



**MINUTES – EXECUTIVE MEETING
HOLLYBURN JACKRABBIT SKI CLUB**

8:00 pm

Thursday September 14, 2006

**Norm's home
1653 Kerrstead Place
North Vancouver
604-986-3434**

In Attendance: Norm Laube, Birgit Laube, Amanda Smith, Utta Gagel, Jake Weaver, Dirk Rohde, Jamie Stirling, Jill Hoube, Kathi Hagen

1. Welcome & Review of Past Minutes:

- Norm welcomed Jill Hoube as the new Program Coordinator, Kathi Hagen as the HJR newsletter writer and Birgit Laube as the new Registrar.
- CCBC has increased membership fees from \$5 to \$10 per person.
- Dirk adjusted the rates on Sporg for this year's registration. The membership fees are as follows: Individual \$25/Child \$15/Family \$60.
- Equipment inventory is in progress. Tom Morris has the club skis, Jake has the wax boxes, Bob has the canopy.
- Norm confirmed that HJR received \$16,000 in gaming revenue this year. A majority of the funds have been ear marked to pay Petr Jackl.
- Jake to email Tom about inventory and confirm if he has some bibs.*
- Dirk to arrange with Bill where to hang bibs between sessions for next season.*
- Dirk and Jill to figure out how to launder bibs every few weeks.*
- Amanda and Birgit L. to contact Liz Hatton to arrange for transfer of HJR financial information.*

2. Project Podium Calendars:

- Agreed to purchase calendars again this year.
- *Amanda to order calendars from CCC in time for the AGM on October 13.*

3. Session Sizes:

- Utta expressed her concern that sessions were getting too big.
- Utta recommended that the ratio of coaches to rabbits should be 2:8.
- Need to have 22 coaches per session and then select 1-2 coaches as On-Snow Facilitators.

- Executive voted and all agreed to reduce session size to 60 children/session.
- Question regarding ability to offer after-school sessions was raised. This would be a possibility if we have a full-time paid coach.
- *In the future we need to discuss if we can extend the total number of lessons we offer in the program.*
- *Jake to confirm that Petr is available to do on-snow training January 5, 6 & 7.*
- *Jamie to look into being a Course Conductor.*

4. Rabbit Romp:

- Need to promote Rabbit Romp.
- *Utta to send an email to recruit coaches for Rabbit Romp.*

5. Registration:

- One issue that still needs to be worked out is how to register families that have one child in the racing program and one in the regular program.
- This season and going forward all ski passes and equipment rentals will be handled by Cypress.
- Children will get a card for all 7 sessions with their picture on it.
- Executive all agreed that next season HJR will be removing the free passes for coaches. Coaches will still continue to receive priority registration, a significant discount on lessons for their children and Cypress will provide a 30% discount on a 7 session ski pass.
- *An email needs to be sent out to club members about purchasing ski passes (??not sure who is doing this)*

6. Volunteer Coordinator:

- Discussed that although we have had individuals volunteer for this position in the past they haven't really known what to do.
- Need to have clear guidelines as what we want this function to fulfill.
- Agreed that the Volunteer Coordinator would be responsible for running a Fun Day during Christmas Holidays and a Ski Tournament.
- Possible person would be a Coach who we don't have a spot for.

7. Dry land Camp:

- Camp will run September 23 & 24 on the North Shore.
- September 19 is the cut off for registering.

8. November Silverstar Snow Camp:

- Camp at Silverstar will be on November 17, 18 & 19.
- *Jake still has to discuss the details with Petr.*

9. Racing Rabbits Volunteering with Jackrabbits:

- Some Racing Rabbits volunteered with Jackrabbits last year and it worked very well.
- Recommendation is to have this start earlier in the season.

10. Petr Jakl:

- Want him to mentor all our coaches.
- Need to build in some other on-snow sessions for coaches this season.
- Suggestion is to do it on a Friday night.
- ***Coaching Committee needs to decide what they want out of Petr's time and how best to utilize him.***

11. Newsletter:

- Kathi is currently working with the executive to put out the next newsletter in the next few weeks.

12. AGM:

- October 13 at Bob's Warehouse.
- Rob Bernhardt (Chief of Competition for the Olympics) said he would come and speak – **Norm to confirm**
- Petr Jakl will also speak at the AGM – **Jake to confirm**

13. New Ski League Program:

- ***Jill to get a package for each member of the Executive and Coaching Committee so that we can review the program.***
- ***Jill and the Coaching Committee to review and make a recommendation at the next meeting if we should implement the program-costs/timeframes.***
- All agreed that we would implement the program for Bunnies this year.

14. Ski Tournament:

- New series of potential events has been introduced, i.e. Racing Rocks, Ski Cross.
- Need an event organizer.
- Utta suggested we pick one event and make that the event for the last day of Jackrabbits.
- It was suggested to have a fun Jackrabbit Loppet in December – a volunteer is needed to organize this.
- Petr will be here between Christmas and New Year and will be available to run a Regional Snow Camp.
- ***Norm and Bob to organize the Christmas Snow Camp with Petr.***

15. Timing Hut:

- ***Dirk to talk to Bill again and investigate further.***

16. Ski Swap:

- November 5 is the tentative date.
- ***Jake to ask Tom Morris if he would organize.***

17. Helmet Issue:

- As a follow-up to Jill's concern with the potential for head injuries and her suggestion to wear a helmet, Norm and Dirk spoke with Georgia Manhard of CCBC. Georgia noted that this was the first time anyone had suggested the idea of wearing helmets and that there was no history of head injuries.
- It was agreed to investigate further to determine what was a reasonable approach for HJSC regarding the potential for head injuries and possible liability to the club
- *Bob to circulate an example of the liability waiver used by DCC&K*
- *Jill to investigate further what is reasonable given that there is no data available regarding head injuries in cross country skiing.*

NEXT MEETING: Friday, November 3 at 7:00 pm
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