

CROSS COUNTRY SKI ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA INC.

October 26, 2019

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Welcome everyone. Welcome to the Cross Country Ski Association of Manitoba (CCSAM) Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the 2018-2019 ski season. The 2018-2019 ski season in Manitoba can be summarized as: *THE WEATHER SORT OF COOPERATED, BUT WILD WEATHER – Remember -28C at the end of February 2019?* The result of more favorable weather conditions can be seen in our financial results. Good ski conditions relate to good financial results. We will be examining our audited financial statements in detail later.

The membership of CCSAM is approximately 2000 + members. There are 24 active clubs.

Manitoba can boast athletes known on the National scene. We are very proud of these athletes. Athletes – I include Para – Nordic athletes. Our Manitoba Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) Base Funding for 2020-2024 has been set at \$65,000 per annum. The provincial government funding reductions that we feared did not occur.

Each year CCSAM participates in the Nordiq Canada (formerly Cross Country Canada) AGM held in June. This year CCSAM was represented by our Executive Director (E.D.). Karin McSherry, Pauline Nadlersmith and myself. Issues arising from the Nordiq Canada (NC) AGM:

- Strategic goals to 2026: Canada is one of the top 6 nations in cross country skiing / Para Nordic – top 3 nations.
- Increase in retention of athletes improves to 30%. Elite skiers compete while continuing post secondary education.
- Cross country skiing promoted to all Canadians + membership in NC doubles by 2026.
- World Cup ski events come to Canada at various locations every 2 to 4 years.
- By 2026 NC increases its overall funding by 50%.

As always I invite all clubs – to look at CCSAM (and NC) website for information such as Policies, procedures and general information. There is a wealth of information from sport organizations.

THANK YOU'S ARE IN ORDER:

1. Our Executive Director (E.D.) Ms. Karin McSherry. For eight months of the year Karin does the work of two people. Karin works all year round on Cross Country Skiing. I have personally witnessed, over the last 12 years Karin`s commitment to skiing in the province of Manitoba. Even in the summer months when Karin is a “*cycling volunteer*”, Karin is thinking skiing. In short, not much happens in our program without Karin`s direct involvement and input.
2. The **BOARD of CCSAM** – Thank you to the Board who provide thoughtful attention to detail to keep Nordic skiing on track in Manitoba.

CCSAM Board from 2018-2019 was composed of:

Marissa Zurba / Andy Dwilow / Pauline Nadlersmith / Mary Montgomery / Christy Willim / Jenny Smirl / Ellen Smirl / Pam Little / Joy Goertzen / Paul Clerkin

CLUB REPRESENTATIVES: Too numerous to mention. All are welcome to our Board meetings – first Monday evening of the month.

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I remind everyone – any club to speak up with concerns / comments to myself – to Karin or – to any Board member. We encourage Club input at our monthly Board meetings.

3. **High Performance Committee** – one hardworking Committee - Pauline Nadlersmith and Megan Carter Co-Chair this committee. Members from 2018-2019 included: Ihor Barwinsky / Betsy Harris / Lorne Warkentine / Tamara Howard / Steve Wintoniw / Levi Warkentine
4. **Windsor Park Nordic Center Committee** – On May 30 2019 the WPNC Committee extending the agreement with the City for the term November 1, 2019 to October 31, 2024. Laurie Penton has assumed the role of the Chair of this important committee. We will continue Brent Bottomley's personal mission to ensure the facility is operating into the future.
5. **Coaches/Volunteers/Athletes.** The Volunteers – way too many to name because you all are Volunteers. The groomers who watch the temperatures, and start at 3:30 **AM** to prepare trails for events. I know much more goes on behind the scenes. I just want everyone to know how much we – I speak on behalf of all skiers-acknowledge/appreciate their sacrifice and hard work.

CCSAM BUDGET: General rule: NPO's should have a ONE year Operating Fund surplus to carry forward.

Unrestricted Net Assets as at Mar.31/19	\$198,170	(Mar.31/18) \$114,910
Cash in WPNC account as at Mar.31/19	\$142,790	(Mar.31/18) \$142,790

CCSAM's goal is always to secure consistent funding. Base funding from Sport Manitoba has remained consistent. A new four year funding cycle has begun, and I believe that our relationship and funding with Sport Manitoba is secure.

Respectfully submitted:

Richard Huybers Chairman, CCSAM