



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HOLLYBURN CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB
Tuesday, October 17, 2023, 8:00 to 9:01 p.m.**

The online meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm.
Quorum was established with 50 people in attendance.

1) Review of Agenda and Past Minutes. Motion to accept agenda (Morna Fraser/Jake Weaver) Approved. Motion to approve AGM minutes from 2022 (Jake Weaver/Heidi Horlacher). Approved.

2) President's Report – Dirk Rohde

2022/2023 Events Review

- a) Dirk introduced the current board and thanked them for their time.
- b) Events held in 2022/23 were Coast Cup #1, BC Cup #1/BCWG Trials, 2023 FIS World Junior/U23 Championships, and the Coast Outdoors P'ayakentsut.
- c) Hollyburn members Jake Weaver, Morna Fraser, DJ Hay, Dave Morris, Andreas Sandall, and Dirk Rohde were key volunteers for the World Junior/U23 Championships and we thank them for the countless hours dedicated to this successful event. Many others from our club also volunteered to ensure the event went off without a hitch.
- d) We have started to renew our long term strategic plan.
- e) Thanks to our coaches, volunteers and parents who contribute to our club.
- f) Our annual Lantern Ski was a huge success with many families enjoying chili and hot dogs at the Gitt's family cabin. Thanks to the Gitt's for sharing their little piece of heaven with the club and to Julia Hegedus for the delicious chili that was enjoyed by all.
- g) A fun volunteer appreciation night was held at a local brewery with a record turnout. Thanks to Andrea Frisque for organizing a great evening enjoyed by all.
- h) Our Race Team Head Coach, Jake Weaver, was a finalist for the North Shore Official of the Year in recognition of his leadership as the Chief of Competition for the World Junior/U23 Championships.

2022/2023 Successes

- a) Hollyburn tied with Telmark for the Track Attack Team Aggregate Award.
- b) At Canadian Nationals Hollyburn raced to 4th place in the Aggregate Award.
- c) Hollyburn skier Katie Weaver was selected to race at the World Champs in Slovenia.
- d) Eamon Wilson was selected for the National Development Team.
- e) Three Hollyburn Athletes were selected to represent BC at the B Tour in Sweden. Congratulations to Aiden Hay, Dustin Hay, and Eamon Wilson.

2022/23 Club Numbers

- a) Membership: Total Members=666, Jackrabbits/bunnies=179 Track Attack=83, Racers=39, Adventurers=21, Adult/Masters=31, and Coaches=129 with 14 student coaches.
- b) Race Attendance: Coast Cup #1: 182 skiers, Teck BC Cup #1: 460 skiers, Coast Outdoors Payak: 619 skiers (33 virtual) and World Junior/U23 Championships: Cross Country: 324 (180 staff), Ski Jump: 118 (75 staff), Nordic Combined: 74 (50 staff), approximately 35 countries and over 300 volunteers.

2023/24 Key Events

- a) A busy race season is planned for 2023/24 starting with the Teck Coast Cup Series in Whistler for the Coast Cup #1 on Dec. 17, followed by Coast Cup #2/BCWG Trials on Dec. 30, and Coast Cup #3 on Jan. 30. Mt. Washington will host the Coast Cup #4 and #5 on Feb. 3-4.
- b) The Teck BC Cup #2 will be held in Whistler on Feb. 10-11.
- c) The BC Winter Games will be held in Quesnel on February 22-25 for athletes who qualify.
- d) The Coast Outdoors P'ayakentsut is back for another year at WOP on February 24.
- e) The popular Teck BC Track Attack Champs will be in Kelowna on February 24-25 for all Track Attack skiers.

2023/24 Updates

- a) The Executive will continue to work on the Long-Term Strategic Plan with the goal of finalizing the plan this season
- b) In response to member feedback, we moved away from using the message board on HollyburnXC.ca to using a google sheet. We hope this will make it easier to find gear and to update your posting once your gear has been sold. The google document can be found here:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1JChGL8YRy3bfGjAZzuFF814wY75e0sBZ2m404jDw5VA/edit>
- c) A successful gear swap was held at Coast Outdoors on Saturday, October 14. Thanks to Coast Outdoors for welcoming Hollyburn athletes.
- d) Cypress Mountain Reminders – Our goal is to be outstanding ambassadors of our sport and we remind members to be respectful of Cypress staff and other skiers while skiing at Cypress and in particular to be patient if challenges are encountered with scanning your pass at the gate. The roll out of this new technology has not been seamless and while we understand it can be frustrating, please be respectful of the attendants who are responsible for pass verification. We know games are an important part of our sessions and we remind coaches to ensure games and activities are done in a location that maintains safe passage for other skiers.
- e) COVID 19 – Currently we do not have any restrictions, however HCCSC will adapt if necessary.
- f) Did you know club clothing is subsidized by the club and athlete grants are available?
- g) A reminder to follow Hollyburn on Instagram - @ hollyburnxc

4) Financial Report

Jenny Williams presented the financial statements from the year ending August 31, 2023.

- a) Income statement - We incurred a deficit of \$24K in 2023 down from a deficit of \$40K in 2022. During COVID we generated a large unplanned surplus that we have been purposefully spending down over the past couple of years. Our revenue included registration fees, fundraising and \$45K in gaming grant income. The biggest difference between the two years in is our registration revenue - in 2022 we offered a discount to our returning members to manage the unspent funds while in 2023 registration fees returned to normal. Expenses for both for the race team and for the rest of the club are higher than in previous years. We held more events this year and the Race Team travelled to Thunder Bay for Nationals - which was much more costly than the previous year when it was held at Whistler. The rest of the expenses are pretty much in line with the previous year. Move to accept (Morna Fraser/Joanne Fenwick). Approved.
- b) A Balance Sheet was presented. Our cash on hand included revenue for 2022/23 registration fees however most is for registration fees for the coming year so is considered deferred income. Each year we put aside \$5K in a reserve for future replacement of the club van. The reserve now has a balance of \$10K. We have ~\$34K in surplus which is a sensible amount to manage unexpected expenses.
- c) A draft 2023/24 budget was presented for information. We are aiming for a deficit of \$8000 due to increasing costs and our commitment to keep the number of event consistent for our club members. We will be holding a fundraising drive with the aim of raising \$15,000.

5) Program Reports

a) Coaching Program

The report was presented by Heidi Horlacher. In 2022/23, we had 129 registered coaches, 14 teen coaches and “non parent” coaches support our programs which was similar to our coaching team in 2021/22. Several coaching workshops/courses were offered last year including Community Coaching, L2T Dryland, L2T On Snow, and a Coaches refreshers. The club has a subscription to technique videos to support our coaches. There are two new mandatory online training modules from Nordiq Canada: The Rule of 2 and the Safe Sport for all coaches.

b) Masters Program

The report was presented by Heidi Horlacher. The sessions were held on Wednesday and Thursday nights with 31 athletes and 2 coaches each night. A preferential rate was offered to our coaches to support skills development. Thanks to Nancy Hostetler for her contribution to this program.

c) Jackrabbit/Bunnies

Joanne Fenwick reported on the Jackrabbit/Bunny programs on behalf of Jen Gow. We are operating at full capacity with 180 skiers this season. Sessions were held

Saturday AM, Sunday AM and PM. Hollyburn was commended by CCBC for running the largest skills development programs in BC. As part of our program, the Coast Cup, BC Cup and Payak introduced skiers to racing at WOP. Events included: biathlon, ski orienteering, Sprint Day, and the Birkebeiner.

This coming season we have similar size and plans for the program. We have added some additional volunteers to help support the program and we appreciate everyone who has signed up for a role and all the coaches who have stepped up again. TeamSnap will again be used this season for important updates for coaches and coordinators and an upcoming meeting for parents to kick off the upcoming season.

d) Track Attack

Marieve Legrand presented the Track Attack (Learn to Train ages 10-12). 82 athletes were registered in the 2022/23 program. Dryland training ran September to November with roller skiing at Empire Fields on Monday evenings and one weekend day for either running, ski striding or orienteering. Approximately 20-30 athletes attended each training day. Regional camps were held over 2 weekend events in Sept. (dryland) and Nov. 2021 (on snow) at WOP.

This is the second season of our skate ski rental program for skiers in their first year of the Track Attack program. This program provides affordable skate ski rentals for the entire season and 22 skiers took advantage of this program this year. Several athletes attended two regional camps in WOP, one dryland camp in September followed by an on-snow camp in December. Participation was high and the athletes enjoyed great weather.

For our weekday sessions, we continued assignment of skiers and coaches to small groups for our evening sessions based on positive feedback from coaches regarding the ability to progress and carry over skills from one session to the next. The groups were fluid depending on coach and athlete attendance.

There was great representation of TA skiers at the local races such as Coast Cup #1, BC Cup #1, and 56 skiers attended the Track Attack Championships in Salmon Arm where Hollyburn tied with Telemark for the Aggregate Team Award.

e) Adventurers

Coaches are in place for this upcoming season and plans are in place for the popular cabin sleepover. 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. 2022/2023 saw a return to normal after COVID without restrictions with a full training season including camps, use of all venues without restrictions and a full race schedule starting early December at Sovereign and culminating at Nationals in Thunder Bay in March.

We had a very large team of 39 athletes in 2022/23 with most in the youngest two years (2008 and 2009). Participation in both training and races was very good, resulting in a team with a high level of fitness and technical abilities resulting in excellent race results. Highlights include: many BC Cup medals and aggregate winners, BC Winter Games medals, and several National medals and aggregate winners. Hollyburn was well represented at Nationals where we had our best single race day ever in the Interval Start free technique. The club placed 4th in the Club Aggregate Standings with 3 Quebec clubs ahead of us so we were the second best province in Canada. Hollyburn athletes raced internationally and we are seeing more Hollyburn athletes continue to compete after high school. Three Hollyburn athletes were selected to represent BC at the Canada Winter Games, a high-level multisport event held every 4 years. Medals were won in the individual and relay event by Eamon Wilson. Finally, Katie Weaver was our first ever Hollyburn athlete selected to race in the World Championships in Planica. Katie competed in the Classic Sprint race where she placed 35, just behind the best Canadian and very close to qualifying for the heats.

We have a busy season planned for 2023/24 with Frozen Thunder Camp in one week in Canmore, followed by Callaghan Gold in November at WOP, Regional On-Snow for some athletes at WOP in December, four races are planned for WOP, BCWG will be held in Quesnel in February, BC Championships in Salmon Arm in March, and Nationals will be held at Gatineau in March.

5) Election of Board

Motion to vote for full board as a full slate (Scott Comeau/Tim Blair). 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

6) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm. Move to adjourn (Morna Fraser/Jake Weaver). All approved.