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|  | **STAKE LAKE CROSS COUNTRY**  **SKI AND SNOWSHOE TRAILS** | |
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**STAKE LAKE SKI AND SNOWSHOE TRAILS operated by OVERLANDER SKI CLUB**

**Executive Summary of Trails Operations in 2021-2022**

**November 2022**

Our 31st year of operations was a disappointment compared to the year before. Snow conditions and temperature conditions were highly variable and the demand for skiing and snowshoeing experiences fell dramatically despite the continuing public health precautions to restrict the spread of Covid 19. Our attendance fell by almost 50% to 16,196 skiers and 1744 snowshoers from 30,519 skiers and 2752 snowshoers last season. However, the previous year was exceptional, and this season compared well with the previous four years.

Snow arrived after the middle of December and by Christmas skiing conditions were good, but temperatures were very cold and forced trail closure for safety reasons on Dec 27th. Holiday attendance was much lower than normal as a result. Further cold weather in January, and low snow and icy conditions throughout the rest of the season, limited customers. We were open for 92 days, well below our 30-year average.

Trail fees were again unchanged from the previous year. Revenues reached $251,569, a huge increase from last season. Trail operating expenses almost the same as last year at $186,829. Depreciation was estimated at $35,000 resulting in total costs of $221,829. Net revenue was $29,739. Costs were kept low by using many hours of volunteer labour. The estimated value of labour donations was $43,235. The total net value of assets held by the club and used to operate the trails is $1 million. The total value of investments made by the Club since 1991 is approximately $1,620,000.

Trail use was promoted through the Club web page, participation in local tourism promotions and media releases and Cross Country BC magazine.

The snow grooming machine and other equipment continued to perform well. Many volunteer hours were spent grooming track and maintaining equipment. At the end of the season the club purchased a new Prinoth Bison snow grooming machine.

An additional 1.4 k of lit trails was added to the system for a total of 7k. A new snow shoe trail of 3.5k for a total of 20.7k and an additional 14.2 k of “off-piste” trails were added in the summer of 2021 and 22. Trail “smoothing” took place throughout the trails with the aim of improving early season skiing.

The trail system was used for teaching skiers of all ages and abilities. Special rates were again offered to all college students. The Ski S’Kool program was less successful with 440 children. School children ski at no charge and the program is funded by Overlander. The club also cooperated with the City of Kamloops to hold adult ski sessions which were advertised in the City Recreation brochure.

No ski events were held at the trails because of Covid restrictions but the Lights display was expanded and advertised. Two free snowshoe days were sponsored by Sportical and Play Kamloops and both sessions were very successful. A successful Snowshoe event was held by the Dirty Feet company.

Overlander Ski Club has served 369,136 skiers since 1991 and 15,561 snowshoers since 2007. We plan to continue serving the people of the Kamloops area and the province in the 2022-2023 year.

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**Stake Lake Ski and Snowshoe Trails Annual Report for 2021-22**

**1) INTRODUCTION**

Overlander Ski Club operates the Stake Lake Ski and Snowshoe Trails under contract with Recreation Sites and Trails BC. The contract requires the club to produce an Annual Report on the operation of the trails. This report must provide the management agency with the information necessary to monitor and audit the performance of the Overlander Ski Club in relation to the approved management goals.

Our management goals for the 2021-22 ski season, as in previous years, were:

1. To operate the Stake Lake Ski and snowshoe Trails in such a way that our customers, regardless of ability, enjoy a safe high-quality experience each time they use the trails.
2. To promote the use of the ski and snowshoe trails by Kamloops residents, other area residents, and visitors to the area.
3. To improve the ski and snowshoe facilities and trail maintenance equipment through volunteer efforts, public fund raising, and reinvestment of operating surpluses to raise the quality of the skiing experience in the coming year and in future years.

Overlander strives to provide facilities and programs that are a clear benefit to the Citizens of Kamloops and the surrounding area, and to our many visitors from afar. Our facilities are available to anyone regardless of age, ability, ethnicity, gender, religion, income or sexual orientation. We engage in long term planning to ensure that our programs and facilities are sustainable for the next generation.

Overlander wishes to thank our many supporters in the local community and financial contributions from government funding agencies.

The Annual Report is intended to provide the management agency with information to assess performance of the ski trail operation.

**2) OVERLANDER SKI CLUB**

The Overlander Ski Club is a registered, non-profit society and has operated in the Kamloops area since 1981. The objectives of the Ski Club are to foster cross country skiing and ski racing and to assist in the development of skiers in the Kamloops area. The 2021-22 membership was 1716 persons, an 8% increase from last year.

In the early 1980’s, the club played a major role in the campaign to seek compensation for the destruction of the Bush Lake/Timber Lake ski trails during the construction of the Coquihalla Highway. This campaign led to the construction of the Stake Lake Ski Trails in 1986. Following a public competition, a trails operating contract was offered to Lac Le Jeune Resort. Over the next few years, the club made numerous representations to the public management agencies concerning the poor performance of the contractor and the condition of the trails. When the contractor declined the obligatory offer of a new contract in 1991, the club was asked to manage the trails. The membership agreed, but not without many misgivings. The financial and organisational commitments were thought to be close to the limit of our capability, given our status as a voluntary organisation without previous experience in the field.

Since 1991 the Overlander Ski Club has operated the trails with growing confidence under contract with the Provincial Government. The current contract, called a Partnership Agreement, runs until 2023. Public support has been strong, club membership has grown, and after 30 seasons of operations, the quality of the Stake Lake skiing experience is second to none in the province. The club continues to rely upon a dedicated group of volunteers to manage the trails along with a small number of paid staff. The value of volunteer time over the past season is estimated to be $43,235, which is about 50% of the expense of paid staff.

**3) TRAIL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Responsibility for the operation of the trail system rests with a Trail Management Committee which reports to the Executive of the Overlander Ski Club.

The 2021-22 Committee members and their responsibilities were as follows:

Lee Card Staff

Tim Cole Snowshoe trails; OSC Executive

Luke Guilherme Equipment and track preparation; OSC Executive

Chris Jones Equipment and track preparation

Klaus Mey Trail maintenance

Alan Vyse Committee chair

The 2021-2022 Executive committee of Overlander Ski Club was follows:

Vesta Giles President

Kailee Mortimer Secretary

Mike Duck Treasurer

Joan Bernard Director - Membership

Luc Guilherme Director - Trails

Maureen Light Director - Ways and Means

Dana Manhard Director - Junior Programs

Rich McCleary Director - Ski League

Linda Ritchie Director - Ski League

Wallace Huston Director - At large

Tim Cole Director – Trails

Brad Smith Director – At large

**4) MARKETING**

Our marketing efforts continue to develop an enhanced level of awareness of the Stake Lake Trails, Overlander Ski Club, and cross-country skiing in general, in the Kamloops area. Our primary medium for marketing is the Club web page.

We also sought publicity for the trails through various promotions. The pre-season ski events, the trail opening day and ski lessons were publicized on radio and TV and in local newspapers and social media.

The Club Web Page (www.overlanderskiclub.com) now serves as the principal means of serving our members and promoting the club and the trails system to others. The web page was updated daily during the ski season. A web camera and automatic weather station allow members and visitors to check trail conditions. Ski Trail and Snowshoe Trail maps are available for download and were distributed free of charge to patrons. Ski Trail maps are available on Trail applications for cell phones.

Snow conditions were reported daily to area residents through the web page (http://www.overlanderskiclub.com/), our staff and our Snow Phone answering machine (250-374-5514). The trails are also featured on the Snow Forecast site ([www.snowforecast.com](http://www.snowforecast.com)).

A snowshoe event was held but no skiing events were held because of continuing Covid19 health restrictions.

The club’s videos “A Day in the life of the OSC”, which shows what goes into managing the trails, and “Cross country ski basics”, which encourages people get on their skis and learn the basics of the sport, continue to be viewed on UTube. We use Facebook posts to inform club members, and the general public, about trail conditions, trail safety issues, lessons, and club events.

A Tracking app Nordic Pulse was purchased to allow members to get up to date information on trail conditions.

**5) PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT ADMINISTRATION**

On Dec 2001, Overlander Ski Club signed a Recreational Trail Management Agreement with the B.C. Forest Service, Kamloops Forest District under authority of Section 170 of the Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act. The term of the agreement was 10 years. In 2006, management responsibility for the trails was transferred to the Ministry of Tourism, Sports and the Arts, and then the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts. In 2010, responsibility was transferred to the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations. The club signed a second 10-year agreement with Recreation Sites and Trails BC, which is part of the Ministry, in November 2011. In 2013 the form of the Trail management agreement was changed and a Partnership Agreement was offered to the Club by Recreation Sites and Trails BC and signed December 2013. This agreement ends in 2023.

**6) TRAIL USE**

The trails were open for a total of 92 days from December 18th,2021 to March 20th, 2022, and there was a one day closure for cold weather. Trails were open 8 am to 8 pm from Monday to Saturday and until 4pm on Sunday.

Snow arrived later than last season, and there was a prolonged period of cold weather over the Christmas season which sharply reduced attendance. With warm weather and wet conditions in January, the trails were hard and icy, which also reduced numbers.

A total of 16,196 skier days were recorded for the year with an average of 176 skier visits per day and 1774 snowshoer visits were recorded. These totals are well below the records posted last season but on pace with the totals recorded in the previous four seasons. Use of the snowshoe trails did not decline as much as ski use.

The greatest use of the trails occurred on weekends, with Saturday the busiest day. The highest day attendance was 615 on February 5th. The highest weekly total of the year (2219 skiers) occurred in February after a substantial snowfall improved the trail conditions. Night use of the trails dropped to 2421. Night skiing started on Jan 2nd and continued to March 11th. Night-time attendance contributed about 15% to the total attendance.

We know that the total of skiers is more than the recorded total, because members and others ski before the trails open and after they close; and a few people sneak onto the trails. Opening at night has allowed us to capture some of those who used to ski after hours. In addition, our staff members are often on duty well before official opening time and regularly greet early morning skiers. Most of the skiers who ski before or after hours are club members. Skiers used the trails before official opening because snow on the trails was rolled several days before opening. There was also some minor use after the trails were closed at the end of the season. Entry to the trails from access points at the south end of the trails is a continuing minor irritant and customers continue to use the Dog trails without checking at the ticket booth.

We sold a total of 1714 season passes, including 99 family passes 70 parent passes and 41 snowshoe passes. Season pass sales were 1% more than last year. 196 six-day ski passes, 3149 one-day ski passes, 5 six-day snowshoe passes and 1641 one-day snowshoe passes were sold. School visits decreased again to 440 student days, principally because of virus health restrictions but cold weather led to the cancellation of several sessions.

Two free skiing days were held this season: at the beginning of the season and on Family Day, Feb 15th. On Family Day, our staff collected cash and food supplies in lieu and the Club made a substantial donation to the Kamloops Food Bank. Two free snowshoes days sponsored by Sportical and Play Kamloops were successful.

Logan Lake ski Club members were offered, and used, trail pass fee reductions because their trail system was destroyed in a major forest fire last August

## Ski Trail use in 2021-22 compared with previous seasons

The following tables show daily ski and snowshoe trail use during the season. The accompanying graph compares trail use in the 2021-22 season compared with yearly use over the previous 30 years that the trails have been under Overlander Ski Club management. Mean attendance is 14,198 skiers per year and the total number of skier days from inception is 369,136. The total number of snowshoe trail users is 14,782 over 10 seasons.

**Daily ski trail use**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Date | Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat | week total |
| 29-Nov |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| 06-Dec |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| 13-Dec |  |  |  |  |  |  | 147 | 147 |
| 19-Dec | 319 | 115 | 79 | 144 | 253 | 260 | 13 | 1183 |
| 26-Dec | 18 | . | 69 | 60 | 154 | 224 | 263 | 788 |
| 02-Jan | 582 | 423 | 91 | 54 | 141 | 219 | 541 | 2051 |
| 09-Jan | 485 | 162 | 174 | 32 | 112 | 127 | 390 | 1482 |
| 16-Jan | 167 | 103 | 144 | 71 | 202 | 227 | 455 | 1369 |
| 22-Jan | 391 | 155 | 155 | 127 | 222 | 171 | 287 | 1508 |
| 30-Jan | 275 | 277 | 245 | 108 | 372 | 327 | 615 | 2219 |
| 06-Feb | 466 | 91 | 196 | 132 | 206 | 118 | 294 | 1503 |
| 13-Feb | 203 | 54 | 169 | 197 | 218 | 98 | 231 | 1170 |
| 20-Feb | 135 | 49 | 32 | 51 | 251 | 139 | 257 | 914 |
| 27-Feb | 196 | 91 | 82 | 44 | 147 | 77 | 197 | 834 |
| 06-Mar | 138 | 27 | 63 | 50 | 84 | 44 | 180 | 586 |
| 13-Mar | 145 | 34 | 32 | 30 | 39 | 63 | 52 | 395 |
| 20-Mar | 47 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 47 |
| total | 3567 | 1581 | 1531 | 1100 | 2401 | 2094 | 3922 | **16196** |
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**Daily snowshoe trail use**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Date | Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |  |
| 29-Nov |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| 06-Dec |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| 13-Dec |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 | 2 |
| 19-Dec | 43 | 6 | 1 | 14 | 37 | 37 | 5 | 143 |
| 26-Dec | 0 | closed | 4 | 8 | 10 | 33 | 23 | 78 |
| 02-Jan | 57 | 39 | 11 | 3 | 7 | 23 | 44 | 184 |
| 09-Jan | 86 | 34 | 17 | 14 | 9 | 20 | 42 | 222 |
| 16-Jan | 40 | 28 | 17 | 25 | 13 | 10 | 40 | 173 |
| 22-Jan | 135 | 16 | 18 | 11 | 9 | 16 | 40 | 245 |
| 30-Jan | 50 | 44 | 9 | 0 | 14 | 27 | 70 | 214 |
| 06-Feb | 110 | 17 | 9 | 14 | 15 | 11 | 87 | 263 |
| 13-Feb | 65 | 14 | 16 | 8 | 11 | 9 | 30 | 153 |
| 20-Feb | 17 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 10 | 48 |
| 27-Feb | 5 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 27 |
| 06-Mar | 0 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 11 |
| 13-Mar | 5 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 11 |
| 20-Mar | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| total | 613 | 212 | 110 | 102 | 137 | 200 | 400 | **1774** |
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**7) FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

At the end of the club’s fiscal year on September 30th, 2022, trail revenues were $251,569, more than 20% less than the amount earned last season. These revenues were from the sale of passes and rental of ski and snowshoe equipment. A further $43,235 was donated in volunteer labour bringing total revenues to $294,804. Operating expenses were $186,829, about the same as last year. Major expenses were employee wages and benefits, track setting and equipment, snow removal, insurance and fuel. Depreciation was estimated at $35,000 which results in total costs of $221,829. Net income was $29,739.

The financial position of the club continues to be sound. Reserves are used to replace aging machinery, add to the pool of rental equipment and further improve trail facilities. Efforts continue to raise funds from granting agencies with some success.

The trail buildings include the washrooms, the day lodge or trailhead chalet and the machine maintenance building. A 1997 Bombardier Plus MP machine was purchased in December 2002 at a cost of $110,000. A new Prinoth Bison snow machine was purchased and delivered at the in March 2022. Two Arctic Bear Cat snow machine were purchased in 2019 and the two oldest snow machines were sold. The club now owns four small snow machines and two Ginsu tracksetters. A third roller was ordered to improve the efficiency of rolling operations.

The total value of assets held by the club, and used to operate the trails, now stands at $965,000. No debts are outstanding. Investments made by the Club over the past 30 years total approximately $1.6 million.

The Club continues to receive generous support from our funding partners.

**8) STAFF**

We thank our staff for their sustained efforts over the season and for representing us so well. Chelsea Francis coordinated employee hiring in the fall and Roy Langdon was appointed Trails Manager in December. He was supported by Rachel Komori, Tracy Parsons, Rick Leong, John Davis. Serena Lindsey was recruited again to teach lessons to the public and to help Shelley Davidson with S’Kool Ski.

**9) TRAIL CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE and LIGHTING**

No new ski trail construction took place, but regular trail maintenance continued. Volunteers removed debris and seedlings from all ski and snowshoe trails and brush cutting was carried out to cut back conifer seedlings and sitka alder. Poor drainage was corrected on a few trails and ATV access was blocked at the south end of the trails system.

An additional 1.4 km of ski trails were provided with lights.

Three new snowshoe trails, totally 3.5 k, were constructed to the south of Stake Lake. These trails are named Spruce Canyon, Cow Creek and Rattle Viewpoint. Several “off-piste”, or ungroomed, ski trails were marked and checked for tree hazards. As of November 20211, 9.3 k of trail was constructed with a further 5k planned for 2023. They require no ground disturbance during construction and minimal winter maintenance.

There is also the job of maintaining the trails in the summer which requires many volunteers. 100 volunteers spent approximately 500 hours cleaning the trails. Klaus Mey coordinated the work. Tim Cole and his crew dealt with many fallen trees and debris on the snowshoe trails.

Building maintenance is another job that our volunteers take pride in accomplishing, and last fall, the trail shelters were renovated all with new roofs and new footings.

The club operates 57.7 km of ski trails including a 5 km dog trail, 20.7 km of snowshoe trails including a 2.6k dog trail, and 14.2 km of “off piste” trails. 7 km of the ski trails have lights

**10) TREE REMOVAL AND LOGGING**

No special tree removal operations were conducted this year. Live and dead trees continue to fall on the trails, and all are removed each year by trail maintenance volunteers trained in the safe use of chain saws.

**11) TRAIL GROOMING**

Trail grooming was again carried out by volunteer crews and by staff. Groomers were at work for 113 shifts. 13 individuals and Meeko the dog took part in the grooming for a total of 785 hrs. The workload was heavier than last year. Much time was spent using snowmobile grooming on low snow in the first month of the season. Two staff members also spent many hours grooming the trails, usually before the trails opened in the morning.

The work of maintaining the machines and setting the tracks sometimes seems never ending and we owe a huge vote of thanks to the crews.

**12) SNOW REMOVAL**

A local contractor was engaged to clear snow from the parking lot.

**13) EQUIPMENT**

The Bombardier snow cat again performed well this season but is showing its age. A second, new, Prinoth Bison snow machine was purchased and delivered in late March. The Ginsu groomers, which are towed behind snowmobiles, were used to allow rapid touch up of trail conditions after heavy use days and proved invaluable during periods of low snowfall. Two Arctic Bearcat machines allow for more rapid trail rolling and tracksetting under early snow conditions and were used heavily this year because of the low snow conditions. 202 hours were spent maintaining the snow grooming equipment.

**14) BUILDINGS**

The club has built several permanent structures to operate the trail system. The latest addition is the Washroom building in the main parking lot. A day lodge is sited at the trail head and requires regular maintenance. All our machinery used to operate the trails is stored in a large building at the south end of Stake Lake close to the stadium area. A small cabin provides shelter in the Stadium area for officials during events and for younger children during lessons and the trailhead ticket booth provides office space for trail staff. Two small sheds were built for storing firewood. The Kamloops Astronomical Association uses a small observatory at the south end of the stadium to shelter a large telescope.

The large steel container (9’ x 40’) located in the Stadium area is used for storage for signs, fencing and direction boards used in races.

Our water system depends on a well located about 100m from the day lodge. The water must be treated to ensure it is safe for human consumption and constant maintenance of the treatment equipment in the washroom building requires considerable time and expertise. Major problems with the system this season meant that potable water was not available for customers.

**15) PROGRAMS and EVENTS**

Overlander has made a special point of encouraging young people to learn to ski. We do not charge for children under 9 throughout the season and many children took advantage of this offer. We also run the Ski S’Kool program, which encourages school classes from grades 2-7 to come to the trails and take ski lessons free of charge. In past years, two classes travel to the trails on each day and one class skis while the other snowshoes. This year attendance was affected once again COVID 19 health restrictions and there were numerous cancellations because of cold weather and poor snow conditions. 11 sessions were held for 440 students.

The Stuffie Ranger program continued for a third year. Children were encouraged to follow a map, either on skis or snowshoes, and find stuffies that had been hung alongside the trails. When they completed their map, they were awarded an Overlander Ski Club Stuffie Ranger Snowshoe or Ski badge, both of which had a cartoon moose on either skis or snowshoes wearing the club ski suit. This program continues to be successful.

This season, on site promotion efforts were reduced because of Covid health restrictions. The seasonal lights display was expanded, and two free ski days were held to encourage donations of food and cash to the Kamloops Food Bank.

**16) SKI AND SNOWSHOE RENTAL**

Skis and ski boots and snowshoes are rented from the basement of the day lodge. A further increase in inventory allowed us to provide more skiing opportunities for the public.

Skis were rented 1614 times. The pulks were rented on 41 occasions and the snowshoes rented 661 times.

**17) SAFETY**

Safety of clients, employees and club members continues to be a high priority in our management plans and actions. The safety manual was updated. Staff and club members patrolled the trails on a regular basis. We continue to operate a check-in procedure for our employees when they are working on their own, in accordance with WorkSafe BC advice.

8 minor incidents were reported this season.

**18) SECURITY**

Break-ins and vandalism are a constant concern. The Day Lodge and machine shed were equipped with alarm systems two years ago and were upgraded and video surveillance was installed.

**19) CUSTOMER SUGGESTIONS**

Customer suggestions are received by staff either in person, by phone or by e-mail to a Club e-mail address. Trails contact information is posted on the club web page.

**20) RECOMMENDATIONS**

In 2022-23, with approval, the Overlander Ski Club will undertake to:

1. provide a safe and enjoyable experience for all skiers
2. mitigate risks for staff and customers associated with COVID19
3. increase opportunities for trail users to improve their skiing with club instructors
4. promote all operations with advertising materials including video
5. create more off-piste ski trails and snowshoe trails
6. improve ski trails by smoothing the running surface, filling wet spots and changing alignment to reduce accidents
7. name new trails and update trail maps
8. remove hazardous trees
9. train staff on new groomer
10. purchase new roller
11. introduce social events as health restrictions allow
12. maintain trail fees at the same level for the new season

All improvements will be paid for by the Overlander Ski Club and its supporters.

**21) ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

Overlander Ski Club wishes to thank the staff of **Recreation Sites and Trails BC** for their co-operation throughout the year. We wish to thank Noelle Kekula and her staff for their efforts to ensure that Stake Lake Trails are managed in the best interests of the people of Kamloops and the Province. We also wish to express our appreciation to the TNRD for its generous grants to our lighting system improvements and numerous other supporters.

We also wish to thank:

* Our employees
* Our volunteers

The work of maintaining the machines and setting the tracks sometimes seems never ending and we owe a huge vote of thanks to the crews. This year they included: Thomas Bennett; Lee Card; Tim Cole; Kavin Fleet; Mike Fleury; Debbie and Peter Findlay; Luc Guilherme; Chris Jones; Jason Ladyman; Al Long; Dana Manhard; Peter Prochotsky; Kerry Spear; Stu Stankewiecz; Mike Stewart-Smith; Peter Voss.

The trails also require work in the summer.  Klaus Mey and Tim Cole and his crew dealt with many fallen trees and debris on the snowshoe trails. Building maintenance is another issue that our volunteers take pride in accomplishing.

Many Club members provide an invaluable service by walking the trails in the fall to clear seedlings branches and rocks.

We also wish to thank:

* Runners Sole for their continued support of the snowshoe trails
* The Kamloops media for their assistance in publicising the winter activities of cross-country skiing and snowshoeing and the Stake Lake trail system.
* Tourism Kamloops
* CCBC staff for their assistance throughout the year
* Funding agencies

**APPENDIX A**

**Stake Lake Trails Financial Information for 2021-22**

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|  |
| Pass sales |  |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | Ski day passes | 3147 | | Ski 6 day passes | 196 | | Night passes | 518 | | Disabled passes | 0 | | School visits | 440 | | Snowshoe day passes | 1637 | | Snowshoe 6 Day passes | 5 | | Season ski passes | 1362 | | Season snowshoe passes | 41 | |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
| Trail revenues *(Ski and snowshoe passes and ski rental)* |  |
| Ski passes: day and season passes  Snowshoe passes: day and season passes  Ski and snowshoe rental  Total Trail revenues  Volunteer labour donations | 224,585.00  7,749.00  26,984.43  251,569.00  43,235.00 |
| Total revenues | 294,804.00 |
|  |  |
| Trail Costs |  |
| Advertising and Promotion | 3,724.00 |
| Bookkeeping | 1,174.00 |
| Building maintenance | 5,982.00 |
| Debit machine | 490.06 |
| Depreciation | 35,000.00 |
| Equipment, repairs and maintenance | 12,103.00 |
| Electricity | 4,320.00 |
| Freight | 252.00 |
| Fuel for tracksetting | 13,174.00 |
| General supplies | 5361.00 |
| Insurance | 24,080.00 |
| Office supplies | 1,031.41 |
| On line payment fees | 3,398.45 |
| Signs | 61.00 |
| Snow removal | 6,225.00 |
| Ski rental equipment | 3,730.00 |
| Snowshoe rental equipment | 1,502.98 |
| Telephone and radio system | 2,698.00 |
| Ticket booth supplies | 3.00 |
| Trail maintenance | 0.00 |
| Travel | 7,687.00 |
| Volunteer labour donations | 43,235.00 |
| Wages and benefits | 89,833.00 |
|  |  |
| Total costs excluding labour donations and depreciation | 186,829.90 |
| Total costs including depreciation | 221,829.90 |
| Total costs including depreciation and labour donations | 265,064.90 |
|  |  |
| *net revenue or net loss* | 29,739.10 |
|  |  |

## APPENDIX B

## Trail use by user category

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **2021-22** |  |
|  |  |
| Category | user days |
| Senior | 1829 |
| Adult | 9519 |
| Student (included with Jr) |  |
| Junior | 832 |
| Under 9 | 1155 |
| Night | 2421 |
| Disabled Adult | 0 |
| Disabled Junior | 0 |
| Ski racers | 0 |
| Group | 0 |
| Ski S’Kool | 440 |
| Total | 16196 |
|  |  |
| Snowshoe | 1674 |
| Snowshoe racers | 100 |
| Total | 1774 |

**2020-21**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Category | user days |
| Senior | 2482 |
| Adult | 19441 |
| Student | ? |
| Junior | 2422 |
| Under 9 | 718 |
| Night | 4958 |
| Disabled Adult | 1 |
| Disabled Junior | 5 |
| Ski racers | 0 |
| Group  Ski S’Kool | 0  492 |
| Total | 30519 |
|  |  |
| Snowshoe  Snowshoe racers  Total | 2763  0  2763 |

**2019-20**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Category | user days |
| Senior | 1937 |
| Adult | 9005 |
| Student | 205 |
| Junior | 907 |
| Under 9 | 624 |
| Night | 2602 |
| Disabled Adult | 0 |
| Disabled Junior | 0 |
| Ski racers | 428 |
| Group  Ski S’Kool | 150  1558 |
| Total | 17416 |
|  |  |
| Snowshoe  Snowshoe racers  Total | 1298  75  1383 |

Note: these values are estimates from daily reports; reliability varies!

**APPENDIX C**

**Photos from the Trails**



Wednesday Ladies trail clearing crew Sept 2021

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| --- | --- |
| Enjoying the last of the snow at the Bushwacker Shelter March 2022. Bushwacker was our first back country trail and is open to snowshoers and skiers | Sidewinder cleared of tree seedlings and ready for golf! The trail runs through a clearcut dating back to the 1980s that has grown back from a combination of natural seed and planted stock. The area was logged by Stu Bates who was an early club supporter. |

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Cutting wood for the season

A person standing next to a car with a person in the trunk

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Rachel Komori leads the volunteer effort to set out the lights display on Cartwheel

![A picture containing sky, snow, outdoor, skiing

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Competitors in the Dirty Feet snowshoe race get ready for the Start.

A snow covered road surrounded by trees

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Good snow cover on the Lookout Trail

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| A picture containing text, outdoor, tree, snow  Description automatically generated  Christmas Promotion for the trails on our web page and social media | **A picture containing text, tree, snow, outdoor  Description automatically generated**  Snowshoe trail sign courtesy of Runners Sole |

**A picture containing tree, outdoor, nature

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Our first “Off-piste” trail

**APPENDIX D**

**TRAIL FEES 2020-21 (no change from 2019-20)**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Category | 6 day pass1 | day skiing | night skiing | snowshoe |
| Adult | 75 | 15 | 10 | 5 |
| Senior | 75 | 15 | 10 | 5 |
| Student | 35 | 7 | 5 | 2.50 |
| Junior | 35 | 7 | free | free |
| School groups | n.a. | free | free | free |
| <9 | free | free | free | free |

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Category | Seasons Pass – Ski2 | | Seasons Pass – snow shoe2 | |
|  | early | regular | early | regular |
| Adult | 150 | 175 | 45 | 45 |
| Senior | 150 | 175 | 45 | 45 |
| Student | 72 | 82 | 22 | 22 |
| Junior | 72 | 82 | 22 | 22 |
| <9 | 15 | 15 | free | free |
| Family | 360 | 420 | n.a. | n.a. |
| Parent | 1003 | 100 | n.a. | n.a. |

1 no time limit to 6-day pass

2Includes OSC membership fee

3 for parents with children participating in Ski League programs

Season passes include night skiing. Skiers under 9 years of age ski free of charge. School groups ski free of charge. Rates for large groups or affiliated sports groups are available.

Our big snow machines over the last 30 years

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The original tracksetting machine …. A Snowmaster with a VW air cooled engine. It served as the club’s tracksetting machine from 1984 to 1994. Where is the Red Beast now?

A group of men standing in front of a truck in the snow

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Our first Bombardier Machine purchased in 1995. Left to right: Luc Guilherme, Ken Graves (Bombardier rep), Jack Burns, Chris Jones

A group of men holding a sign

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The second Bombi was purchased in 2002. Herr the Kamloops Blazer’s Foundation rep hands over their cheque for outside the day lodge in 2003.

Left to right: Alan Vyse, Bob Furseth, Len McKay, Norio Sakaki, Mike Stewart-Smith

A picture containing snow, outdoor, tree, transport

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The Bombardier MP Plus looking good after 20 seasons of service

And ……. The new machine!

A picture containing road, outdoor, truck, transport

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Club members astonished by the arrival of the shiny Bison beast …. and its price

A person standing next to a truck

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Chris Jones, the tracksetting Boss, still working on our machines after 32 years, getting ready to drive the Bison Beast with the plastic covering on the seats!