

CROSS COUNTRY SKI ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA INC.

October 27, 2025

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Welcome everyone. Welcome to the Cross Country Ski Association of Manitoba (CCSAM) Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the 2024-2025 ski season.

For the second year in a row winter weather of 2024-2025 was not kind to the sport of Nordic Skiing. I know I sound like a Chat Bot stuck in a loop that "Good Ski Weather EQUALS Good Financial Results."

Our Events Calendar went off without too many postponements and or modified events.

Certain parts of the province did have reliable snow – I can think of the Riding Mountain area of the province. I believe that this will be the future, travelling to find decent snow. As always, the individual ski clubs did their absolute best to keep members engaged in our sport. I continue to participate in Nordiq Canada's Division Council Committee. All the provinces and territories are welcome to join monthly Zoom meetings. In these meetings the Executive Director and Chairperson of our national organization update us. These meetings are an opportunity to ask questions and share both information and best practices. I find these meetings to be well worth the time.

Our provincial Sport funding remained constant.

CCSAM has received tremendous support from Sport Manitoba over the years. CCSAM continues to be the envy of other provinces when it comes to both financial support and general operational support.

Our organization has begun plans to merge CCSAM and BAM (Biathlon Manitoba). This makes sense on so many levels. We know that there will be advantages to this merger.

Today I have some very good news to share. A great deal of uncertainty has been resolved so I am interested in standing for another term.

This experience has reinforced the fact that as a Board we must continue a program of succession planning. We constantly welcome new fresh ideas and younger people 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.

I am optimistic for the upcoming 2025 – 2026 ski season in Manitoba.

I invite all clubs – to look at CCSAM (and Nordiq Canada NC) website for information such as Policies, procedures, and general information. Current examples are SAFE SPORT INFORMATION and POLICIES. There is a wealth of information from sport organizations.

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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 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 Provincial Trails Expert Advisory Body (Manitoba Parks) 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 2024-2025 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: All are welcome to our Board meetings – now the 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 2024-2025 included: Pauline Nadlersmith / Jennie Hissa / Andrew Vanden Berg / Alexandra Loeppky / Joel Peltz / Mariko Boorberg / Karin McSherry. Athlete Reps: Hannah Wintoniw / Gideon Hoepfner
2. **Windsor Park Nordic Center Committee** – Laurie Penton is the Chair of this important committee. Our Lease agreement with the City of Winnipeg is renewed with the City of Winnipeg for a five-year term. (With 5 Year renewal options.)
3. **Recreational Ski Committee** – Kevin Miller is the Chair of this committee that has become a key committee now and in the future. Thanks to Pat McCarthy-Briggs, Joy Goertzen, Esther and 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