

Cross Country Ski Association of Manitoba – Annual General Meeting – 2025-Oct-27

Recreational Skiing report by Kevin Miller

2024-2025 was another less-than-ideal winter for cross country skiing: a late start, a typically cold Manitoba January, a February that was colder than January, and less-than-normal snowfall in many parts of the province. However, spring skiing was good in many locations, especially at the Windsor Park Nordic Centre where the snowmaking from early December extended the season by at least a week.

CCSAM staff and recreational skiing volunteers again met via Zoom with a number of Manitoba Parks' staff pre-season (October 2024) and post-season (May 2025). These were our 7th and 8th meetings since May 2021. They are useful meetings because discussing cross country skiing issues with the "owners" of the trail systems in 11 provincial parks is important, and some positive results can be achieved.

- We hear about each provincial park's pre-season plans for skiing, and in the spring we review the ski season.
- We have told Manitoba Parks that grooming ski trails in March is as important as grooming them in December, January, and February.
- In 2024-2025 Manitoba Parks stopped using its problematic trail conditions page for ski trails. Instead, staff from each provincial park posted their trail grooming reports on CCSAM's *Where to Ski* website as grooming occurred. The result was by far the most timely ski trail grooming reports from provincial parks ... ever.

Thanks to Ken Schykowski (retired Manitoba Parks' employee) for facilitating these meetings.

CCSAM staff and volunteers organized the 2nd [Open House & Gear Swap](#) in November 2024. [2025's Open House & Gear Swap](#) will be on Saturday November 22nd.

CCSAM's "new" website is now almost two years old, so Karin and especially me spent far less time dealing with website problems than during 2023-2024. I continued to support the *Where to Ski* section of the website: updating content (including adding new trail systems), communicating with trail owners and skiers, and troubleshooting minor issues.

Think positive: Plenty of snow and a relatively mild winter 2025-2026.