. It does state though that it is in favour of a Government issued lease for the Cabin Area and how that is to play out either in individual lots or as one parcel has yet to be decided. Suffice to say a Lease in my opinion is far better than continuing with the current Licence of Occupation

### **Funding**

As you know RDMW applied for the Build Canada fund for Lodge, the Road and Sewer. This was Stephen Harpers infrastructure program to stimulate the economy. It is 1/3 Provincial 1/3 federal and 1/3 other sources. RDMW simultaneously applied to ICET for the other 1/3. ICET would not approve the Lodge or the Sewer components but did give stage 1 approval to the Road component. This effectively kept our applications alive at least for the Road (which was over 1 million dollars in total around 1.3 million I believe) Anyways we got turned down at the Build Canada Fund which left us dead on the road funding as well.

In conversation with Greg Fletcher we decided to go after a maximum of \$250,000 on the Community Development Fund (provincial funding for jobs) Or also Known as Job Opportunity Program "JOBS". This requires matching funding so RDMW has reworked its application to ICET to seek matching funds for this project which if successful will be \$250,000 from JOBS and \$250,000 from ICET. This would put over \$500,000 into our road. Dennis Swanson has met with RDMW to assist in costing the project. The only catch is that if successful MCAPS may have to fund 10% as it is a funding requirement of JOBS.

RDMW needed an urgent letter of support to meet application deadlines for these 2 funds for Friday Jan 22, 2010 so I took the liberty of writing a letter of support on behalf of MCAPS as there was no time to do otherwise. MCAPS can endorse this now or later when they see if the whole project is accepted. I would hope though that if the RDMW is successful and 2 government agencies are prepared to put \$500,000 into our road and the only hold up is 10% from MCAPS that this would be an easy decision. (I have attached a copy of the letter of support)

That is all I have to report for now. I will be on the hill for the January 30<sup>th</sup> weekend and I will be attending both presentations by Bill Hunter and will be available for people to talk to as well.

I Hope you have a good meeting

Don Mancell