

## 2017-2018 Youth X-Country AGM Report

### Overview

- **66 children** registered (down 32 from last year).
- Season started on September 19th for our Junior Racers with cross country running and dry land training. Adventure Ski and Track Attacks started on October 10th. These older groups train on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 4:45 - 6:00 pm. All other age groups began on November 16<sup>th</sup> (Thursdays from 5-6 pm). All lessons held at the Stoney Creek Centre (lower level-wax room).
- A few races and other events were scheduled throughout the season particularly for our older skiers. We were able to have the Ole Uffda this year!
- Last day of skiing was on March 15<sup>th</sup>; the first time in a long time that we can ski that late and still have great snow.

### Registration

- Information on programs and registration began at community registration night in September. We were entirely paperless this year. We asked that all families register online before coming to the SKI KICKOFF on Oct 2nd. Attendance at this event was necessary to sign up for mandatory volunteer hours.
- Registration numbers: **14 Bunnies** (ages 3-5), **11 Bunny Rabbits** (ages 5-7), **16 Jackrabbits** (ages 7-9), and **16 Track Attacks** (ages 10-12), and **9 Junior Racers** (ages 12 and up). We did not have an **Adventure Ski** group due to low registrations.

### Coaching

- We had 1 paid coach, 1 paid Augustana student coach and 8 volunteer head/assistant coaches. A HUGE thank you to our awesome coaches and volunteers!
- Looking at those numbers it seems like we have an abundance of coaches but we could always use more, especially in some groups due to large numbers and varying skiing abilities of youth. Coaching is still a big issue for us.

### Equipment

- 28 pairs of skis rented out (\$70/yr for boots, skis and poles). **SKI KICKOFF** (Ski swap, equipment and clothing fitting) held on Sunday October 1st, 2017 from 2-4 pm. Rented the upstairs of the Stoney Creek Centre.
- All skis, boots and poles rented out to the youth x-country participants have been returned and are in storage.
- Did not purchase equipment this year.
- Equipment will should be kept up to date and maintained.
- Thanks to Karen Smith who did a great job as equipment manager again this year.

### Income/Expenses

- See Camrose Ski Budget.

## **Volunteer Program**

- We completed our second year of requesting mandatory volunteer hours from parents. This was secured with a \$200 cheque only to be deposited if hours were not completed.
- This year we ran out of parent volunteers for parent sweep positions due to lower numbers; however, it still worked out because we had enough parents/grandparents coming weekly. If numbers are similar next year we may consider only having one organized parent sweep.
- Thank you to our volunteer coordinators, Jocelyn Armstrong and Chella Ross for their great work on this the last couple of years!

## **Next Year**

- We would like to increase our numbers. Uncertain as to why they decreased. Discussion with parents is that kids/parents are busy and can't participate in as many activities as they would like.
- Always still looking for more volunteer coaches. We will even send you for training! No experience necessary!
- And looking for a Youth Cross Country Director with some new energy on the board! **It could be you!** 😊

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