

# CROSS COUNTRY SKI ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA INC.

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October 28, 2024

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Welcome everyone. Welcome to the Cross Country Ski Association of Manitoba (CCSAM) Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the 2023-2024 ski season.

The winter weather of 2023-2024 was not kind to the sport of Nordic Skiing. I will not belabor the point. My sole comment is that Good Ski Weather EQUALS Good Financial Results.

Our Events Calendar was a story of postponements - modified events and then in too many cases cancellations.

It was not all doom and gloom. Ski events took place across the province. This is a glimpse of the future of travelling to find decent snow. I know the individual ski clubs did their absolute best to keep members engaged in our sport. The ski club invited me to participate in the Whiteshell Cross Country Ski Club 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. I participated in a Nordiq Canada Zoom presentation on Climate Change in Canada. This led to participating in a FIS Environmental Sustainability presentation on Zoom. Both presentations did not reveal any startling new information. Instead, it reinforced the need to slow global warming.

Our provincial Sport funding remained constant.

I must 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 both financial support and general operational support.

**I am going to spend a bit of my report on a more personal note. I began too many years ago as the Treasurer of CCSAM. I then transitioned to become the Chair of this great organization. Again, it has been for more years than I can exactly remember. I have enjoyed every moment of meeting and interacting with all the truly remarkable and varied people who make up this amazing sport. It has been a true privilege.**

**Due to changes in my personal situation, I will not be seeking another term as your Chairman. I am not going anywhere. At the same time, I will not leave CCSAM without a Chair. I am interested in someone with fresh ideas to lead CCSAM into the future.**

CCSAM continues to support and invest in the Windsor Park Nordic Center (WPNC). This facility continues to develop as the center for:

- High performance skiing.
- Recreational skiing with Lessons and Rentals.
- Inner City School programs.
- Para Nordic Skiing – Blind ski program, Special Olympics program.
- Home to two Winnipeg based ski clubs – Downtown Nordic & Red River Nordic Ski and Biathlon Club.

***As always, I am optimistic for the upcoming 2024 – 2025 ski season in Manitoba.***

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I invite all clubs – to look at CCSAM (and Nordiq Canada NC) website for information such as Policies, procedures, and general information. Current example are SAFE SPORT INFORMATION and POLICIES. 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 close to 20 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 attends all the PSO / NSO meetings and participates in other organizations such as Trails Manitoba and brings her Nordic Ski perspective and expertise to these 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 2023-2024 was composed of:

Marissa Zurba / Pauline Nadlersmith / Kristin Isaak / Murray Carter / Kevin Miller / Pam Little / Neil Kornberger / Derek Page. 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 2023-2024 included: Pauline Nadlersmith / Jennie Hissa / Andrew Vanden Berg / Alexandra Loeppky / Elise Paetkau / Mariko Boorberg / Karin McSherry. Athlete Reps: Raphael Boutroy, Hannah Wintoniw
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. Many thanks to Pat McCarthy-Briggs, Joy Goertzen, Esther MacKinlay, Gyula Gergely, Ken Schykulski, Dorothy Quayle. Kevin has, as always prepared a 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.

Respectfully submitted:

Richard Huybers Chair, CCSAM