



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HOLLYBURN CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB  
Wednesday, October 19, 2022, 7:00 to 8:40 p.m.**

Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm.

Quorum was established with 34 people in attendance.

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

**1) Review of Agenda and Past Minutes.** Motion to approve AGM minutes from 2021 (Dave Morris/Jutta Zeisler). Approved. Move to approve agenda (Heidi Horlacher/Joanne Fenwick) Approved.

**2) President's Report – Dirk Rohde**

2021/2022 Events Review

- a) Events returned for the season with the Coast Cups, BC Cup #1, Coast Outdoors P'ayakentsut and the 2022 Canadian Ski Nationals/US Super Tour Finals
- b) The Coast Outdoors P'ayak was hosted in person and virtually this season. Attendance was excellent.
- c) This season was a slow return to "normal" with fewer COVID restrictions than in the previous year. Current restrictions included: limits on the numbers of skiers and 4 years old skiers were not permitted in the Bunny program. Hollyburn offered a discount for returning members for program registration.
- d) Thanks to coaches, volunteers and parents who contribute to our club.

2021/22 Club Numbers

- a) Membership: Total Members=672, Jackrabbits/bunnies=188 Track Attack=66, Racers=34, Adventurers=20, Adult/Masters=21, and Coaches=122 with 10 student coaches.
- b) Race Attendance: Coast Cup #1: 186 skiers, Teck BC Cup #1: 345 skiers, Coast Outdoors Payak: 507 skiers (82 virtual) and Ski Nationals/US Super Tour Finals: 710 skiers.

2022/23 Key Events

- a) Teck Coast Cup Series-Cup #1 Hollyburn will be hosted on Dec. 18, Teck BC Cup #1/Canada Winter Games Trials on Jan. 7/8 and Coast Cup #2/3 hosted by Mt. Washington on February 11/12.
- b) FIS World Jr/U23 Champs Jan. 28-Feb 5 hosted by BTNES. Volunteers are needed for this high caliber event which will be the largest event to be held at WOP since the Olympics.
- c) 2023 Coast Outdoors P'ayakentsut, hosted by Callaghan Valley Cross Country Ski Club is scheduled for February 25 at WOP with a virtually option again this year.

### COVID-19 Update

- a) COVID-19 restrictions have eased but are not yet over. Updated HCCSC plan will be posted on website and will be updated based on new advice from viaSport, CCBC and Cypress Mountain guidelines.
- b) Be prepared for and open to changes and updates.

### 2022/23 Season Update

- a) In preparation for the 2023 World Jr/U23 Championships to be hosted by Black Tusk Nordic Events Society ([www.blacktusknordic.com](http://www.blacktusknordic.com)), the development of key officials will continue. There are several events prior to the 2023 World Jr to prepare the teams for this event (Coast Cups, BC Cup, Nationals). Event website for 2023 World Jr/U23 Championships ([www.wwjc2023.ca](http://www.wwjc2023.ca))
- b) Early registration worked well and continued this year to support planning activities.
- c) Cypress did not have a Group Season Passes this season however weekend session passes for Jackrabbits are available.
- d) A Gear Swap will be held again on October 22 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 on October 22 and Level 2 will be held on Nov 5-6; registration fees are paid by our club and only a few hours are required per event. All friends and family are welcome to volunteer, and no experience is required.

### **3) Election of Board**

Motion to vote for full board as a full slate (Heidi Horlacher, Dmitri Shapovalov)  
Approved

President – Dirk Rohde

Vice President – Morna Fraser

Treasurer – Jenny Williams

Secretary – Shannon Harris

Coaching Coordinator – Heidi Horlacher

SDP (Jackrabbit/Bunny) Program Coordinator – Jen Gow

Track Attack Coordinator – Marieve Legrand

Racing Program Coordinator – Jake Weaver

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

### **4) Financial Report**

Jenny Williams presented the financial statements.

- a) 2021/22 Revenue and Expenses were presented. Registration and membership fees were higher than previous years due to additional skiers. Revenue and expenses from club events were back to pre-COVID levels and the fiscal year ended with a \$39,866 deficit. Move to accept (Dave Morris/Megan Sheffer). Approved.
- b) Balance Sheet was presented. Our cash on hand included revenue for 2022/23 registration fees.

- a) A draft 2022/23 Budget was presented. The Gaming Grant to support the expenses for delivery our ski programs such as coaches training, administration, race support, and coach wages is still outstanding. Expenses are projected to be more in line with pre-COVID budgets.

## 5) Program Reports

- a) Coaching Program

Report presented by Heidi Horlacher. 134 coaches which represents a 30% increase in coaches needed for smaller groups. 12 teen coaches supported our programs this year. We have several coaches who no longer have children in the club who are still coaches and this is greatly appreciate. Several coaching workshops were offered last year including Community Coaching on snow at WOP, L2T Dryland, and Coach refreshers. The club has a subscription to technique videos to support our coaches. Coach compensation policy was refreshed.

- b) Masters Program

Report was presented by Heidi Horlacher. The sessions were held on Wednesday and Thursday nights with 22 athletes and 2 coaches. A preferential rate was offered to support development.

- c) Jackrabbit/Bunnies

Joanne Fenwick reported on the Jackrabbit/Bunny programs. There were 188 skiers this season. Dryland training was held for the first session which provided an opportunity for the skiers to meet each other prior to on-snow sessions. Events this season included: biathlon, ski orienteering, and the Birkebeiner. We continued to support small groups this year. Skiers attending 2 races at WOP and Jackrabbit skiers attended 8 different races this past season. The JR group will be smaller this year as several skiers have graduated into the Track Attack program. Jen Gow is taking over the program this year.

- d) Track Attack

Marieve Legrand presented the Track Attack (Learn to Train ages 10-12). 65 athletes were registered in 2021/22. The dryland program included roller skiing at Empire Fields on Tuesday evenings and one weekend day for either running or ski striding. Regional camps were held over 2 weekend events in Sept. (dryland) and Nov. 2021 (on snow) at WOP.

COVID protocols continued this season including tracking attendance using TeamSnap, minimizing gathering of skiers, using staggered starts, and different meet up spots for groups. We continued assignment of groups/coaches for evening sessions.

This is the first year we offered a Track Attack skate ski rental program. This opportunity to rent club skis for the season was offered to skiers transiting to the Track Attack program. 20 skiers took advantage of this ski rental program. There was great representation of TA skiers at the Coast Cup #1, BC Cup #1, and 42 skiers

attended the Track Attack Championships in Kelowna where Hollyburn won the aggregate team award.

e) Adventurers

Participation has remained consistent with previous years. A coach is currently needed for the Saturday group. This group provides an opportunity for skiers who are interested in activities that include skiing, who 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 in 2021/2022 more or less reflected a normal year but flexibility was required due to ever changing COVID restrictions.

The training year started in May with dryland team practices. Race Team and Provincial Teams training camps went ahead, (some delayed, very few cancelled) and training at Cypress and WOP was as usual. The Race Team had a full race schedule starting in early Dec. at Sovereign and culminating at Nationals in Whistler.

2021/22 highlights: large participation with many excellent race results, many BC Cup medals winner and aggregate award winners. Hollyburn athletes won several Nationals medals and some athletes raced internationally at high level races in the Eastern US.

For 2022/23, 39 athletes are registered for the race team with the majority of athletes in the youngest 2 years (2008 and 2009). There are 8 coaches to support this large team. A regional dryland camp was held in September in Whistler with 70 athletes and 20+ volunteers with the majority of the athletes from Hollyburn. Several Hollyburn athletes were selected for the provincial teams and one athlete was named to the National Development team. There are four older high-level athletes continuing their training at other ski teams.

Upcoming events for the Race Team include: Frozen Thunder Camp in October in Canmore, Callaghan Gold in November at WOP, three races are planned for WOP, BC Championships in Kelowna in March, Canada Games in PEI in March, Nationals will be held at Thunder Bay in March, and BC Winter Games will be hosted in Vernon in March.

**6) Adjournment**

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