

CROSS COUNTRY SKI ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA INC.

October 24, 2020

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Welcome everyone. Welcome to the Cross Country Ski Association of Manitoba (CCSAM) Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the 2019-2020 ski season. I realize a lot has happened since the end of our March 31 2020 – official year end. The corona virus COVID 19 has over shadowed everything. CCSAM was lucky, our events were for the most part complete and the ski season was winding down when the lock downs began. COVID 19 will dominate our upcoming year. COVID-19 caused the cancelation of the in person November 21, 2020 Swap Shop. Our Executive Director, our Treasurer and the entire Board have been working to ensure that any Federal / Provincial / Sport Manitoba - COVID funding is being accessed. The upcoming 2020 – 2021 ski season in Manitoba will look different. I want to assure that there will be a ski season in Manitoba. I also pledge that CCSAM will support all the Clubs as best we can in such areas as PPE, signage and share best practices. I am very hopeful events can continue. With modifications, that aligns with Provincial health regulations. The priority is to keep our people safe. (Coaches/Officials/Volunteers/Athletes/Spectators/Family members) We will be discussing upcoming ski season plans in the Club Leaders ZOOM meeting taking place after our AGM. COVID-19 effects will be the main agenda item.

CCSAM has been working with our funding partner-Sport Manitoba as well as other Provincial Sport Organizations (PSO's) and our National Sport Organization (NSO) and CANSI to develop COVID-19 protocols. Developed to date are:

- Return to Sport Protocol
- Return to Training Guidelines
- Return to Competition Guidelines
- Return to Facilities Guidelines
- Return to Ski Lessons

CCSAM was notified in a letter dated October 1 2020 that our Manitoba Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) Base Funding for 2020-2021 continues at \$65,000 per annum. The announcement was late and there was some fear that provincial government funding might be transferred from sport to health care.

This year CCSAM participated in the Nordiq Canada (formerly Cross Country Canada) in a virtual AGM held in early September 2020. Issues arising from the Nordiq Canada (NC) AGM:

- Change in the Board term from two years to three years. It was felt that a two year term was too short a learning curve.
- Housekeeping maintenance of Board policies.

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 13 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.

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- 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 2019-2020 was composed of:
- Marissa Zurba / Andy Dwilow / Pauline Nadlersmith / Mary Montgomery / Christy Willim / Jennifer Smirl / Kevin Miller / Pam Little / Kathy Malkowske / Paul Clerkin
- **CLUB REPRESENTATIVES:** Too numerous to mention. All are welcome to our Board meetings – first Wednesday evening of the month.

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 2019-2020 included: Pauline Nadlersmith / Megan Carter / Ihor Barwinsky / Betsy Harris / Jackie Hummulbrunner / Lorne Warkentine / Tamara Howard / Steve Wintoniw / Aaron Warkentine / Casey Nelson / Karin McSherry.
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. **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.

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 second 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