

Mount Cain Alpine Park Society January Meeting

Date: January 4, 2025

Location: Office / Hybrid

Called to order at: 4:17 pm

Mount Cain is located in the territory of the 'N̓amg̓is First Nation. The mountainous area near the Davie River, is known as Papikalan in Kwak'wala, meaning 'place of marmots. The Mount Cain Alpine Society honours and respects our relationship with this nation and we are grateful to be able to recreate on these lands.

Attendance:

Name	Director	Executive Role	Attendance at meeting
Kim Kufaas	Director of Communications		Yes
Kieren Britton	Director of Hospitality / Summer Ops	Secretary	Yes
Eric Sprenger	Director of Technology	Chair	Yes
Dean Hunchuk	Director of Buildings + Construction	Vice Chair	Yes
Matt Tjepkema	Director of Patrol		Yes
Christian Tuters	Director of Ski Shop + Snow School		Yes
David Mazzucchi	Director of Ticket Booth		Yes
Darren Anonson	Director of Events / Summer Ops		Yes
Mike Green	Director of Ops- Road/Generators		Yes
Dave Steele	Director of Ops- Lifts		Yes
Lynette Tanaka	Director of Human Resources		No
Mason Masales	Director of Ops- Snow Machines		Yes
Drew Nagainis	Director of Occ. Health + Safety		Yes
Alec McBeath	Director of Administration	Treasurer	Yes
Dave Weymer	Director of RV Park/Summer Ops		Yes
Sarah Duggan	Director of Grants		Yes

Legend:

- Black writing – Discussions
- Purple – Defer
- Red – Motion
- Green – Action items
- Pink - Thank yous

Motion to approve the agenda

Motion to approve - DM

Second – Kieren

Opposed – None

Passed

Motion to approve the previous minutes

[December Meeting Minutes](#)

[November Meeting Minutes](#)

Motion to approve – Drew

Second – Dazy

Opposed – None

Passed

Chair's Report (5 Minutes)

- **Big thanks to the whole team** for getting the hill open over the holidays! Great communications, really good stoke for opening! The whole team put in a huge amount of work to make opening happen.
- Still working with the District on renewing our lease agreement.
- Brief remarks on door codes, there have been a lot of questions.
- **We need some DOD's to step up and sign up. January is looking very empty.**

Financial Report (5 Minutes)

- Kaerus insurance premium down to \$17K (vs 25\$ k last year) down based on last year's low numbers
- My plan would be to have a report each month with revenues: ticket sales, ski shop, accommodations (% of capacity and \$).
- Financials: I can forward Jacline's report for anyone who is interested
- This year: ticket booth and other financial reports

	Dec	Jan	Totals
All Sales	\$54,800.58	\$20,730.30	\$75,530.88
Lift passes	\$20,807.58	\$11,551.55	\$32,359.13
Memberships	\$2,145.00	\$615.00	\$2,760.00
Season Passes	\$31,698.00	\$8,563.75	\$40,261.75

Ski shop Gross	\$9,694.18		
TB Sales	\$78,603.00		

Action items: Directors to include their large expenses in their director responses.

Action item: Accommodations + % of bookings shared by Kieren

Action item: Ticket sales reported thus far shared by DM

Directors Reports (1-5 Minutes Each, let's try to keep this section to 50 minutes) [Rotating Order]

Note: Questions welcome, discussion and motions come after all reports are completed.

Director of Patrol

- Looking into Patrol Jackets from Helly Hanson
- Will be spending money on Tarps, AED battery and leads, emergency heat vests.

Director of Ski Shop + Snow School

- CASI Level 1 Course is set up for Feb 15- 17 2025 https://casi-acms.com/course-schedule/?language=en&groups=1®ions=6&page_num=4#casi-results

- o Applied for “Small Areas Ski School Instructor Training Bursary” to help pay for some of our volunteers and Cain instructors to take the course; Haven’t heard back yet on this one and need to follow up.
- o Now we need to fill this course with Cain folk

LEVEL 1 SNOWBOARD INSTRUCTOR
MOUNT CAIN, British Columbia

Language: English

FEB 15 - FEB 17 2025

AVAILABLE

Available spots: 7

PRICE	
\$528.91 before deadline	\$581.81 after deadline
Early bird pricing ends on: January 25, 2025	

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

February 8, 2025

MORE INFO

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- New rental equipment has been incorporated into the fleet
- Working on an order for next year based on what will drop off the indemnified list. Will be putting that order in before the end of the season to be delivered next fall
- Pretty much fully staffed
- Sufficient inventory to start the season.
 - o Hats arriving this coming week
 - o New merch arriving before end of January
 - o Lots of stuff that can be used for events prizes in current stock
- Online options to come
 - o Need to revisit this

Jan 13th – First school group

Director of Ticket Booth - David Mazzucchi

- The Ticket Booth is running well.
- I'm figuring out the Square software and we are reducing and reordering the number of categories, which will speed up the ticket purchasing process.
- Jen Lewis was promoted to Assistant Manager.
- Website needs to be updated, remove mandatory membership wording, and update Member/Non-Member pricing.
- Multiple complaints about the adult non-member ½ day price (\$47) being too high but compared to Mt Washington (\$104) I think our price is reasonable.

Director of Events/Summer Ops

- Working on some costing for opening
- Our goal should be to have the hill open at 9:15 each day. We have had a few late starts already this year. Internally we should be shooting for 9:15 (even 9:00am like most mountains, but get that the volunteers may not want to get up that early) it looks better for us to have an early opening than late. 9:15 will give us 15 minutes of flexibility if something comes up last minute in the morning and will help keep our promise to the public of a 9:30 load.

Director of Ops- Road/Generators

- Road works finished for 2024.
 - Thank you to Ministry of Forests who continue to support recreational access with their FSR's/
 - Koprino Contracting who donated considerable resources to Mt. Cain to make the road works go much further.
- Bulldozer Replacement.
 - Suart Abernethy, spending his time looking at options and considerable resources in lowbedding old D8 off hill and D7 in place for start of season

Director of Ops- Lifts

- Thank you, to Tony P, Dave H, Lucas S, James H, Dean D, Jean- Luc P, and Christian T for setting up our new motor at L3.
- James Hennesy is new to our maintenance team this year, Steve Golobar is mentoring.
- Capital expenditures required:
 - Towers
 - NDT testing
 - Repairs to ladders
 - Painting
 - Re-wiring safety circuits, and lowering junction boxes so they can be accessed from lesser heights.
 - Replace Hausch pins with brittle pins
 - Adding surface protection for wires, particularly at access road crossings
 - Send D500 for inspection and rebuild

Working on budgets for each line item, will present at March meeting.

Director of Human Resources

- Applicants are still pouring in. Please communicate with me how your department is doing for staffing 😊

Director of Ops- Snow Machines

- New guy is named Marty, we are excited to have him.

Director of Occ. Health + Safety

- Snowmobile skills test happening today
- Committee includes Kelly, Trish, and Sebastien
- Deployable ladders are ordered and will be up next weekend.

Director of Administration

- No updates

Director of Grants

- Working with Hakai on some upcoming grant intakes
- Action item: Follow up on sponsorship poster

Director of RV Park

- All rents paid. Still working on getting rental agreements back
- Defer to planning meeting: Discussion on tracking size of boot rooms? Should be 8'x8'
- Should we be looking into a limit on the size of the whole unit? I think so.
- I'm not going to be able to deal with moving the old outhouse in the foreseeable future. I'm happy to explain why it hasn't been moved if people are asking.

Director of Communications

- Vancouver Island North Tourism Map Advertisement – needs to be in this week if we go ahead. From sidebar convo with Eric and Darren: yes, lets do it up to \$500 – This aligns the with Cain's goals to support and encourage more NI folks to visit while contributing to the VINT publication's success and impact in the region as this map will end up in many hands over the year.
- Do we want to have an info share on iphone 14+ update that offers the satellite texting usage? SO many people over read that there is absolutely no service or wifi at Cain for guests / and folks in staff accom.

Director of Hospitality

- Accommodations Manager position will be vacant possibly as early as mid-February
- Hiring cleaners for February/March
- Update on Namgis contract – Mike
- Checking in on past experiences to confirm - Massages are coming to the mountain!
- Grant for some solar lighting in the cabins is in the works? But I am grabbing some temporary lights for the cabins
- Side note: Costco run, let me know if you need items

Director of Technology

- Wifi for staff discussed

Director of Buildings + Construction

- Issues with Blueberry – propane lights
- Toilet arrived at ski patrol. DH has been approached by key staff individuals regarding feeling overwhelmed with minor tasks and tasks that are not within their roles, detracting from their ability to do their role.
 - It would be helpful to have a janitor to take over some minor tasks
 - Can we find people within the liftie group?
 - If someone is doing lift maintenance, they should be paid lift maintenance rates
 - We need to train the community to call on the appropriate person so that minor tasks are not on the incorrect plate
 - **Action Item: Understand what tasks we need to take off the role and who we can bring into a janitor position. Discuss wage.**

Discussions / Motions (50 – 60 Minutes)

Discussion: upcoming grant intake for the BC Tourism Sustainability Network

- Up to \$15k in grant funds, as a non-profit MCAPS would have to contribute up to \$7500
- Focus is decarbonization/renewable energy/sustainability
- Hakai is supporting us on this
- Camera / office power for summer operations would be great – but we might have batteries for the office
- **Motion: Approve up to \$7500 MCAPS contribution if awarded BCTSN grant - Sarah**

Second - Darren

Opposed - 1

Passed

Discussion: potential grant application development to reduce diesel use by increasing solar and back-up battery supply (up to \$200k in grant funding, MCAPS would have to fund 50% of total project costs and 20% can be in-kind contributions (engineering/design)

- Hakai can support on in-kind contributions
- Mike, Dean, Jean Luc to discuss with Sarah to allow for Sarah's full understanding of the current operating systems
- Concerns around the longevity of batteries

Discussion: Did the staff accommodation work for all teams?

- Coyne building staff accommodations between cleaners and maintenance
- **Action Item: Dave to ask Steve if there is an issue**

Discussion: Radios are often all out, and we have more than enough.

- Patrol has their own
- Lifties have their own
- Maintenance + cleaners take from the office
- Jamie has one
- **Action items: Label all the radios, label the charger they go with, add a sign out process**
- **Action Item: Jean Luc and Sally will need their own radios – delay until we know more**

Discussion: Aim to be open for 9:15am, **with a patrol meeting at 8 am on Saturdays, 8:30 am on Sunday?**

- Open as soon as you can – directors' discretion – with a goal of 9:15 am
- Public knowledge will be 9:30 am, this only helps us aim for the time we promise
- **Action item: Matt will set the bare minimum to open with the goal of being 9:15 am**

Defer to next meeting - Discussion: Cameras set up

Defer to side bar - Discussion: Road to 'Namgis

Defer to next meeting - Discussion: Wifi

Action item: DM to update DOD checklist

Adjourn meeting: 6:35 pm