

## 2018-2019 Youth X-Country AGM Report

### Overview

- **72 children** registered (up 6 from last year).
- Season started on September 18th for our Junior Racers with cross country running and dry land training. Track Attacks started on October 16th. These older groups train on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 4:45 - 6:00 pm. All other age groups began on November 15<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 14<sup>th</sup>. Nice to be able to ski late again and still have great snow.

### Registration

- Information on programs and registration began at community registration night in September. We were entirely paperless again this year. We asked that all families register online before coming to the SKI KICKOFF on Sept 30th. Attendance at this event was necessary to sign up for mandatory volunteer hours.
- Registration numbers: **12 Bunnies** (ages 3-5), **10 Bunny Rabbits** (ages 5-7), **24 Jackrabbits** (ages 7-9), and **15 Track Attacks** (ages 10-12), and **11 Junior Racers** (ages 12 and up). We did not have an **Adventure Ski** due to low registrations and the need for extra coaching.

### Coaching

- We had 1 paid coach and 8 volunteer head/assistant coaches. A HUGE thank you to our awesome coaches and volunteers! Ivan Babikov also came out for weekend training of skiers and coaches.
- 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

- 34 pairs of skis rented out (\$70/yr for boots, skis and poles). **SKI KICKOFF** (Ski swap, equipment and clothing fitting) held on Sunday, September 30th, 2018 from 3-4:30 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.
- Purchased a couple of pairs of skis this year.
- Equipment will should be kept up to date and maintained.

## **Income/Expenses**

- See Camrose Ski Budget.

## **Volunteer Program**

- We completed our third 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 early in the season due to lower numbers; however, it still worked out because we had enough parents/grandparents coming weekly. Will continue to work on this area.

## **Accomplishments**

- Alberta Youth Championships- Small Club banner win!
- Skier attended Westerns - gold in team relay
- One skier qualified for the Alberta Development team - will be attending camps throughout the summer and fall.

## **Way to go Camrose Ski Club Youth Cross Country!**

## **Next Year**

- We would like to continue to increase our numbers. 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!
- Looking for a new Youth Cross Country Director next year! **It could be you!** 😊

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Youth Cross-Country Board Representative

Thank you to the following:

**Coaches:** Nils Asfeldt, Kim Thain, Lucy Ernst, Ashlee Marshall, Krystal Shirley, Leigh Heie, Graeme Thain, Peggy Snyder, Rob Heie, Natalie Thain.

**Volunteer Coordinators:** Jocelyn Armstrong & Chella Ross

**Equipment/Rentals Coordinator:** Karen Smith