



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HOLLYBURN CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB
Wednesday, November 18, 2020 7:07 to 8:24 p.m.
Zoom Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm.

Quorum was established with 58 people in attendance.

Dirk Rohde, President, welcomed all present and introduced Executive members.

- 1) **Review of Agenda and Past Minutes.** Move to approve agenda (Morna Fraser/Heidi Horlacher) All approved. Motion to approve minutes from 2019 (Joanne Fenwick/Dmitry Shapovalov). All approved.
- 2) **President's Report – Dirk Rohde**

2019/20 Events Review

- a) Teck Coast Cup #1 was cancelled due to lack of snow.
- b) Haywood Western Canada Cup was hosted successfully.
- c) Coast Outdoors P'ayak was held at end of February
- d) BC Winter Games had good participation. Club sent majority of cross-country ski athletes to BC Winter Games from Zones 3, 4 and 5

2019/20 Season Review

- a) It was another decent snow season. Membership numbers were good and increases were seen for most programs.
- b) Rebuilding continues for the race team.
- c) Adult program continued with success; coached by Marcus Laube and others. A registration discount was offered for volunteers and coaches.
- d) Katie Weaver, HCCSC member qualified for World Cup; attended races in Germany and Sweden.
- e) First Session of dryland successfully delivered for Jackrabbits and TA skiers due to low snow conditions.
- f) Successful Operation Snowball reaching our target to receive a matching donation.
- g) Stride Newsletter has helped improve communication-thanks are extended to Jeneen Sutherland.
- h) TA Ski Exchange with Chelsea Nordiq club from Ottawa was a success. We partnered with Sea to Sky Nordics which worked out well.
- i) Race team continues to grow and build with good participation in training and races.

2019/20 Club Numbers

- a) Membership: Total Members=573, Jackrabbits/bunnies=177, Track Attack=64, Racers=27 (13 Performance), Adventurers=7, Adult/Masters=21, and Coaches=87 with 14 teen coaches.
- b) Race Attendance: Teck Coast Cup #1 was cancelled; Haywood Western Cup had 411 skiers; Coast Outdoors P'ayak had 585 skiers with 72 kids and 29 parent escorts down from previous year due to conflict with other races.

2020/21 Key Events

- a) Teck Coast Cup Series-Cup #1 Hollyburn will host on Dec. 20, Coast Cup #2 on Jan. 3, Coast Cup #3 and #4 on Jan 30-31 hosted by Strathcona, Coast Cup #5 and #6 Feb 20-21 at WOP.
- b) NorAm World Jr/U23 Champ Trials / BC Cup #1 hosted by BTNS will take place on January 7-10 at WOP.
- c) 2020 Coast Outdoors P'ayakentsut, hosted by CVXC is scheduled for March 6 at WOP but may be hosted virtually over three weekends.
- d) Birkie Ski festivities for JR skiers will be hosted on Jan 23/24.

2020/21 Season Update

- a) COVID-19 has and will continue to impact our Club. A HCCSC COVID plan was developed based on viaSport, CCBC and Cypress guidelines and is posted on the HCCSC website. All members are to review the plan and all participants **MUST** sign an online agreement. The weekly sessions and the races will be adapted, and our plans will be updated as information is received. Registration was delayed, the registration period was shorter, registration limits and maximum group sizes are capped and our annual ski exchange at the AGM will now be done using our online bulletin board.
- b) In preparation for the 2023 World Jr./U23 Trials to be hosted by Black Tusk Nordic Events Society (www.blacktusknordic.com), the development of key officials has started. There are several events prior to 2023 to prepare the teams for this event (Coast Cups, NorAm, Nationals).
- c) In response to the high level of commitment of all race team skiers, the performance race team group has been merged into a single race team group.
- d) Flouro Waxes are being phased out.
- e) Volunteers are key to our club and are critical to the success of Hollyburn. Morna Fraser is the Volunteer Coordinator for Black Tusk Nordic Society. A Level 1 Officials class will be offered on Nov. 28 on Zoom with registration fees paid by our club. All friends and family are welcome to volunteer.

3) Election of Board

Motion to vote for full board as a full slate (Morna Fraser/Bronwen Morgan)

Motion to elect/accept nominations (Morna Fraser/ Nancy Hill)

President – Dirk Rohde

Vice President – Morna Fraser

Treasurer – Karen Inman

Secretary – Shannon Harris
Coaching Coordinator – Sonia Strobel
SDP (Jackrabbit/Bunny) Program Coordinator – Joanne Fenwick
Track Attack Coordinator – Jill Scott
Racing Program Coordinator – Jake Weaver
Directors at Large – Birgit Weaver, David Morris, Andrea Hay

4) Financial Report

Karen Inman presented the financial statements and the draft 2020/21 budget.

- a) 2019/20 Revenue and Expense Statement was presented. Revenue from registration fees were higher than planned which was nearly offset by Club Events revenue which was lower than projected due to cancellation of several events due to COVID. Move to approve as presented (Morna Fraser/ Nancy Hill). All approved.
- b) 2020/21 Budget was presented. Highlights include: \$160K revenue, \$192K in expenses, and deficit of \$35K that will be offset by 2019/20 surplus. \$40K in van replacement fund which will be spent this year. Expenses are higher this year due to the purchase of canopies to allow skiers to stay outside and in the miscellaneous category due to COVID related expense such as TeamSnap for group management and contract tracing and production of necessary signage. A member asked Executive to consider a bursary for registration fees using some of the surplus funds. Executive will discuss at future Executive meeting.

5) Program Reports

a) Coaching Program

Report presented by Nancy Hill-Coaching Coordinator. There will be many COVID related changes for this upcoming season to ensure skiers & coaches stay safe. Groups sizes will be smaller this season to respect Cypress Mountain policy of requiring ≤ 6 athletes per groups. Additionally, Hollyburn ensures more than 1 coach is always with skiers to protect skiers and coaches creating the need for more coaches. 95 coaches and 11 back up coaches will support the program this year and some coaches will be coaching twice a week to support demand. We now have a Track Attack Head Coach, a Coaching Coordinator and an assistant coordinator to help support our coaching team. We will offer more training session on-line or offer small on-snow mini-sessions for Coaches. There will be other challenges such as no hot chocolate or gummies. Will investigate virtual awards/gummy bears.

b) Jackrabbit/Bunnies

Joanne Fenwick reported on the Jackrabbit/Bunny programs. In 2019/20, there were 177 skiers with 50 bunnies with the support of 44 coaches. The following special events were offered: dryland training at beginning of season, biathlon, Birkebeiner, Sprint Day, Coast Cup #3 and the Coast Outdoors P'ayak. For 2019/20, registration has been strong with 151 skiers registered and 56 coaches to run this program. A virtual meeting with coaches will be held on Nov. 23 and a virtual parent meeting will be held the week of November 30th. This season to help ensure COVID protocols are met we will have session coordinators, assistant coordinators, skate ski coordinators and events coordinator to help deliver the program in a safe manner. In

response to COVID restrictions, there will be no food sharing (no hot chocolate or gummies) and the groups will start in a staggered fashion to minimize large groups.

c) Adventurers 13 kids are registered for programs offered on Saturday and Sunday.

d) Track Attack

Heidi Horlacher presented the Track Attack (Learn to Train ages 10-12) report. In 2019/20, there were 65 skiers and 21 coaches. Dryland sessions included roller skiing, trail hikes and runs. Skiers participated in November weekend practices on stored snow at WOP, participated in regional dryland camp, regional snow camp and club camp in late November. Weeknight and weekends on snow sessions were offered at Cypress. Racing opportunities included: Coast Cup Series, BC Cup races, BC Championships in Kelowna and Track Attack Championships hosted by Overlander Ski Club in Kamloops.

For the 2020/21 season, there are 55 athletes and 28 coaches. Jill Scott is the new coordinator and Megan Sheffer is the new TA Head Coach.

e) Racing Team

Head Coach Jake Weaver reported there are 27 race team members with support from 5 coaches. Starting in 2020/21, the teen racers and the performance racers programs were merged into one and the fees have been adjusted accordingly. Race Team training camps included: an early May on-snow camp at Sovereign Lake, backpacking trip to Manning Park, a regional Dryland Camp in September in Whistler and a camp in Canmore on “Frozen Thunder” in October. Race team attended several races including Coast Cups and BC Cups in Salmon Arm, Prince George and Kelowna, Westerns in Whistler and BC Winter Games in Fort St. John. Unfortunately, Nationals at Sovereign Lake was cancelled due to COVID-19.

In 2019/20, 3 athletes were nominated to the BC Ski Team, 4 athletes were nominated to the BC Development Squad and 3 athletes were nominated to the BC Talent Squad. This provides additional training opportunities for these skiers.

The Race Team is planning for a full program of on-snow training and races however restrictions may likely impact this plan. The number of races that racers will attend may be reduced. Nationals will be held in Gatineau, QC however interprovincial travel may impact attendance by the Race Team.

New Business none

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm. Move to adjourn (Birgit Weaver). All approved.