



Mount Cain Alpine Park Society
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2015/2016 Season
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING
March 5, 2016
 (Meeting #6)

Directors		Present	Not Present
1. Neil Borecky	President – Promotions	Y	
2. Robert Burgess-Webb	Vice President – HR	Y	
3. Jeffrey Jones	Secretary - Legal Liaison	Y	
4. Eric Sprenger	Treasurer	Y	
5. Jason Stevens	Patrol Director		N
6. Lance Karsten	Buildings & Construction	Y	
7. James Thomas	Operations - lifts	Y	
8. Peter Davidson	Operations – roads/generators	Y	
9. David Howich	Operations – groomers	Y	
10. Kristi Walker	Ticket Booth/Hospitality Director	Y	
11. Wendy Ravai	Administration		N
12. David Mazzucchi	Ski School	Y	
13. Sarah Poole	Events	Y	
14. Trevor Hatelt	RV Park and Electrical	Y	

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm. The meeting was chaired by the President, Neil Borecky. Mt. Cain has been open for ten weeks with 30 cm of new snow over the past week.	
The Agenda was reviewed as circulated.	
MOTION: That the Agenda be adopted as circulated. M/Niel; S/Eric; Carried	MOTION CARRIED
Minutes of the February 6, 2016 Meeting were reviewed.	
MOTION: That the Minutes of the February 6, 2016 be adopted as circulated. M/Neil; S/Rob; Carried	MOTION CARRIED

DIRECTOR REPORTS

<p>Lance Karsten – Buildings and Construction</p> <p>Lance provided an update on the Staff Accomodation building. He has completed the installation of boot heaters and ski racks in the mudroom of the Staff building which has made a significant improvement.</p> <p>Lance reported that the Cafe operator (Salinas) had concerns about the electical wiring in the kithen and Lodge which will need to be addressed.</p>	
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Mt. Cain Water System

Neil circulated a written out line for a new water system at Mt. Cain. As of February 29, BC has a new Water Sustainability Act, which requires all non-domestic users of water to apply for a water licence, and pay yearly fees. This applies to Mt. Cain. Discussion was had regarding the potential costs for drilling a well and setting up a holding tank for Mt. Cain. Neil will finalize the estimate of costs, which will exceed \$50,000 but less than \$80,000. The key will be at what depth will water be found when drilling. A 200 foot well is much cheaper than a 600 foot well.

A drilled well will provide water to Mt. Cain all year round, allowing development of the resort for the other seasons.

Neil will look into costs of hiring a hyrdraulogist. A plan needs to be in place by April, 2016. Implementation of the plan can be up to two years. Lance and Jeff will be attending the RDMW to update them on Mt. Cain and will provide details of the water plan. Will be attending Tuesday, March 15.

James Thomas – Lift Operations

James provided an update on the lifts.

1. He met with the Lift Inspector (David Looney, Senior Safety Officer of the BCSA). He examined Mt. Cain's upper lifts and suggested we might be able to add additional T's to the lift if an engineer recalculates the load strength. James will follow up on this.
2. The Bunny Hill needs a cement pad installed this summer;
3. Forbidden Plateau has extra shiv assemblby equipment that would fit with Mt. Cain's lifts. A group of volunteers will be needed this summer to go and pick up the equipment.
4. Additional upgrades required for Bunny Hill;
5. Written reports should be filed when equipment is repaired, including shiv assemblies;
6. A manual of how to open the lifts each season, and how to close at the end of season, is needed.

ACTION ITEM

Rob and Eric will assist James with formatting an operations manual for the lifts;

Dave Howich – Operations - Groomers

Dave advised that he was able to meet with the Prinoth groomer technicians at Mt. Cain. There was no charge as they were already booked to travel to Mt. Washington. They examined the two groomers and were impresses. Low hours (5,000) and they were in good condition. Purchasing a new groomer is not required. New tracks bands are needed for the red cat (approximate cost \$4,000).

Dave advised that Calgary will be hosting a groomer maintenance seminar on April 26-30 which could be important for Mt. Cain. Dave would consider attending.

MOTION: That Mt. Cain provide travel funds to Dave Howich up to \$1,000 for travel and lodging to attend the Calgary seminar. M/Pete; S/Neill; Carried

**MOTION
CARRIED**

<p>Trevor Hatelt – Electrical</p> <p>Trevor advised he will work on developing an annual inspection manual for the electrical system.</p>	<p>ACTION ITEM Trevor will develop an annual inspection manual for the electrical systems.</p>
<p>Eric Sprenger – Treasurer</p> <p>Eric provided an update on our budget. Total ticket sales and seasons pass sales have been very positive, higher than budgeted. New snow has been a key factor. Our reserve fund needed to be updated and is now replenished to its normal level (\$105,000). Excellent ticket sales for March 5 (\$10,950). The purchase of two generators (\$8,000) has not yet been factored in to the budget but will be. Grading costs and fuel costs have been below, due to less snow.</p> <p>Eric also raised the issue of communications between Directors. If a Director has a suggestion that impacts another department or ski patrol, it is recommended that it be discussed with that Director first.</p> <p>Eric explained that the electronic DOD schedule isn't being used by all Directors. Also, there are still vacancies in the DOD schedule that needs to be filled. Wendy R. will keep track of the ongoing DOD schedule.</p>	<p>ACTION ITEM Wendy R. will keep track of the DOD schedule and provide updates to the Directors by email.</p>
<p>Peter Davidson- Roads/Generators</p> <p>Pete advised that he was able to purchase two 115 kw diesel generators from a sale of Coast Guard equipment, plus two pallet loads of extras. They were fully rebuilt, with less than 1,000 hours. They were originally set up as 480 volt, 3 phase power, and have been converted to 208 volt, 3 phase power. He will transport them from Victoria to Dan Claire's shop in Port Hardy (Black Cat Repairs). Dan will reconnect the radiators and ensure they are running. Discussion ensued about setting up the generator to run L1.</p> <p>Pete explained the Mt. Cain diesel work truck needs repairs of \$2,500 (diesel glow plugs, starter issues). Truck is old but reliable. Discussion about replacing truck next year.</p>	<p>ACTION ITEM Pete will transport the generators to Port Hardy for testing.</p>
<p>Neil Borecky – Promotions</p> <p>Professional photographers and pro skiers from Ski Forecast and Ski Journal visited Mt. Cain for a photo shoot. Neil was able to ski with the photographers and show them around the resort. They had excellent conditions. Ski Journal article is due out October, 2016.</p>	
<p>Rob Burgess-Webb – Human Resources</p> <p>All is well with the staff and departments.</p>	
<p>Jeffrey Jones – Secretary & Legal Liaison</p> <p>Jeff advised he attend the WFP Nimpkish Woodlands Advisory Committee as the Mt. Cain rep. The committee meets in Port McNeill. Will meet in February, March, and April and additional dates. He will keep MCAPS updated as things move forward.</p>	

<p>Kristi Walker – Hospitality Director</p> <p>Kristi met with Grant McCormick and discussed accomodations issues. Grant is interested in working at Mt. Cain during the summer if there are summer operations.</p> <p>There was discussion of opening during the two Springbreak weekeds: March 18, 19. 20 & 21; plus March 25, 26, 27 and 28. Will need additional liftees. James said he would meet with Sebastian regarding liftees for Friday, March 18.</p>	<p>ACTION ITEM James will meet with Sebastian to organize liftees for Friday, March 18.</p>
<p>Jason Stevens – Patrol Director</p> <p>Jason was unable to attend but provided a written report (copy enclosed). Jay Moreton will taking over as head of Patrol from Janet Ryngestad. No other changes to Ski Patrol.</p>	
<p>Sarah Poole – Specia Events</p> <p>Sarah advised the Dummy Downhill event will proceed on the closing weekend of April 2. It was a great staff event two years ago and will be repeated this year.</p>	
<p>David Mazzucchi - Ski Shop/Ski School</p> <p>Dave advised he has spent an additional \$1,300 for retail sales in the ski shop, which should result in additional income. Discussion regarding storage of retail items during the summer season could be placed in the sea can currently located in the trailer park.</p>	
<p>Wendy Ravai – Administration</p> <p>Wendy was unable to attend but provided a written report (copy enclosed).</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">NEW BUSINESS INFANTS IN BACKPACKS ON SKI LIFT</p> <p>Discussion was had regarding Mt. Cain’s policy about infants travelling in their parent’s backpacks while riding the lift. An incident ocured when a parent rode with his infant child on a backpack. It was agreed that James Thomas would discuss the issue with ski patrol and provide feedback about potential policies. It was agreed that the matter would also be discussed at the May planning meeting.</p> <p>Neil agreed to respond in writing to the people who inquired by email to MCAPS about the incident .</p> <p>MOTION: For the balance of the 2015-16 ski season (until April 2, 2016), no children will be permitted to ride the lifts in a backpack. M/James; S/Pete; MOTION CARRIED</p>	

EMAIL MOTIONS

The following email motions were accepted by the Board:

Doppelmayr Springbox Sale

On February 11, 2016 James Thomas proposed an email motion which was circulated and voted on.

MOTION:

That MCAPS sell its 22 Doppelmayr spring boxes to Bear Mountain Ski Hill for \$1,500 plus shipping costs.

M/James Thomas; S/Lance Karsten; 8 Directors voted in favour via email; no-one was opposed. **MOTION CARRIED**

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 pm.

Next meeting to be held: **Saturday, April 2, 2016** at 4:00 pm at the Mt. Cain Ticket Booth

Respectfully submitted
Jeff Jones