



Mount Cain Alpine Park Society

February 10 2022 – Board Meeting Minutes

The Mount Cain Alpine Society acknowledges that Mount Cain is located on the territory of the 'Namgis First Nation, we honour and respect our relationship with this nation and are grateful to be able to recreate on these lands.

Call to Order: 7:03

Meeting chaired by Erin Pickering

Adoption of the January 4th meeting minutes

Motion: Erin P Seconded: Greg M

Motion: Passed (13 for, 0 against, 1 abstain)

Additions to and Adoption of the February 10 Agenda: Addition by Pete D and Dean H

Motion: Erin P Seconded: Darren A

Motion: Passed (14 for, 0 against, 0 abstain)

Director's Attendance

Name	Director	Executive Role	In Attendance
Erin Pickering	RV Park and Hospitality	Chair	P
Eric Sprenger	Tech Support	Treasurer	P
Matiss Valdmanis	Events	Secretary	P
Dean Hunchuk	Buildings and Construction	Vice Chair	P
Greg Muirhead	Patrol		P
David Mazzucchi	Ski Shop and Snow School		P (late , 7:23pm)
Darryn McConkey	Grant Applications		P
Darren Anonson	Operations- Snow Machines		P
Mike Green	Operations- Road/Generators		P
Dave Steele	Operations- Lifts		P
Lynette Tanaka	Human Resources		P
Pete Davidson	Occupational Health and Safety		P
Alec McBeath	Administration		P
Jen Lash	Communications		P

Unfinished Business & Action Items

- Mike Green will send details to Erin Pickering for Facebook Marketplace ad. If not sold by beginning of season it will be sent for scrap. In Progress

- Directors to put sponsor posters in their communities where possible. - In Progress

Posters available for printing on SharePoint

- External Roles for MCAPS: External boards/committees that require a representative

- Action: Darren to report on committee

- Eric S and Darryn M: How is advertising on Crown Land is subject to royalties? - Are signs on L1 subject to royalties? - In Progress

- Dave S. -New rigging purchase required for counterweight adjustments and lift servicing (2 Tirlors, 1 Chain Hoist). Completed

Purchased (half price!), will be installed this weekend.

- Action: Directors to nominate staff or volunteers for 4 free Mount Washington passes. - Completed

- Action: Greg M and HR: Communicate to Staff/Vollys to keep door of L4 clear of snow & ice - Completed

- Action Darren A: Research for purchase of new snow mobile -

No suitable snowmobiles available at this time. Please inform Darren A if you know of one available.

Action: add item to planning meeting.- Completed

- Action Darren A and Dean D: Research Protec emergency contact protocol for proactive checks with Groomer Operators with new cordless phone with Jean Luc/Sally.

To cover in Darren A report.

- Shovel crews need to ensure that up track is not sloped to the low-side. Excavate from the uphill side and fill on the downhill. sweeping doesn't cut it. Take your skis off and dig. The track will be wide, easy for guests to use and a rider induced derail or stop will be unlikely - Action: share this message with the Shovel Crew Leads - Completed

Dave S to go up to the hill tomorrow to address slope situation on upper lift.

- Action: Review of Magic Monday's in light of school group cancellations and Covid situation.

School groups have been coming consistently - Completed

- Action: Directors to communicate with staff and volunteers to limit internet and phone usage – In Progress

- Action Erin: Communicate with Turks Tavern about mask compliance- COMPLETED

- Action Jen L and All Directors: Send out communications to recruit new HR director for next two seasons. - COMPLETED

- Action Erin P: Replace No Smoking sign in front of Café – COMPLETED

There is still concern about smoking on the balcony later in the evenings. Directors: please remind the public about not smoking on the balcony.

Smoking near Kapitany – Action: get 4 more No Smoking Signs to put up around Kapitany – In Progress

Moneys collected from public's use of phone: give it to ticket booth as a donation.

Subcommittee Reports/Updates

- New Lodge Building Committee: Chair - Dean Hunchuk
 - Action: We should be in discussion with the grantor for approval and see if more funding available. - COMPLETED (none available at this time)
 - Building Committee is recommending new design to building - accommodations on the upper floor as opposed to the "new" lodge design we have had some engineering done on – too expensive due to steel super structure to hold snow load (203,000lbs or ~100t)
 - We need to have a building plan approved in order to make tenders. - In Progress
 - Committee recommendation is to scrap a new lodge common area because of building expense, instead make the upstairs into accommodation and make the building design simpler in order to save on expenses. Some discussion on location of new building, committee recommends keeping planned location.
 - Accommodation will give more opportunities for revenue generation.
 - Concern about location cutting into bank near ski patrol and that it would disrupt the flow of how people meet at Cain and ability to ski past the area towards L1. Lance mentioned that the ski area itself is a special use zone and accommodation is not allowed there.
 - Motion by Eric S: does the Board accept the recommendation put forward by the New Lodge Building Committee to build the lodge with accommodation on the upper floor instead of public lodge and kitchen facilities.
 - Second: Dean H
 - For: 13
 - Against: 1
 - Abstain: 0
 - Motion: Passed

- Donations/Volunteer Committee: Chair Darryn M - Darryn, Mike, Dave S, Matiss.
 - Friends of Mount Cain Thank you & signage update (via the Donation Committee) - Completed
 - Action: Directors: add any organizations that provide in-kind donations, and associated compensation, to Excel document. - In Progress

- Parking Lot/Camping Sub Committee: Chair - Matiss V
 - New guidelines generally being followed, no major issues with space in parking lot
 - Jeff G is continuing to do a great job
 - Darren: Getting a PARKING LOT FULL sandwich board and other signs – Complete
 - Darren: Getting cards made up to leave on people in vehicles –Complete
 - Jeff appreciates these, he hold onto these at his cabin, let Darren know if we need more.
 - Action: Dave S: discuss with Sebastian about getting lift operators trained as Parking Lot attendants – In Progress, if necessary

- Trailer Park Sub Committee: Chair - Eric Sprenger - no report at this time, committee has not yet met. February meeting date: February 17, 7pm.

Directors' Reports

Chair, Director of Hospitality & RV Park – Erin Pickering

Chair's Items:

1. Discussion - Selection of 4 staff to give Mount Washington tickets <in camera>
 - a. Moving In Camera 8:12
 - b. Rise from In-Camera: 8:16
2. Rapid Tests –in progress/delayed. Thank you to Greg who has also been working on this, likely to have access to around 100 within a week. - In Progress
3. Meetings for March and April Discussion – days that work TEAMS poll.

Motion to move meetings online for March.

Motion: Erin P. Second: Eric S.

Motion withdrawn. Board consensus is meeting in person on Saturday the 5th at Mount Cain, with option to move to online the following week to be decided by email a week prior to meeting.

Hospitality:

1. Update:
 - a. Ticket Booth has hired one more team member.
 - b. Refunds and Complimentary Tickets – the online site now states that tickets are final sale and nonrefundable. Requests for comp tickets are only being entertained if there was a mountain issue (such as lift breakdowns).
2. Discussion: Beer Garden Proposals by Turks Tavern for: Vikingfest (march 5th), KidsFest (march 19) March break (March 19-27 inclusive); Retro Day/ Cypress Cup (ski Patrol Fundraiser).
 - a. Concern that if there is an outdoor beer garden where vaccines are not required.
 - b. Concern that any (non-alcoholic) drinking games for kids would not 'look good' on Mount Cain
 - c. Pete D: we should keep consistency at ca
 - d. **Motion: Pete D: All outdoor beer gardens at Mount Cain are treated the same as per vaccine requirements (all Beer gardens follow same Restaurant PHO rules.)**
 - i. **Second: Greg M**
 - ii. **For: 8**
 - iii. **Against: 5**
 - iv. **Abstain: 0**
 - v. **Motion: Passed**

RV Park

1. Adopt/ discuss in camera minutes from November 27th.
 - a. Move in camera: 8:38
 - b. Rise from In Camera: 8:48
2. Discussion – Appointment of new RV Park Director for remainder of Term: Max Odendag (recommended by Erin P).
 - a. Motion: Erin P. Appoint of Max Odendag as RV Park Director for the rest of the season, with review and election during AGM, including the possibility of restructuring the directorship's role at next AGM.
 - i. For: 11
 - ii. Against: 2
 - iii. Abstain: 1
 - iv. Motion: Passed – Welcome Aboard!

Vice Chair, Director of Buildings, Maintenance, and Construction – Dean Hunchuk

- Generator room fire proofing (concrete board) – In Progress
- New weatherproof room for VFD at L1 to be constructed – In Progress, should be completed this month
- Groomer shed/shop – big doors need some screws replaced. – In Progress
- Fire extinguishers being checked and tags replaced. – In Progress
- Emergency septic system pumpout – COMPLETED (Feb. 7, 2022)
- Additional septic system clean out and maintenance – In Progress
- Everything else seems to be working (or is being fixed in timely manner). No additional issues
- Move In Camera 8:59
- Rise from In Camera: 9:10

Due to meeting time constraints, agenda changed to give time to priority speakers. Next Director to speak: Darryn M

Director of Grants – Darryn McConkey

CVRIS

Discussed potential scope change for lodge (2nd floor accommodations) with new Ministry contact.

January 31 progress report submitted assuming scope change (as recommended).

Scope change form and revised budget to be submitted after Board decision.

RDMW Tourism Grant

Reviewed snowshoe trails plans from unsuccessful CVRIS grant with RDMW.

Opportunity to submit proposal with trailhead signs paid for by RDMW separately from grant. Project requires 1:1 match with \$5,000 grant limit. Total budget = \$12,190, RDMW: \$7,000 and MCAPS: \$5,190 and all installation from MCAPS.

MOTION: Darryn M: MCAPS submit proposal for RDMW Tourism Grant based on following budget.

Second: Greg M.

For: 14

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion: Passed

Snowshoe Trails		
ITEM	Grant Eligible	RDMW
4 4' x 4' aluminum Trailhead signs		\$ 2,000
12 1' x 1' aluminum navigation signs	\$ 700	
sign installation materials (concrete, posts, attachments)	\$ 2,300	
1000 reflective trail markers	\$ 3,000	

300 Trail Maps	\$ 900	
15 pairs snowshoes (6 mens, 6 womens, 3 kids)	\$ 2,380	
15 collapsible pole sets	\$ 910	
TOTAL (1:1 matching requirement)	\$ 10,190	\$ 5,000
MCAPS	\$ 5,190	

Director of Ski Shop and Snow School – David Mazzucchi

- The Ski Shop desperately needs more employees; 3 would be ideal with 2 able to work on Mondays.
- The Snow School needs more QUALIFIED ski instructors, especially for Mondays. Calling all cabin owners to please help out with school groups when at the hill; this used to be a bigger part of the Cabin Culture at Mt. Cain. Mt Washington has a course starting Friday 4 Mar 2022 to Sunday 6 Mar 2022, cost \$539.00. Also, there is a possibility of having an instructor come to Cain, which I am trying to coordinate.

MOTION: MCAPS pay for CSIA Level 1 courses for up to 4 people who can commit to being regular instructors primarily on Mondays.

Motion withdrawn, after discussion it was decided that costs will be covered.

Secretary, Director of Events – Matiss Valdmanis

Update:

- I am always looking for volunteers on events days. Race timers, course setters, bbq operators, drink servers, I need them all. I usually have to give day passes away to get enough vollys
- Cain Cup - SUCCESS
- Backcountry Fest: several sponsors and educational events lined up – Avalanche Canada, Campbell River SAR, Fatso Peanut Butter (sponsor of Spencer O’Brien), the Lady Alliance... It’s going to be GOOD
- Vikingfest (March 5), Kidsfest (March 19) and Cypress Cup/Ski Patrol Fundraiser (Apr 2) coming up
- Sponsorship:
 - New round of posters printed, I call on all directors and folks who want to support Cain to put up posters in their community

No discussion of Events Director issues. Looking forward to Backcountry Fest this weekend.

Director of Admin – Alec McBeath

- Cost of Insurance – Update for general knowledge

3rd Parties require insurance for their own property, and they need to provide documentation. There is considerable costs to our premiums by adding more people/organizations to our insurance.

Director of Operations, Roads and Generators - Mike Green

Bulldozer

- After much searching, we have been able to find a replacement D8K sister ship to our cat. Thank you to Bill Milligan and Gary McMillan for giving us a great Friends of Mt. Cain deal; and thank you to Kevin Moore for your mechanical expertise and time in helping us out. Stuart Abernethy once again stepped up and brought his bulldozer to the mountain to help us get through the season and properly prepare our 'new' machine. Also, thanks to Lemare, Randy, Dazy and all the others who helped us get through the last month. Some snow would be nice now.

Discussion Items

- Mondays are awesome! After a year of no Monday school groups, I had the pleasure of being DoD for two Mondays in a row and it reminds me of how awesome our staff and volunteers are in making those days special for the schools with everyone chipping in to fill the various roles. It is especially cool to see volunteers such Linda, Tanya, Fraser, Kate, Doone, Dave, Christian, Steph, Hunter, Sarah and I am sure many others on different weekends helping kids get their gear, learn to walk, slide, snow plow before getting Connor's expertise. It is one of those things that make Cain special.

Operations- Lifts - Dave Steele

An unprecedented number of sheave changes happening, some due to bearings but most due to flat spots on sheave liners.

Thank you to all volunteers helping with lifts, Rob Pickering, Sean O'irsih, Tyson Lee Craig

Thank you to Sabastian for rolling with the punches and staying cool under pressure

Discussion Items

Difficult to line up maintenance for Mondays. Thank you, Campbell, for covering. Jonny Bonk will be on duty and can pull Mondays when Campbell is absent for the next couple of weekends.

Director of Ski Patrol – Greg Muirhead

- Great team this year, running really smooth.
- Thanks to Matiss for helping raise funds for Ski Patrol. A real gem.

Operations- Snow Machines - Darren Anonson

- Working alone "man check" procedures have been updated. Protec radio monitoring services has offered us a reduced rate for our operators working alone. We should look at the paid patroller or DOD taking the sat phone at night to be the emergency contact with Protec. - To go to Jean-Luc and Sally's room Eric to install.

- Update: Discuss whether we should continue with service or cancel and go to the DOD/Patroller doing man checks when required. At this point we are paying for a service we cannot utilize due to some communication issues.

-Discussion on utilizing paid Ski Patrol 1st Aider for checkins

- Still looking for a new set of tracks for the Red Cat. The tracks on this machine are tired and the wrong setup for the majority of our snow conditions.
- Any Grooming requests can go through myself, Dave Howich or be written on the whiteboard next to the machines in the shop. The Operators will look at this prior to departing each evening.
- Any issues with a snowmobile should be written down in the maintenance book that is located on the wall by the main shop bench. Or let myself or Jeff know and we will address ASAP.
- Tethers are in and Jeff is hoping to have them installed on the Yamaha and Polaris next weekend.

Pete D: Who collects Cain Mail

Motion : Erin P: to adjourn meeting 9:29. Motion Passed

Next MCAPS Meeting:

Saturday March 5, 2022. Location: TBD at a location on MCAPS operating area.

APPENDIX A – Back Countryfest Beer Garden Proposal



Beer Garden Proposal

Mount Cain Alpine Park Society
Season 2021/2022

January 19, 2022

Mount Cain Board of Directors

The team at Turk's Tavern is excited to propose the following beer garden structure for the events scheduled in the 2021/2022 ski season. With COVID, staffing and maintaining protocols of utmost importance, these proposals are built around our patron and community's safety.

With a maximum size of 40x40 and maximum capacity of 36 people, a COVID safe separation of 2 meters is achievable and will be enforced.

With 6 tables, everyone will be encouraged to sit and remain within their groups. Two fire pits would keep our patrons warm but we would encourage everyone to remain seated. Laminated signs will be created to encourage everyone to remain seated and with extra staff on site we will be doing our utmost to ensure COVID distance and restrictions are followed. Exits and entrances would be signed and on opposing sides of the gardens to help with a safe flow of patrons.

We would sell tickets inside Turk's Tavern to ensure all cash and payments remain inside, and the gardens would be staffed with one individual on the taps and one individual checking tickets.

The beer gardens we would like to request within this proposal include:

- Backcountry Fest
- Viking Fest
- Spring Break
- Cypress Cup/Retro Day
- Last Public Day/Ski Patrol Fundraiser

We ask that during large public events we have one Mount Cain provided host inside Turk's Tavern, and if staffing allows a second host outside in the gardens to help us maintain safe spacing.

Additionally to these beer gardens we are asking for consideration on relocating some of the beer gardens for a more engaging experience. We would like to propose hosting the beer gardens behind the ski patrol hut to celebrate the Ski Patrol Fundraiser, and by L1 close to the old outhouses for Retro Day.

We would like to propose a kid's garden to celebrate the excitement of Kid's Fest. Pop, Candy Bags, and a Bring-Your-Own-Stick-(And-Parent) s'more experience within a non-alcohol focused garden event. We would also love to use the children's skis for shots of apple juice, and bring on a face painter for extra fun!

Jamie and the Turk's team are excited to bring the COVID safe excitement to our 2021/2022 season events.

Please reach out to us with any changes or requests. The best email to reach our team is jmeturko72@gmail.com.

Thank you for your consideration! We are looking forward to an incredible year!

Sincerely,