**Cross Country Saskatchewan**

**Spring General Meeting**

**Saturday, April 27, 2019**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Jade Hartley (Elmhurst), Pat Prokopchuk (SASKI – Skiing for Disabled), Gail Motsi (Saskatoon), Jason Grundahl (Qu’Appelle Valley Nordic), Dale Hjertaas (Regina), Matt Mazurik (Buffalo Narrows), Dean Grove (Flin Flon), Troy Gullacher (Carlton Trail), Cindy Gill (Prince Albert), Roberta Spencer (Melfort), Ruth Chambers (Regina), Dave Martinuk (Carlton Trail), Ken Greenway (Lloydminster), Ken Nealis (Lloydminster), Phyllis Bend (Regina), JoAnn Maloff (Yorkton)

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Dan Brisbin, Craig Francis, Gloria Stang, Alison Meinert, Kary Hepworth, Brennan Craig, Bruce Simms

**STAFF:** Alana Ottenbreit, Andrew Brisbin

1. **CCS Spring Meeting**
2. **Welcome and Introductions**

Dan welcomed everyone.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

Agenda included in package. Add coaches for Para Nordic. Will discuss under coaches and officials.

**MOTION:** to approve the agenda as circulated

**Dave Martinuk/Gloria Stang**

**CARRIED**

1. **Approval of 2018 AGM Meeting Minutes**

Minutes are in the package. Time was given to review.

**MOTION:** to approve the minutes as circulated

**Dale Hjertaas/Matt Mazurik**

**CARRIED**

1. **Accreditation**

12 clubs in attendance. Quorum is established.

1. **Announcements**

Expense forms (pink) are in the folder. Hand in to Alana at the end of the meeting.

1. **Year End Reports**
2. **Club Reports**

Reports in package.

1. **President**

Included in package. Our 5 year plan goes to 2020 and is aligned with Sask Sport’s pillars. We have made progress in our objectives but still some areas to grow. Membership numbers are up, clubs down and racers are steady. Our ski package has not been used as much as it could. Fieldworkers is constant. SDP numbers are lower. Weather may have been a factor. Facility grants was lower than previous year. MAP grant funding was up to clubs. Volunteer recognition – we hoped to have awards in place this year. We hope to roll out the program at the fall meeting with awards given out next spring. Craig Francis was awarded the CCC volunteer award, Al Theede was awarded the Officials of the year with Sask Sport and Gloria Stang won a Rotary award for her work in Hudson Bay. Had teams attend CWG, Nationals, Westerns, races out of provinces. Andrew will be back with us next year. CCS is part of Sask Ski and Nordiq Canada. Ski Fit North – thanks to Jesse for his work with them. Was limited due to availability but was a busy 3 weeks. Spirit North operated in 3 communities in Sask. Craig has had some discussion with FSIN about working with some of their communities. Sport for Development – how we develop the sport in communities. Could devote more attention to this area.

Question on why the rebrand to Nordiq Canada. Recognize the base rather than HP so they want to encompass all. They want to respond to all rather than a smaller base. CCC engaged a marketing firm that helped them with this. There were focus groups, surveys etc. Name resonates in both English and French. It is intentionally spelled wrong. Can patent the name it if it is spelled wrong.

1. **Youth Programs**

Report presented. Also added some membership stats so we can see trends. Membership has gone up. Showed the numbers by clubs as well. SDP numbers are down as well as the number of clubs offering the programs. Lack of organizers and coaches are some of the reasons why clubs are not offering programs. Race licenses have been up and down. We are pretty standard across Canada. Showed Saskatoon Nordic membership numbers by age. Zone 4 defaults to Jan 1, 1980 so numbers are not totally accurate.

1. **Funding and Finance**

Statements were circulated and reviewed. We still have one month to go. Our year end is May 31. Pointed out a few areas where spending was a bit higher and why that was the case. More expenses to come yet. Projection will be closer to break even or a small loss. We did budget for a big loss so we are well away from that. Camp revenue was higher than budgeted. Some grants may not have been utilized as they should have. Ski Fit North was lower as their program was lower. We are within Sask Sports guidelines for a surplus. We will do the budget for 19-20 in the fall and we will look at ways to efficiently spend.

**MOTION**: that the financial statements be received as presented

**Dale Hjertaas/Gail Motsi**

**CARRIED**

1. **High Performance**

Summer, fall and early winter is camp focused. In season is out of province racing. This year was CWG. Attended a meeting in Sept with other province in Canmore on coach development. Camps this past year were open to younger skiers which worked well. No dates set for spring camp but fall is the 3rd week in Sept. Races went well this year. A bit of shuffling due to weather with only one cancellation. A core of about 10 athletes attended out of province events. Plan is now to work toward the next CWG in 4 years. Concussion protocol - we may want to look at having one in place for coaches to refer to.

1. **Northern Development/Ski Fit North**

Report in package. Was a condensed version this year due to Jesse only available for 3 weeks to work. Visited 12 communities in 3 weeks. Report has an overview of the communities visited. 1249 students were reached. Ski Fit North was not able to find a good fit for this season so hence the condensed version. Spirit North was offered in Sask. Were not sure of the impact on Ski Fit North. Noticed that the kids of Hall Lake looked green at the first race but by the end of the season they great by the end at School Ski Championships. That was great to see.

1. **Coaches and Officials**

Report presented. New for this year is that we posted dates for the workshops early in the season. In past they were scheduled individually. This worked well. This gave coaches the opportunity to plan their schedules. Group of HP coaches travelling to the HP conference in Canmore next weekend. We applied for a Women in Coaching grant for this and we received $700. Survey was done on the HP coach. Offered support to a Zone 4 course but it was out to us last minute so hard to get uptake. Looking at training officials at Level 3. We need those to hold sanctioned races. There will be a Level 2 officials course offered at the Fall camp. Provincial coach taking on more coach development activities. Questions on coach pathway can now go to Andrew. Will try to do more PD sessions as well.

Draft calendar included in package. Season will start with 2 roller ski races.

Para Nordic development – would like to develop coaches in Regina area.

1. **HP Coordinator Report**

Covered earlier.

1. **Facilities**

Report in the package. 12 applications and we were able to fund all. Lots of different projects from trail work to shelters. Deadline to apply is the end of May. Retroactive funding is available. Question on Biggar. They are not a club but the fire did destroy trails and clubhouse. Should we reach out to them or them to us to join then apply in the future. We can do that.

1. **Cross Country Canada**

Discussed the new branding earlier. Showed the video on their website. Divisions not required to change name or logo. They have been sending weekly emails to us to send to clubs as appropriate. FIS world cup was in QC. Naming convention will change next year. Will use Ux in 2 year age increments. Annual volunteer awards nominations are open until May 6. Board nominations are due May 14. They are looking for reps from the west and can represent small divisions and recreational skiing. AGM is June 13-15 in Quebec.

1. **Nominations and Elections to the Executive**

A slate of candidates were presented. 4 positions up for election. President, High Performance, 2 Directors. We have nomination for Brennan Craig for President, Alison Meinert for HP, Jason Grundahl, Jody Laliberte and Stacy Belhumer for Director. We are short one director.

Call for nominations. None.

**MOTION:** that nominations cease

**Craig Francis/Kary Hepworth**

**CARRIED**

1. **CCS Program Initiatives**

Many items were discussed earlier.

1. **Open Discussion**

Andrew did an overview of website and where things can be found. Any feedback is welcome. Ski lesson that Kary did up will be added. Posters – we have been sending those out over the past few years. Looking for feedback. It is beneficial? Maybe a digital version of the poster with the dates may be good.

Discussion on insurance last night at board meeting. We reminded the clubs of when there is an incident there is tight reporting timeline to report. Must be reported within 24 after the incident. Question on non members on club trails. Saskatoon posted a Ski at Your Own risk sign. Also need permission from land owners to ski on land. Will check with CCC on membership season.

Date for fall meeting. September 29.

**MOTION:** to adjourn

**Brennan**

**Meeting adjourned 3:35 pm.**