



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HOLLYBURN CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB
Wednesday, November 3, 2021 7:00 to 8:40 p.m.
Zoom Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm.

Quorum was established with 57 people in attendance.

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

- 1) **Review of Agenda and Past Minutes.** Move to approve agenda (Joanne Fenwick/Karen Black) Approved. Motion to approve AGM minutes from 2020 (Morna Fraser/Karen Inman). Approved.
- 2) **President's Report – Dirk Rohde**

2020/21 Events Review

- a) Most event were cancelled due to COVID-19 however approval was obtained for a Spring Break Time Trials event at WOP in March primarily for training of volunteers for the 2022 Nationals and 2023 World Jr/U23 Championships.
- b) The Coast Outdoors P'ayak was hosted as a virtual challenge this season. Attendance was excellent.
- c) There were many changes to our programs to manage the challenges of COVID-19 last season. We limited the numbers of skiers, 4-year-old Bunnies were not permitted to register, social distancing and masks were required, we had smaller ski groups and our Club made efforts to support Cypress restrictions. Despite these challenges, our coaches and skiers reported they had a great ski season and interest in our sport remains high. Thanks to our coaches, volunteers, and parents for making this season a success.
- d) Hollyburn recognized the passing of Murray Heyes and John Heilig who contributed extensively to our sport.

2020/21 Club Numbers

- a) Membership: Total Members=541, Jackrabbits/bunnies=156 Track Attack=55, Racers=26, Adventurers=14, Adult/Masters=17, and Coaches=98 with 10 student coaches.
- b) Race Attendance: Spring Break trials =50 skiers and Coast Outdoor Payak Virtual Challenge=435 skiers.

2021/22 Key Events

- a) Teck Coast Cup Series-Cup #1 Hollyburn will be hosted on Dec. 19, Coast Cup #2/BCWG Trials on Jan. 2 and Coast Cup #3 hosted by Mount Washington on February 19/20.

- b) BC Cup #1 January 15/16 at WOP.
- c) 2022 Coast Outdoors P'ayakentsut, hosted by CVXC is scheduled for February 26 at WOP but may be hosted virtually over three weekends.
- d) Canadian Ski Nationals will be hosted on March 20-27 and will include the US Super Tour Final.

COVID-19 Update

- a) COVID-19 restrictions have eased but will continue to impact Hollyburn. Updated HCCSC plan will be posted on website and will be updated based on new advice from viaSport, CCBC and Cypress Mountain.
- b) There is a new vaccination requirement for all coaches and volunteers.
- c) Be prepared for and open to changes and updates as they are put in place to keep our volunteers and skiers safe.

2021/22 Season Update

- a) In preparation for the 2023 World Jr/U23 Championships to be hosted by Black Tusk Nordic Events Society (www.blacktusknordic.com), the development of key officials will continue. There are several events prior to 2023 to prepare the teams for this event (Coast Cups, BC Cup, Nationals).
- b) Registration was earlier in the year to support planning activities.
- c) Cypress did not have-Group Season Passes this season.
- d) A Gear Swap was successfully hosted by our club at Cypress.
- e) Volunteers are key to our club and are critical to the success of Hollyburn. Two Level 1 Officials courses will be offered to club members-Nov. 13 will be in person and on Dec. 11 will be offered by Zoom; registration fees are paid by our club. All friends and family are welcome to volunteer.

3) Financial Report

Karen Inman presented the financial statements and the draft 2021/22 budget.

- a) 2020/21 Balance Sheet shows early registration in 2020/21 balance sheet but also shown as a liability. New van was purchased in 2021.
- b) 2020/21 Revenue and Expenses were presented. Revenue from club events was less due to COVID and expenses were underbudget for paid coaching and club events again due to COVID. Program expenses and supplies purchased included skis, tents, and wax. Move to accept (Morna Fraser/ Nancy Hill). Approved.
- c) 2021/22 Budget was presented. A Gaming Grant of 45K was received to support the expenses for delivery our ski programs such as coaches training, administration, race support, and coach wages. Expenses are projected to be more in line with pre-COVID budgets. Highlights include: \$165K revenue, \$208K in expenses, and a deficit of \$54K that will be offset by 2020/21 surplus. No fundraising is planned for 2022 to maintain compliance with the Gaming Grant guidelines. Move to accept (Morna Fraser/Chin Sun) Approved.

4) Program Reports

- a) Coaching Program

Report presented by Nancy Hill on behalf of Sonia Strobel. There were many COVID related changes for the season to ensure skiers & coaches stayed safe this included: No hot chocolate, no breaks in the lodge to warm up, no gummies could be shared and small groups with 1 coach were required. 99 coaches and some back up coaches supported our programs this year. Training was provided to 36 coaches by virtual means, by subscription to technique videos, and with guest coaches who supported newer coaches. We have the largest number of volunteer coaches in Canada. Heidi Horlacher is stepping into this role this upcoming season.

b) Jackrabbit/Bunnies

Joanne Fenwick reported on the Jackrabbit/Bunny programs. Several modifications were implemented including use of Team Snap, use of staggered starts and finishes, and smaller groups. The following special events were offered: Birkebeiner, Sprint Day, and the Coast Outdoors P'ayak virtual challenge. A thank you card was presented to Cypress Mountain staff to express how important skiing was for our skiers.

For 2020/21, we hope to have normal sized groups but some of the restrictions will continue. Staggered starts/finishes will likely continue to help manage congestion at Cypress.

c) Track Attack

Marieve Legrand presented the Track Attack (Learn to Train ages 10-12) report on behalf of Jill Scott. The dryland program included roller skiing at Empire Fields on Tuesday evenings and one weekend day for either running or ski striding. Athletes attended single day camps at WOP since sleep over camps were not permitted. Other changes in 2020/21 were: attendance was recorded for contact tracing purposes, on snow groups were smaller than usual, efforts were made to keep groups moving and spread out, start/end times were staggered to minimize congestion on trails and in front of the wax hut, the wax hut was not used for waxing, and the roller ski gear were signed out to minimize sharing of equipment. The coach: skier ratio was 1:5 for weekends and evenings. No official races for Track Attack skiers but a skate time trial and a classic time trial were successfully held at Cypress. General feedback was that parents and skiers were grateful for chance to be outside and have opportunity for social interaction during a time of restrictions.

d) Adventurer

Report was presented by Morna Fraser. Interest in this program remains high. A coach is currently needed for the Saturday group. This group provides an opportunity for skiers who are not interested in racing but want to continue skiing, want to participate in fun outside activities and want to develop their leadership skills.

e) Racing Team

Head Coach Jake Weaver presented the race team report. The program was greatly affected by COVID restriction with no training camps, no races for more than a full year, some monotony in training opportunities, stressful situations on busy ski trails

at Cypress and on their own training from March-June. The March 20, 2020 shut down led to the cancellation of Nationals in Vernon which was disappointing for our athletes since many athletes had planned to attend. Our team enjoyed a regular day of training at WOP during the 2020/21 ski season. Regular team practices were permitted in mid-June with full participation in team workouts because this was one of the few social opportunities available to athletes. Many of our athletes were selected for the provincial teams and some athletes were able to take part in BC Team camps starting in June. The multiday Regional Dryland Camp was successfully held in September with the record-breaking number of athletes attending. The team is looking forward to a full race schedule this season.

For 2021/22, 36 athletes are registered for the race team this year which is a large increase in the number of racers from 27 athletes in 2020/21. A YouTube video created by two of our race team athletes, Dustin and Aiden Hay was shared and will be posted to the Hollyburn website.

f) **Adult Program**

An update was presented by Nancy Hill. In 2020/2021, there were 18 athletes and 3 coaches on Thursday evenings. In 2021-2022, the program is growing with 24 athletes and 2 coaches on Wednesday and Thursday nights with more skiers on the waitlist. This program had smaller groups with some break up sessions and this format will continue again this coming ski season.

5) Election of Board

Motion to vote for full board as a full slate (Morna Fraser/Megan Sheffer)

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

President – Dirk Rohde

Vice President – Morna Fraser

Treasurer – Jenny Williams

Secretary – Shannon Harris

Coaching Coordinator – Heidi Horlacher

SDP (Jackrabbit/Bunny) Program Coordinator – Joanne Fenwick

Track Attack Coordinator – Marieve Legrand

Racing Program Coordinator – Jake Weaver

Directors at Large – Birgit Weaver, David Morris, Andrea Hay

6) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm. Move to adjourn (Morna Fraser). All approved.