

CCSAM 2020 Annual General Meeting

Club Report – Kenora Nordic and Biathlon Club

Kenora Nordic and Biathlon Club (KNBC) enjoyed a successful 2019/20 season, with excellent trail conditions from early December well into March, owing largely to our outstanding trail crew headed by Todd Burkhardt. The club had a total of 162 members including those represented as family (93) and individual (69) memberships. A large number participated in Jack Rabbit, Track Attack, Junior, ParaNordic, Adult Ski and Biathlon programs that were offered.

KNBC continued with a number of important initiatives, led by our president Jackie Hummelbrunner. Ties with sister club, Mt. Evergreen (Alpine), were further strengthened through the update of a shared Ski Kenora website and partnered events such as a snow cross poker derby, held during the Kenora Winter Carnival. Together, both clubs received a substantial grant from the Ontario Ministry of Mines and Northern Development to hire consultants who will explore the feasibility of creating a Four-Season recreational facility on site.

The Jack Rabbit , Adult Ski and Biathlon programs saw increased participation from new members. The ParaNordic program received a boost from the Kenora Community Foundation in the form of a grant to purchase two sets of sit-skis which will allow greater participation in this sport in Kenora. Athletes from all programs participated successfully at a number of competitive events throughout the season, including local, provincial, national and international races. KNBC hosted a well-attended Manitoba Cup Race in February and celebrated its 30th anniversary as a club with the Frank Symonds Ski Tour in mid-March.

KNBC invested in new equipment to update its rental ski inventory at Mt. Evergreen and purchased ten new range mats which will be used at the Falcon Lake Biathlon Centre. Major investments have allowed for ongoing improvements in ski trails including trail levelling, new signage and a re-routing of the Green Spruce Trail at Green's Hill.

In the upcoming season, the club will seek funds to upgrade its Zone 4 race support equipment and to train volunteers in its use, in order to be able to host larger competitive ski events in the future. Further certification will be required for a ParaNordic program leader and two new Junior program coaches, Amie Mathews and Jenn Hissa, who will replace Betsy Harris, our long time senior coach as she retires after 18 years of service to our club. We are also looking forward to hosting the Manitoba provincial championships on February 6 – 7, 2021.

Submitted by Tom Mosindy, Incoming President