

Hopper Parent Meeting – May 2, 2009

Attendance: Jamie Wedgerfield (Hopper Coach), Dominik Bafia (Hopper Coach), Ian Mitchell (Altius President), Barb Elms (Altius Treasurer), Pat Callaghan (volunteer coordinator), Kelly Maurer, Rachel Reid, Mike Bodnarchuk, Susan Stasiuk, Michael Maurer, Laurie Sedgwick, Judi Soukup, Ginger McManus, David Hoffart, Brad Chafer, Darcy Hiebert, Fred Omura, Dean Buckland, AugustineYip, Nikki Croft (Broce), Amanda Hercus (Robertson), Sandra Seltsam

1. **Introductions:** Jamie thanked everyone for coming and introduced Ian Mitchell – President of Altius Nordic Ski Club and Barb Elms – Treasure of Altius Nordic Ski Club.

2. **Hoppers Update:**
 - a. Jamie has lots of good ideas to make the Hoppers program even better.
 - b. Winter was a success with having only 4 kids jumping the K38 at the beginning of the season to have 23 kids who jumped it at the end of the winter season.
 - c. Kids have been positively motivating each other
 - d. Spring Session – the kids will jump 2 times per week. These is due to COP cutbacks and some restrictions that we face from them.
 - e. Summer Session – jumping Mon, Tues, Thurs and Friday. Wednesday will be some other activity.

3. **Code of Conduct:**
 - a. Jamie read out the parent and coaches portion of the Code of Conduct
 - b. Parents who have not signed the Code of Conduct should see Jamie for a copy
 - c. Jamie has reviewed it with all of the kids and will hold them accountable to it.
 - d. Jamie is focused on developing a team atmosphere that includes Coaches, Athletes and Parents. Focus on the team not the individual.
 - e. Jamie will rigorously enforce the code of conduct and has no hesitation to going to disciplinary action #3 (asked to leave the club) if the behaviour warrants it.
 - f. There have been a couple of issues with kids not following coaches instructions regarding training, using inappropriate language, breaking things in the National Training Room (note Hoppers will not be using this room), and keeping the Hopper trailer clean.

4. **Other Items:**
 - a. The invoices for the team jackets and track suites will be out next week.
 - b. Watch your email for information from Jamie on a team picture. He would like the kids to wear their red team jackets.
 - c. Please parents – help out the coaches and write your child’s name in their jacket
 - d. You have to be a little crazy to be a ski jumper ☺
 - e. Jamie is planning a social event for parents @ start of the summer

5. **Training:** Jamie met with all the coaches (up to and including the national team coaches) to get ideas on what the kids need to work on. In order to help develop the kids to make them more successful, the following will be the focus for the spring and summer sessions:
 - a. Warming up
 - b. Coordination (gymnastics will be a big help)
 - c. Agility
 - d. Flexibility - a lot of focus on this it is critical
 - e. Leg Strength

6. **Springer Tournee:**
 - a. Our biggest event of the year
 - b. The dates have changed:
 - i. Park City (July 20 – 26)
 - ii. Calgary (July 30 – August 3)
 - c. Please plan to come

7. Report card dates have been sent out (May 1). Please check your appointment time. Jamie will be sending out a goal setting sheet that he would like all the athletes to complete for their meeting.

8. Bring a Buddy Day – stay tuned for the date. Jamie would like to have at least 50 athletes in the Hopper Program

9. The coaches need parent help with transitioning the kids from the changing trailer to the jumps. Please help out by tying boots, adjusting skis and getting the kids out of the trailer. This will help the coaches, so that they can start coaching the kids who are ready to go.

10. **Barb Elms:**
 - a. Julie Schafer is taking over the role as Altius Treasurer.
 - b. Barb is joining the Ski Jump Canada Board
 - c. The money for the program comes from training fees, sponsorships and fundraising.
 - d. **Fundschrift** – we are planning to do this on a monthly basis. Please help us out by participating in it. In our first month we made \$143 dollars, it doesn't sound like much but it will add up over time. See Chrissie's email for the next deadline.
 - e. Previously club families had to do 4 Bingo's per child. The club has decided to no longer do Bingo's but we need to find some other ways to bring in some money. We have coaches to pay, the van to run (\$12,000/year), equipment to purchase, etc.
 - f. There will be a fee increase this year; details will be announced at the June 13 AGM
 - g. If you have ideas to get more money into the program, please talk to one of the board members.

11. Rick Wilton has offered to do awards for this summer. As well his store the Inukshuk Store www.theinukshukstore.com is donating part of its sales to Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined. Contact Rick if your business is interested in ordering some items.

12. Volunteers (Pat Callaghan):

- a. There are 12-14 parents interested in training to be judges
- b. Need 3-4 people interested in learning how to do calculations
- c. Always need hill markers and hospitality
- d. Parents please come and help us out.
- e. Contemplating introducing a volunteer passport (more details to come). Also we want to recognize volunteers at the Buckle Series banquet in the fall.
- f. If you are interested in volunteering look for Kelly Maurer (Hopper parent) at the jumps.
- g. 2010 Olympics – email Pat if you would like to be on the Olympic Hill prep team. Jon Servold is still looking for volunteers – includes accommodation and meals. Note you must be a good skier and comfortable on steep slopes.

13. Ian Mitchell:

- a. Thanked Jamie for his great job with the kids
- b. Pushing Jamie to stay within his budget and to work on recruitment. We need to grow the club
- c. Hopper athlete fees stay in the Hopper program
- d. Altius has a casino every 18 months
- e. Reminded parents that it takes lots of people to run competitions and one of Altius's goals is to create a team of Ski jumping/Nordic Combined volunteers
- f. We are probably one of the few clubs in the world who have sent 6 of its athletes to the 2006 Olympics.
- g. Club is supporting the girls push to be in the 2010 Olympics
- h. Nata de Leeuw was the 4th ranked female jumper in the world this past season
- i. Ian encouraged parents to get involved. With more parent involvement, more kids and more \$'s there is no reason why we can't put an athlete on the podium!

14. Jamie closed by reminding parents that his goal is to produce great athletes and shape the kids to be successful outside of the program.

Mark Your Calendars – Altius Nordic Ski Club AGM – June 13