President’s Report for the 2022-2023 Season

This is my first full year as president and I must start off by thanking all of the many volunteers at BVCCSC, our club could not exist without your dedication. I would also like to thank all directors for their guidance, expertise and leadership.

We had a busy 2022-2023 season. I focused a lot of my attention on trying to apply on the Destination Development grant for a new groomer and trail improvements. We hope to hear back soon from our grant application.

I’ve also continued to help NSDP in areas where help is needed.

We have had some new board members in the last year with Susan Kinkela taking over memberships. Kira Hoffman also joined last year as a director at large however will be stepping down as we enter into the 2023-24 season to focus her energy towards coaching. Brandin Lilgert will also be stepping down from the board this year from his role as communications director. I want to thank both of them for their contributions.

I look forward to seeing everyone out on the trails.

Thank you

Jen Chapman

**Membership Report for 2022-2023 Season**

Respectfully submitted by Susan Kinkela

This year we had 1148 members.

Adults (19 & older) 933

Youth (9-18) 95

Child (8 & under) 120

We processed 1130 ski passes. Some people chose to have a membership, but not a ski pass.

Adult (19 & older) 931

Youth (9-18) 90

Child (8 & under) 109

This year we are beginning a perpetual pass system. Everyone who purchases a season pass will receive a new laminated card. Pass holders are expected to keep this pass for subsequent years. For each following year, a pass holder will receive a different coloured sticker to attach to their pass.

**BV Nordic Events Report for 2022-2023 Season**

**Summary**

The Club was pleased to host a number of social and virtual events, clinics, and races during the 2022-23 season. The slate of events began with a lovely holiday StoryWalk provided by Smithers Community Services. Also taking place over the holidays was the popular Holiday Hustle, with over 120 participants challenging themselves on a new route. Early in the New Year, thanks in part to generous sponsorship from BVCU, Events partnered with NSDP to provide free Level 1 Cansi training for 8 of our adult coaches The course was timely, as the perennially popular Womxn's Clinic followed soon after. Seventy participants enjoyed a fantastic day of instruction. The month of January wrapped up with the Tour de Treat. On a beautiful bluebird day, skiers completed a loop of some of the Club's favourite terrain while sampling cookies provided by generous volunteers. All proceeds went to the race program. In February, McBike once again hosted their Family Day event. Skiers enjoyed free skiing as well as testing out free skis from McBike's vast rental fleet. On February 25 & 26, our Club hosted its first race weekend in several years. Nearly 100 racers competed in the Teck Cup & Chris Dahlie Memorial races that included both a classic interval start race and a mass start free race. The busy event season concluded with the 34th annual Wetzink'wa Loppet. Over 200 participants persevered in unseasonably warm conditions, over distances ranging from 500m to 60km.

**Forecast for 2023-2024**

Preparations for many of our annual events are already underway. We expect to be able to offer all of the events members enjoyed last season, but no new events as no one has come forward to champion a new event or idea. If you have a great idea that you are keen to see added to the roster, please get in touch with events@bvnordic.ca . Due to the success of the race weekend in 2023, we will once again be hosting a race weekend this year on December 30 & 31.

**Acknowledgments**

**Club events are entirely volunteer driven. If you enjoyed attending an event this year, please consider checking one of the boxes to volunteer during the registration process. Events during the 2022-23 season would not have been possible without the enthusiastic contributions of Léa-Marie Bowes-Lyon, Christine Bruce, Kate Kantakis, Aurora Lavender, Alexandre Séguin, Karen Miller, Ally Dick, Julie Sheppard, Kate Wills, Sue Harris, Liz Holdjk, Jill & Peter Krause, Robbie Dunbar, Laura Hols, Liza Hart, Mark Gillis, Rob Nisbet, Roger McMillan, Abby Morgan, Wes Ashwood, and all of the many, *many*, volunteers who pitched in at social events and races. THANK YOU!**