

CROSS COUNTRY SKI ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA INC.

October 22, 2022

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Welcome everyone. Welcome to the Cross Country Ski Association of Manitoba (CCSAM) Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the 2021-2022 ski season.

The cloud of COVID infections continues to be a present reality. However, there are good news stories from the past ski season. In addition, ***I am optimistic for the upcoming ski season in Manitoba.***

Our Events Calendar was a modified success. Ski Lessons across the province increased from last year.

COVID-19 caused the cancelation of the in person November Swap Shop for the past two seasons. The Board decided that we would NOT attempt a Swap Shop in November 2022. The lack of ski equipment is a determining factor. It was felt that a valuable fundraiser for CCSAM would be damaged now and in the future by a lack of inventory.

Our provincial Sport funding remained constant.

With the help of Sport Manitoba we have accessed all available Federal / Provincial / COVID funding. I have to mention the tremendous support CCSAM gets from Sport Manitoba over the years. I participate in monthly Nordiq Canada conference calls among all the provinces and territories. CCSAM continues to be the envy of other provinces when it comes to Covid briefings and guidance with Return to Play Protocols.

The upcoming 2022 – 2023 ski season in Manitoba will continue to look different.

COVID has not disappeared. The priority will always be: Keep our people safe. (Coaches/Officials/Volunteers/Athletes/Spectators/Family members)

Last year CCSAM developed a 2021-2025 Strategic Plan. A plan to guide us was prepared.

1. CCSAM strives to introduce Manitobans to the sport of cross country skiing, providing support and guidance for participants at all levels. In summary
2. CCSAM works as a community to identify and train athletes to achieve their highest level of competitive performance.
3. CCSAM supports the development of certified coaches, instructors, officials, and volunteers to foster excellence in sport leadership.
4. CCSAM demonstrates clear direction and leadership. CCSAM acts strategically to support participation, excellence, community involvement and accessibility to the sport as well as the ability to govern effectively.

A copy of the CCSAM Strategic Plan for 2021 – 2025 is available for you to read and study on the CCSAM website.

Your Board's next project is a Board Governance performance review and tune up.

Follow up on Really Good News from last year: A \$75,000 Provincial Grant meant that the Windsor Park Nordic Center (WPNC) has purchased new equipment for a total of \$150,000.

- New Yamaha side by side with tracks for grooming.
- Two new Ginzu groomers (Big & Little).
- Muller renovator, which will be used to renovate icy boiler plate ski tracks.
- Snow making - HKD fan gun and compressor for making snow.
- Maintain and improve Trail lighting.

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More GOOD NEWS: CCSAM has applied to the Province of Manitoba in the amount of \$300,000 for a Small Capital and Special Initiatives Project Grant. These funds will be put towards a new Starter Instructor Building. Additional funding will be sought from Foundations, and other levels of government. This project is one of the last major projects that Brent Bottomley envisioned in his 2012 proposal to the City of Winnipeg.

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:

- 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 15 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. Karin has been following COVID-19 as it relates to sport in Manitoba and has been attending all the PSO / NSO meetings.

- 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 2021-2022 was composed of:

Marissa Zurba / Pauline Nadlersmith / Kristin Isaak / Murray Carter / Katrina Froese / Kevin Miller / Pam Little / Darcy Beer / Christy Willhim / Kathy Malkoske /. Thank you so much for your hard work.

- **CLUB REPRESENTATIVES:** Too numerous to mention. All are welcome to our Board meetings – last Tuesday evening of the month. Confirm the exact time and date with Karin.

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.

1. **Provincial Development Committee** (formally known as the High-Performance Committee) – one hardworking Committee – meets monthly. Members from 2021-2022 included: Pauline Nadlersmith / Megan Carter / Ihor Barwinsky / Jennie Hissa / Julie Brodeur / Andrew Vanden Berg / Steven Wintoniw / Elise Paetkau / Karin McSherry. Athlete Reps: Mia Sawatsky / Raphael Boutroy
2. **Windsor Park Nordic Center Committee** – Laurie Penton is the Chair of this important committee. Our Lease agreement with the City of Winnipeg runs until October 31, 2024. CCSAM believes our relationship with the City is solid and do not anticipate any problems in the near future.
3. **Recreational Ski Committee** – Kevin Miller is the Chair of this committee that has become a key committee now and in the future. Kevin has, as always prepared a very detailed precise report. If you want a comprehensive summary of our ski season, please read Kevin's report.
4. **Coaches/Volunteers/Athletes.** The Volunteers – way too many to name because you all are Volunteers. I want everyone to know how much we – I speak on behalf of all skiers-acknowledge/appreciate their sacrifice and hard work.

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As I have noted over many years that *“Good ski conditions relate to good financial results.”* We are a weather dependent sport.

CCSAM's goal is always to secure consistent funding. Base funding from Sport Manitoba has remained consistent. CCSAM is beginning the final year of our four-year funding cycle. I believe that our relationship and funding with Sport Manitoba is secure.

Respectfully submitted:

Richard Huybers Chairman, CCSAM