



**Minutes - EXECUTIVE MEETING  
HOLLYBURN CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB  
Monday, June 3, 2013, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Dirk, Jake, Birgit, Russ, Morna, Barbara, Yoel

**1. Welcome & Review of Past Minutes**

Corrected “appropriated” to “allocated” (page 2)

Minutes approved as amended (motion by Birgit, seconded by Jake)

**2. Various Club Issues**

- Club survey

Karen will be invited for next meeting to present results. Action : Dirk.

- Nakkertok exchange (10 min)

Barb talked with Kathy from Nakkertok. Each year Nakkertok is sending grade 7 skiers for a week . Nakkertok have 17 racing kids born in year 2000 and we have about 12.

Nakkertok is asking for hosting them in December and they will host us in January.

According to Nakkertok, the program is fully funded by the Federal government. We need to provide billeting, as well as cultural program etc. We have sample program from last year. Kids will need to take time off school on two occasions. HCCSC hosting on spring break may be an option instead of January.

Hosting during Coast Cup 1 maybe an option. Parents will need to take time off to drive kids around. Two coaches are required to travel with HCCSC (expenses paid). Executive is supporting initiative but club parents need to take the lead, pay all expenses etc. Action: Barbara will send email to all those who qualify to gauge interest. Nakkertok may be able to provide on information on incidental costs. (museums entry fees, van rental feels etc.)

- Club website changes

- Password accessible area in website is now functional . We can populate it any way we wish.

- Website may be changed using CMS tool (editor).

- RT information now appears on private Facebook page. Jake will gauge level of use in RT.

**Past and Upcoming Events**

Yoel is lead for BC Winter Games and possibly also the BC Winter Games Trials.

**3. Club Documents**

- Karen Campbell is working on policies and procedures document. Target is to have a draft ready for end of June.

Re: van insurance executive is fully protected by policy

We have to comply with national safety council requirements. A club operating a van for its members is required to comply.

#### 4. Program Review

- Adventurers

Sat & Sun programs worked well. Lead coaches will remain for another season. No major changes required. Could we accommodate a loppet group? Unlikely that such a group could be added to racing team. We need to be flexible and make changes as we go along. Adventure coaches should make skiers aware that they may ski with TA or RT. We cannot offer support at loppets due to lack of coaches.

- Race Program

Generally very positive comments in survey.

- Re: "too many practices across the bridge". This cannot change at this point.

- Re: desire to have training program geared for kids who are doing other sports. We have 5 training sessions per week. All the practices are suitable for all the kids. It would be desirable to have younger kids ski on same day. However, It is hard to accommodate due to varied schedule.

- Re: more advanced scheduling information. Every practice is appropriate for all kids except for very few and specific session (e.g roller skiing up Cypress).

- Re: having a specific coach for a specific group of kids. This is hard to do due to coach schedule. This is mostly an issue with younger skiers making transition from TA.

- Re: financial difficulty to participate. Currently athletes are only paying for their own expenses. They do not subsidize travel expenses for coaches or van gas. Issue is partially addressed by looking for specific RT sponsorship. We will try to address on case by case basis. On-going effort on RT specific fund raising.

More UBC students will attend RT next season. We need to develop a good flow of kids from TA. Emphasizing Coast cup, low level competitive events at Cypress etc. For some kids competition is what will keep them in the sport in teen years. We need to develop healthy approach to competition and include races as a regular part SDP (TA and level 3-4).

We need dedicated volunteers to run mini races at Cypress (Possibly include such a volunteer role at signup). Organizing mini races would be suitable for Level 1 officials. Cookie races, ski cross etc. Action: bring this issue up again next session to figure out logistics and coordination requirements. Jake should attend all coaches meeting as well as TA for improved coordination. Re: events. Better route communication (map) is required for Birkie. We need to make sure new kids coming to team feel welcome and connected. RT could support the local mini races. (scheduling coordination required).

- Masters program

This needs to start up sooner. There is need for both lower level (technique only) as well as skiers who would like high level technique + loppet preparation. Action: Yoel to meet with Kurt and Chris. Masters program registration to be included as part of main registration. Do we also cater to very beginner level? Maybe coach training should be opened up to all adults?

We will continue to direct beginner skiers to Cypress. Converse with Chris to clarify what levels of training we need to offer. Also, talk to Chris about possibility of dryland training and roller skiing.

#### 5. New Business

No new business.

#### 6. Upcoming Meetings

Monday July 15<sup>th</sup>