



**MINUTES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HOLLYBURN CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB
Wednesday, October 14, 2015, 8:00 to 9:00 pm
Different Bikes, 1445 Main St, North Vancouver , BC**

Call to order

Meeting called to order 8:10pm

Dirk Rohde, President, welcomed all present.

Election of Board

By acclamation:

President: Dirk Rohde

Vice-President: Morna Fraser

Treasurer: Moira-Ann Handford

Secretary: Byron Henry

Coaching Coordinator: Doug Grimes

Jackrabbit/Bunny Program: Nancy Hill

Track Attack Coordinator: Andrea Hay

Racing Program Coordinator: Jake Weaver

Directors at Large: Birgit Weaver, Kurt Foellmer, Yoel Guttmann, David Morris

Presidents Report – Dirk Rohde

1) 2014–2015 Events Review

- a) Due to unusual amount of rain, many events were cancelled. However, a variety of “extracurricular” training activities compensated for the lack of time on snow.
- b) Coast Cup 1 took place on the “Callaghan Gold” trail, using snow preserved from the previous season.
- c) The 2014 Midgets Championships, hosted by the Strathcona Nordics at Mount Washington, were a great success, despite the challenging conditions.

2) 2014–2015 Successes

- a) This season witnessed the introduction of paid teen coaches, which proved promising.
- b) The use of preserved snow (the “Callaghan Gold” trail”) worked, and facilitated early season training, as well as hosting Coast Cup #1.
- c) Thanks to the efforts to the Jackrabbit, Track Attack, and Racing program coordinators, the development of alternate dryland training sessions proved very successful despite the lack of on-snow training time.
- d) Race team successes

- i) 44 athletes registered for the racing program this past year, with 30 athletes very active in program activities, and 14 with more limited involvement.
- ii) Hollyburn was well-represented, with our athletes posting strong results, in BC Cup, BC and Western Canadian championships, and NorAm events over the past season.
- iii) Four Hollyburn racers qualified for, and competed in, the Canada Winter Games .

3) 2015-2016 Key Events/Initiatives

- a) 2015 Teck Coast Cup: November 29. Roughly 30 club volunteers will be needed to put on this event.
- b) The BC Winter Games Trials will take place January 2, 2016 at Whistler Olympic Park.
- c) Sigge's P'ayak will take place February 27 and 28, 2016.
- d) Hollyburn will host the BC Championships, March 4 to 6, 2016, at Whistler Olympic Park. Planning is well underway; significant volunteer help will be needed.
- e) The club has created a new administrative position, combining the role of registrar and bookkeeper. Corinne Mounce has been hired to perform this role.
- f) The club website will be refreshed and updated over the coming year.
- g) The club will also look to update the existing long-term strategic plan.
- h) The executive will investigate the possibility of negotiating reduced-rate Whistler Olympic Park passes for club members (especially race athletes and coaches.)

4) Financial report

- a) Mo Handford presented the 2014/15 financial statements.
 - i) As planned, the club ran a loss in order to work down an existing surplus. The deficit was forecast at \$8,000 but ended up closer to \$13,000 as the team van accounted for some unexpected costs.
 - ii) In all, the club has about \$40,000 in the bank.
 - iii) Motion to accept the 2014/15 financial statements. Moved by David Morris; seconded by Morna Fraser; passed unanimously.
- b) Budget for 2015/16
 - i) This year, the club again received a grant of just under \$41,000. These funds will be allocated to pay for the coaching of Graeme McLean, as well as the teen coaches. Some of these funds will also be used to offset the travel costs of volunteer coaches.
 - ii) Currently, compared to last year, program registrations are down 30%, or roughly \$20,000. More registrations may materialize once snow arrives.
 - iii) The club will again run a deficient of just under \$11,000.
 - iv) By year end, we should have about \$37,000 in the bank with a total of \$15,000 reserved for eventual team van replacement.

- v) This will be the last year to run a planned deficit. Going forward, the club will need to balance revenues and expenses.
- vi) We will again apply for grants, and look for sponsorship opportunities.
- vii) Motion to approve the 2015/16 budget. Moved by Greg Goodwin; seconded by Dave Li; passed unanimously.

5) Special Guests

- a) Race team members Anna Goodwin, Annika Richardson, and Katie Weaver gave a presentation about a BC Ski Team trip to Sweden. The experience was strenuous and informative, and included training in the refrigerated Torsby Ski Tunnel, a 1.3km training loop. Considerable time was also devoted to dryland training, including roller skiing in both Sweden and Norway. The skiers also attended the Swedish Junior national training camp.

6) Program Reports

- a) Coaching ; Doug Grimes.
 - i) Seven coaching courses planned between now and spring.
 - ii) A new, fully electronic criminal record check system has been implemented.
 - iii) The roster of coaches for the new season is still in development; fewer coaches than last year have signed up, and not many new ones. Some current or “alumni” race team skiers might be interested in coaching.
- b) Jackrabbit/Bunny programs; Nancy Hill report.
 - i) Current registration numbers are 186 athletes, 56 coaches, 12 session coordinators, plus other volunteers. Fewer athletes than last season, accounting for about a 30% decline.
 - ii) Many experienced coaches are returning, so can focus on building quality and support them as they advance through knowledge/skills.
 - iii) The program will look to use WOP in the event of insufficient snow at Cypress.
 - iv) The Coast Cup series will be fully incorporated into the program.
- c) Track Attack program; Andrea Hay.
 - i) A total of 68 skiers and 18 coaches participated last year; this year 55 skiers and 13 coaches have registered so far.
 - ii) The Coast Cup races were a success, with the club posting the highest race participation in the province.
 - iii) Introduced a stronger fall dryland component last season. So far this year, skiers are able to participate in two midweek dryland training sessions, and one weekend roller ski practice.
 - iv) Going forward, the goals are for ski skills development, and continued regional camp and race participation.
- d) Adventurers – Morna Fraser.
 - i) This program is still going strong, although Saturday enrollment for the upcoming season is not that good. Sunday numbers are fine.
- e) Race team; Jake Weaver.

- i) A strong group of athletes and committed volunteers made last season a success. A total of 44 athletes participated last year, likely the most ever.
- ii) The past season was the most successful in terms of medals at high-level races. Three athletes won age aggregate awards, plus one university category award. Several athletes made BC teams; three were named to the national talent squad; one qualified for the national Para-Nordic team.
- iii) The racing team is a year-round program. This year, again, saw summer training, with intensity and participation rates ramping up in the fall, Many of our athletes attend BC training camps, too.
- iv) This year, the club will have about 34 athletes.
- v) Starting to plan a snow camp in late November, either at WOP or maybe elsewhere if no snow there. Any club members can take part.
- vi) The club is hosting the BC Championships, March 4 to 6, at WOP – the first time in many years that the event has been scheduled for the coast. The Championships will be a great opportunity for all races, indeed all club members, to participate.

7) Adjournment and draw prizes.

- a) The names of a number of individuals were drawn for various prizes, including P'ayak gift certificates.
- b) Meeting adjourned at 9:07pm