



SKI TRACKS

Newsletter of the Bitterroot Cross Country Ski Club
Box 431 • Corvallis, Montana 59828

November, 2005



OCTOBER, 2005 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

October 13, 2005

By Kay Fulton

Sonny LaSalle, President, called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. There were approximately 60 in attendance.

Treasurer's Report by Jeane Lippert: Income, -\$4,142.54; Expenses, \$2,063.76; Net Income, -\$6,206.30; Checking, \$543.64; Savings, \$87.70 plus \$3,000 C.D.

Old Business:

Purchase of the Bitterroot Cross-Country Ski Club

PICK-UP! As Sonny had reported in the October Newsletter, a 2002 Chevrolet Pick up has been purchased from Karl Tyler Chevrolet in Missoula. The salesman was Ken Stolz. Signs will be put on the sides of the truck acknowledging Karl Tyler and the agencies from whom we received grants. It was evaluated along with one other truck by the Cheese Factory Garage in Corvallis and determined to be the best buy. Everyone is pleased with the selection. The truck will be housed at Ed Hastings' home since he is the groomer who lives the farthest away. Once again thanks to the truck committee, to those who wrote for the grants we received and to all who donated their time and money.

System for filling cancellations at the Ski Hut during the

Winter: Earl Philips reminded us that he set up a system for filling cancellations, which proved to be successful. Earl will set up an e-mail list of people who want to be called at the last minute. If you are interested e-mail him at Philips@Montana.com. The Forest Service will also put that information on the form for people reserving the Hut. Hopefully we can keep it full.

New Business:

Sonny reported that the terms of Vice President and Secretary will be up in December

and we will have elections. He stated that this is his last year as President. His term will end one year from this December.

November is the Membership Drive. Encourage new people to join by the November 10th meeting. This is also the meeting where Club members bring great door prizes and names are drawn for the winners.

December 8th is the Potluck.

A new coordinator was needed for the Extravaganza.

Katya Merrel volunteered to accept that job. Thanks, Katya! The date will be February 25th, 2006. Start buying your tickets now!

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Thursday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m

First Presbyterian Church

1220 West Main St. in Hamilton

Ed and Pat Hastings will present a slide show of their winter trip to Yellowstone last January where they stayed in yurts, and travelled around in snow coaches.

ANNUAL DUES EXPIRED OCTOBER 31

This is the last newsletter for those members who paid annual dues for the year from November 1, 2004 to October 31, 2005. Membership renewal applications are in this newsletter. The November 10 meeting is called our membership meeting as this is where we encourage those whose membership have expired to continue as members of the Cross Country Ski Club.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello skiers, we had a great October meeting with a large crowd. There were new members, old members and non members there to see an interesting program about Chile and sign up for hosting the Hut. Thanks to Arlee and Patty for coming over from Wisdom with their calendar of available host dates.

Thursday November 10 will be our annual membership meeting where we have door prize drawings of things and services donated by members. We have some very talented members that donate home made items and services to be given away. Leo Joron our membership chairman will have tickets to give each member as they come in. Everyone should feel free to donate an item.

The positions of Vice President and Secretary are up for election at the December meeting so we need to identify candidates at the November meeting. The December meeting will also be our annual potluck and will start at 6:00 PM not 7:00 PM so start thinking of something good to bring and share.

Thanks in advance to all of you that have or will write letters to the Beaverhead—Deerlodge National Forest concerning the Forest Plan. Remember, the last day for public comment is October 31.

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Katya raised a concern that we need to be more welcoming to new members.

Trails Report:

Gordon reported that the new Junction Maps have been ordered and were supposed to be finished by September 15th but they are not in yet.

The removal of the logs cannot be done now due to a judgement of a Judge in California. Details are not yet known.

THANKS TO ALL OF THE GREAT VOLUNTEERS:

Gordon told us how surprised people are when they find out about the great volunteers in our Club. Gordon thanked all who helped clean the cabin and bring in the wood on the workday. Additionally he especially thanked the following people who do so many important things and are sometimes not acknowledged.

Joe Rousoff and Earl Philips who redo the floor every year

The Stoudts who will donate the use of their hydraulic wood splitter

Dan Driscoll, Pat Patterson and Toddy Perryman for the newsletter

Jeane Lippert for letting us park the trailer at her place for 7 months

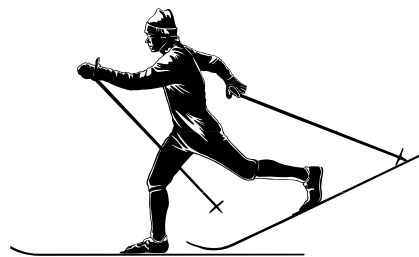
Mary Ellen Reese for the 15 years of getting the ski maps
Patty and Arlee from the Forest Service for scheduling the cabin

Earl Philips and Sonny LaSalle who wrote for the grants we received

Sonny thanked Art Seifert for the letter he wrote to the Forest Service and encouraged others to do the same.

Program:

A great program on "Charming Chile" was presented by Bill McCrum, Bill and Linda Stoudt, and Don and Mary Shaughnessy. They all visited there this year. The slides were quite enjoyable, especially those of the food they ate!



Membership Renewals / DUES

Annual Memberships EXPIRE November 1!

Renew your membership now!

INDIVIDUAL - \$15 • FAMILY - \$25

SUPPORTING INDIVIDUAL – \$30

SUPPORTING FAMILY – \$40

LIFE MEMBER – \$500

Membership Dues

Nov. 1, 2005 - Oct. 31, 2006

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