



Vancouver's Family Cross Country  
Ski Club at Cypress Mountain

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**MINUTES- EXECUTIVE MEETING**  
**Thursday August 28, 2008**

**Deep Cove Outdoors**

**In Attendance: Norm Laube, Jake Weaver, Utta Gagel, Tammy Stothers, Birgit Laube, Russ Stothers, Morna Fraser, Abi Holt, Bob Putnam**

**Regrets: Diego Bittante, Jill Hoube, Amanda Smith, Dirk Rohde**

**Welcome and Review of Past Minutes**

- Welcomed Morna Fraser who will be the Volunteer Coordinator, Diego Bittante who will take over from Jill the Skill Development Program Coordinator position and Abi Holt, our new Head Coach
- Adopted minutes of last meeting on April 29, 2008.

**Head Coach Introduction and Role**

- Norm introduced Abi Holt as our new Head Coach
- Abi obtained a 2-year Work Permit and commenced with the Club on August 1<sup>st</sup>
- Abi will provide guidance to all club programs, mentorship to all coaches and will lead the racing program

**Financials**

- Norm tabled a draft budget for the 2008-2009 season indicating a total operating budget of \$122,500
- Confirmation that the Club has received a \$35,000 grant from the National Cross Country Ski Development Foundation towards Abi's salary and a \$16,000 Direct Action Grant from Provincial Gaming
- Note that Program Fees will have to be market adjusted to balance the budget and to reflect the increased length of the programs

**Strategic Plan Status**

- Norm discussed the 5-year Strategic Plan review process. A facilitated workshop was held in June with guiding principles and priorities established. Results were circulated to the executive and these will now be incorporated into a new 5-year plan. Norm to move this forward over the next few months.

**Registration**

- Birgit and Dirk organizing to start early registration on Zone 4 by the end of the first week of September. Earlier start being dictated by Cypress Season Pass Early Bird cut-off of Sept 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Once coach compliment has been established, regular registration will commence
- Russ and Morna will take lead in finalizing number of coaches

### **Program Outline and Recommendations**

- Russ tabled a revised Program outline to align with the CCC Skill Development Program guidelines
- Objective is to have kids of similar ages skiing together
- Basic alignment is as follows:
  - Bunnies Kindergarten
  - Jackrabbit L1 Grade 1
  - Jackrabbit L2 Grade 2
  - Jackrabbit L3 Grade 3
  - Jackrabbit L4 Grade 4
  - Track Attack Grades 5 + 6
  - Teens Grade 7 and older
  - Midget Racers Grades 7 + 8
  - Juvenile/Junior Racers Grade 9 and older
- Bunnies and Jackrabbits L1 and L2 are 9 sessions starting January 10<sup>th</sup>
- Jackrabbits L3 and L4 are 18 sessions (one weekend and one week night session) starting January 10<sup>th</sup>. Evening session will be on Wednesday or Thursday for 1 hour from 7 to 8 pm.
- Track Attack will commence with one dryland session per week in mid-October and 2 snow sessions per week once Cypress opens.
- Midget Racers start with dryland in September and will be on-snow as soon as Cypress opens
- Juvenile and older Racers train year round
- Executive agreed to adopt proposed program changes

### **Program Fees**

- A review of HJSC program fees indicated that adjustments are required to reflect the additional sessions being provided and to better align with other ski clubs and other sports.
- The following program fees were agreed to:
 

○ Bunnies	\$90	9 sessions
○ Jackrabbits L1+L2	\$100	9 sessions
○ Jackrabbits L3+L4	\$150	18 sessions
○ Track Attack	\$200	Oct to March
○ Teens	\$100	9 sessions
○ Midget Racers	\$300	September to April
○ Juvenile + older Racers	\$500	Year Round
- Program fees are discounted 50% for kids of coaches, session coordinators and executive
- Track Attack will require own skate skis
- Racers require own waxable classic and skate skis

## **Ski Passes**

- Morna to contact Joffery at Cypress to discuss options for 18 sessions and to try to get Season Pass Early Bird delayed to Oct 31<sup>st</sup> to allow for club registration

## **Website Updating**

- Norm to contact Mountain Interactive to update website to refresh and allow for weekly updates

## **Newsletter**

- Norm to produce a newsletter summarizing last year and kicking off this season by late September
- Need a volunteer to produce newsletter

## **2008/2009 Schedule**

- Registration – Early for Coaches and Racers – by Sept 15<sup>th</sup>
- Registration – Bunnies, SDP, Teens – by late Sept
- Midget Racers, Dryland training commences in September
- Regional Dryland Camp, Callaghan Valley/Whistler Sept 26 – 28
- Track Attack Dryland commences October
- L2 Officials, CV, Oct 3-5
- CCI-L2T Dryland, Vancouver, Oct 17-19
- HJSC Club Buy Nite, Friday Oct 24, 6pm-8pm, Deep Cove Outdoors
- HJSC AGM Oct 24, 8pm, Deep Cove Outdoors
- ICC, Vancouver, Nov 7-8
- HJSC Racing Team, Early Snow Camp, Sovereign Lake, Nov 8-11
- Racing and Track Attack skiing commences on-snow when Cypress opens
- Sigge's Ski Swap, Nov 16
- HJSC Exec Meeting, Nov 18<sup>th</sup>
- L1-Officials, Vancouver Nov 22-23
- HJSC Snow Camp, Callaghan Valley/Whistler, Nov 28-30
- CCI-L2T On Snow, Vancouver, Nov 28-30
- Coast Cup #1, Callaghan Valley, Dec 7<sup>th</sup>
- HJSC All Coaches Meeting, North Vancouver, Dec 15, 8pm
- HJSC Lantern Ski, Hollyburn, Saturday Dec 27
- Community Coaching – on-snow, Cypress, Jan 2-4
- BC Cup #1, Prince George, Jan 3-4
- Bunny, Rabbit and Teen program commences, Jan 10-11 (9 weeks to March 7-8)
- FIS World Cup at Callaghan Valley, Jan 16-18
- BC Cup #2, 100 Mile House, Jan 24-25
- Coast Cup #2 & #3, Mt Washington, Jan 31, Feb 1
- BC Championships, Kelowna, Feb 7-8
- Coast Cup #4 & #5, Whistler/Pemberton, Feb 14-15
- Western Canadian Championships, Canmore, Feb 19-22
- BC Midget Championships, Callaghan Valley/Squamish, Feb 28, March 1
- Cascade Cup, Manning Park, March 7
- Canadian Championships, Duntroon, Ontario, March 7-15

- HJSC Volunteer Appreciation Evening Friday April 3rd

#### **Executive for 2008-2009**

- Secretary position available as Amanda is stepping down
- Treasurer position is available as Birgit is stepping down
- Diego has agreed to stand for the SDP Coordinator position taking over from Jill
- Morna has agreed to stand for the Volunteer Coordinator position
- Russ has agreed to stand for Coaching Coordinator taking over from Utta
- Birgit intends to step down from Registrar position in 09/10 and would like new candidate to shadow her this year

#### **Club T-Shirts**

- Tammy suggested a long sleeve t-shirt and will pursue options with SWAG Promotions

#### **AGM**

- Bob has offered to host the AGM at Deep Cove Outdoors at 8pm Friday Oct 24<sup>th</sup> with a Club buy-nite to precede the AGM at 6 pm

#### **Next Meeting**

- Tuesday November 18<sup>th</sup> – Tammy's