



**MINUTES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HOLLYBURN CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB
Wednesday, October 19, 2016, 8:00 to 9:00 pm
Deep Cove Outdoors, 352 Lynn Ave, North Vancouver , BC**

Call to order

Meeting called to order 8:00pm
Dirk Rohde, President, welcomed all present.

Election of Board

By acclamation:
President: Dirk Rohde
Vice-President: Morna Fraser
Treasurer: Karen Inman
Secretary: Byron Henry
Coaching Coordinator: Doug Grimes
Jackrabbit/Bunny Program Coordinator: Joanne Fenwick
Track Attack Coordinator: Andrea Hay
Racing Program Coordinator: Jake Weaver
Directors at Large: Birgit Weaver, David Morris

President's Report - Dirk Rohde

- 1) 2015-2016 Events Review
 - a) Teck Coast Cup #1 saw the biggest registration ever thanks to the great numbers of Hollyburn skiers who participated.
 - b) Hollyburn hosted the BC Championships in March, the first time this event had been held on the coast in 30 years. Both the racing and the awards banquet proved to be great successes.
 - c) Hollyburn "Fun Day" was a new event which saw older (Track Attack) skiers working and interacting with younger Jackrabbit skiers.
 - d) Sigge's P'ayak loppet took place in February at Whistler Olympic Park; many Hollyburn members participated and/or volunteered.

- 2) 2015-2016 Successes
 - a) A good snow year contributed to strong participation in club programs and external races/events.
 - b) Hollyburn won the Coast Cup series/banner again this season, reflecting strong participation and results in this season-long series of races.
 - c) The club hosted the 2016 BC Championships, which proved very successful in view of the numbers of skiers participating. Thanks are due to the many

club volunteers who stepped forward in a repeat effort of their work on the immediately preceding P'ayak event.

- d) The Hollyburn race team enjoyed another strong season highlighted by a number of individual successes at the provincial, national, and international level. Two of our racers, Katie Weaver and Annika Richardson, were chosen for the Junior National Ski Team.
- e) The club received some media coverage thanks to new volunteer media liaison coordinator Jeneen Sutherland: viaSport produced a video of the BC Championships, and the Vancouver Courier ran an article about Annika.

3) 2016-2017 Key Events/Initiatives

- a) Coast Cup #1 is scheduled for November 27 at Whistler Olympic Park.
- b) The Westerns/Coast Cup #2 events, presented by CVXC, will take place January 20-22, 2017 at Whistler Olympic Park.
- c) Sigge's P'ayak is scheduled for Saturday, February 25, 2017. As always, the club will take a lead role in helping to organize and host this event.
- d) The club's website will transition to a new, more modern WordPress platform. This upgrade will enable easier and more timely content updates, and will support a "mobile-friendly" interface.
- e) The executive will continue to pursue the possibility of negotiating reduced-rate Whistler Olympic Park passes for club members, specifically a \$35 WOP youth season pass.
- f) The executive will continue to work with Whistler Olympic Park (both directly and via a regional committee) to support athlete development, and the hosting of major events.
- g) The club, led by member David Helliwell, will embark on several new fundraising initiatives.

4) Financial Report

- a) Mo Handford, the outgoing club treasurer, presented revenues and expenses and balance sheet for the year ended August 31, 2016.
 - i) Total revenues came in a bit lower than projected. Overall, the club had an operating surplus of just over \$5,000 before depreciation.
 - ii) Total expenses were somewhat less than anticipated due to the race team using a lower subsidy. The planned website renewal (and move to new service provider) also did not take place, and no athlete support was given out (usually about \$1,000).
 - iii) The club finished with about \$47,000 in cash. The main assets are the account, the team van, and the wax hut. Each year, a certain amount is set aside for the eventual replacement of the van.
 - iv) Motion to accept the 2015/16 financial statements. Moved by Morna Fraser; seconded by Alison Heath; approved unanimously.
- b) Mo also presented the budget for the year ending August 31, 2017.
 - i) The club has again received a BC gaming grant this year totaling \$41,000.
 - ii) Program registrations are currently slightly down from last year which could affect revenue.

- iii) Fees were increased by 20% across the board as they had not changed for quite a while; the added funds will help support both volunteer and paid race team coaches.
- iv) We will again apply for a gaming grant, and look for supplemental sponsorship/fundraising opportunities.
- v) The club needs to rely more on our own sponsorship/fundraising efforts, and less on grants, which can be unpredictable.
- vi) Motion to accept the 2016/17 budget. Moved by David Morris; seconded by David Lum; approved unanimously.

5) Program Reports

- a) Coaching: Doug Grimes
 - i) Recruiting and training coaches are key activities. The great success of the race program reflects a lot of work and development over a long term.
 - ii) A number of NCCP (Coaching Association of Canada) courses will be offered, and a variety coach training programs will take place in the coming months.
- b) Jackrabbit/Bunny Program: Joanne Fenwick
 - i) Currently, 136 Jackrabbits and Bunnies are registered; some space is still available Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon. There are lots of new coaches this year. A new event coordinator position will help the session coordinators and coaches. Some groomer-helpers/volunteers will provide kids with the opportunity to have fun – and improve their skills – via skiing in the terrain park area.
- c) Track Attack Program: Andrea Hay
 - i) Last year the program had 55 skiers and 13 coaches; a good amount of snow made for a great season.
 - ii) The Fall regional camp at Whistler was a big success.
 - iii) Until the snow arrived, the TA program featured two North Shore and one Vancouver mid-week dryland practices, and one weekend roller skiing session.
 - iv) The BC Midget Championships were hosted by the Larch Hills club (Salmon Arm), and featured good participation and efforts from Hollyburn athletes.
 - v) About 50% of Track Attack skiers participated in one or more races over the season. In particular, the BC Championships provided a great opportunity for our skiers to gain exposure to, and experience the fun of, a big cup race.
 - vi) Currently, 63 athletes 15 coaches are registered for the upcoming season. The program will stress strong Fall fitness and a roller ski component. Continuous skills development will be key, as will more BC Cup and BC Champ race participation.
- d) Adventurers: Morna Fraser
 - i) This year witnessed a big turnover as many skiers “graduated” out of the program. This year’s group features all-new 13 and 14 year olds, and all new coaches.

- ii) More numbers are needed for the Saturday session.
- e) Race Team: Jake Weaver
 - i) Jake first took a moment to thank Mo for her years of service to the club.
 - i) Thanks to a string of individual and team successes at the provincial, national, and international levels, Hollyburn was ranked as the top club in the country this past season for junior boys/girls racers (16/17 year olds). Excellent coaches have brought these athletes all the way through the program's various age/skill levels over the years.
 - * Katie Weaver won four medals as a junior woman in NorAm races (two golds, two silvers)
 - * Annika Richardson represented Canada at the Youth Olympic games in Lillehammer, Norway, in February.
 - * Jenna Sim posted consistently high results as a junior girl including second overall aggregate at Nationals.
 - * Anna Goodwin was one of the top junior girls in the country, and raced in Europe as part of the Cross Country Canada Junior B Tour.
 - ii) Jake noted that having fun is a key component in engaging teens, and fostering their commitment to the sport. Race team members enjoy many positive experiences, and gain many life skills and self-confidence.
 - ii) This upcoming season will mark the start of a change-over in race team composition. A big "bubble" of older teens have now moved through the program; the team is getting younger, and will need to focus on younger athletes and their long-term development.
 - iii) Jake encouraged all club members to volunteer to help organize and run races. The club needs to build a group of regular volunteers in order to foster and preserve this expertise.
 - iv) Tuesday night "twoonie" races continue to be a popular activity at Cypress. These races are separate from the club, but closely aligned as Bob Putnam and Dave Morris organize these. These fun evening events are open to everyone, club/race team members or not.

6) Special Guests

- a) Race team members Jenna Sim and Kelsey Truran delivered an informative and entertaining presentation on their experience at the Haig Glacier summer ski camp. This high-altitude camp, located near Canmore Alberta, hosted a special week-long training session for the BC Development Squad, which consists of top junior skiers from a variety of clubs. Kelsey and Jenna outlined the rigorous training regimen they followed, which started with an 18km jog/hike to access the camp.

7) Adjournment and draw prize

- a) The names of a number of individuals were drawn for various prizes, including P'ayak (entry fee) gift certificates.
- b) Meeting adjourned 9:14pm.