

Summary of 2009/10 Tweedsmuir Ski Club AGM

2 PM Saturday November 28, 2009

Sir Alexander Mackenzie School

We had a pretty good turnout at the AGM today. There were 22 members who came out for the meeting. It was a good day for a meeting, pouring cold rain!

Financial

Ken reviewed the financial report which is summarized as follows:

- Net Income Nov 1, 2008 to Oct 31, 2009 - \$3,460.31
- Expenses Nov 1, 2008 to Oct 31, 2009 - \$2,316.30
- Balance in chequing account at end of October 2009 was \$5,523.72
- A cheque for \$1,000.00 has since been written to pay annual BC Parks user fees which consists of \$500 for trails and \$500 for buildings.
- We also pay \$248 in fees for the operation of the tow lift to the BC Safety Authority
- A concern was expressed about the \$2,150.00 in unpaid overdue lift fees and cabin rental fees. The book keeper will send out another invoice, some of these dues are several years old.
- A member suggested that next year when our Park Use Permit is due for renewal (Oct 2010) that we make a request to waive the dues because we are a 'low or no profit' club and we need the \$1,000.00 to fund operations.

Inspections

Ken Corbould reported that there is a new BC Safety Authority inspector who has made contact with the club and they will be doing a lift inspection this year. We can expect a 'checklist' of things to remedy after that inspection.

Building & Projects

Rob Stewart summarized the years work which was several days of work parties in the fall where a great deal of work was accomplished including; cleaning up and piling all the burnt metal at the overnight cabin for towing out on the spring snow for disposal, cleanup of the ski hill roundhouse, cutting trees on the ski hill, finishing the floor in the groomer shed, and trail cutting to buck out fire windfalls.

Early in the fall we learned the Quesnel Snowmobile Club may have a cabin that they no longer use and are considering donating it to our club. Rob called the president of the Quesnel club for more details. It is a 20'x30' log building with 8 logs high. It has a purlin roof system with 2x10's and shingles. It is near a road and could be loaded on a picker logging truck. It was discussed and all seemed in favour of Rob pursuing the option of acquiring it at no cost except for the moving. Rob will make further contact and report back to the membership with details. If we can get it, ideally we should get it trucked to East Branch this winter so we can tow the logs in with the groomer and then be in a position to build in the late summer and fall of 2010. All the members present agreed this seems to be our best option for a replacement cabin right now.

Rob is willing to manage the logistics of the overall project to get a new overnight cabin, but tons of help from volunteers to do work and potentially raise funds is needed.

XC Operations

An avid XC skier named "Tweeds" has started a new blog called tweedsmuirski.blogspot.com to keep XC skiers informed of conditions. It's very helpful for up to date conditions.

Duane said that XC operations have gotten off to a great start. A lot of hard grooming work has been done by Duane, Lyle and Chris. They have an incredible 17 km of trails groomed (Old Highway Trail, Woods Trail and new Pederson Trail) already! Duane described the new 'Pederson Trail' (see the [Tweedmuir Ski Blog](#) for more details and a map). Some improved trail head signage describing the trail options and advising skiers about the TSC and how they can contribute to financial health of the club would be good. Some signs are required at the East Branch parking lot end of the Pedersen trail to keep snowmobilers off. They had 20 XC skiers out last weekend already!!

Ski Hill Operations

David discussed the lift operator's schedule. We had a really good show of support from the operators to get the schedule filled up this year. The operators will be getting the final schedule emailed to them shortly. We plan on installing the tow handles, getting the lift running and establishing the safety gate system on Dec 6. The Roundhouse roof also needs shovelling. Any help would be appreciated, meet at the ski hill around 10:30 next Sunday (Dec 6th). Planning a tentative opening day of December 13th.

Election/Appointment of Directors

The new/returning club executive is as follows.

- Ken Corbould (President) -Ski Hill & Tow Operation
- Duane Pedersen - Cross Country Skiing
- Gordie Gibbs - Groomer Operations
- Steve Battensby - Building Maintenance
- Patrick Gunderson - Cabin Ops & Reservations
- Lyle Enderud - XC Trail Grooming
- Rob Stewart - Major Projects
- Steve Sheppard - Groomer Maintenance
- David Flegel - Communications & Coordination

Communications

David will be doing more communication and coordination of member activity. He has set up a club email address at tweesdmuirskiclub@gmail.com, which will be used as the primary form of communication to members. We'll be working on updating our email list.

Thanks to everyone who supports the club.

David Flegel - Communications & Coordination