

**Cross Country Saskatchewan
Spring General Meeting
Saturday, April 28, 2018**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Matt Mazurik (Buffalo Narrows), Troy Gullacher (Carlton Trail), Dean Grove (Flin Flon), Marlon Jugl (Hudson Bay), Kary Hepworth (La Ronge), Ken Greenway (Lloydminster), Mike Cipywnyk (Naicam), Jen Ryan (Prince Albert), Craig Francis (Regina), Lane Zabolotny (Saskatoon)

BOARD MEMBERS: Dan Brisbin, Craig Francis, Gloria Stang, Jen Ryan, Alison Meinert, Kary Hepworth, Bob Jarvis,

STAFF: Alana Ottenbreit, Andrew Brisbin

1. CCS Spring Meeting

a. Welcome and Introductions

Dan welcomed everyone.

b. Approval of Agenda

Agenda included in package.

MOTION: to approve the agenda as circulated

Matt Mazurik/KenGreenway

CARRIED

c. Approval of 2016 AGM Meeting Minutes

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

MOTION: to approve the minutes as circulated

Troy Gullacher/Alison Meinert

CARRIED

d. Accreditation

10 clubs in attendance. Quorum is established.

e. Announcements

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

2. Year End Reports

a. Club Reports

Reports in package.

Regina Ski Club had a question on CRC's. The questions raised were included in the package. Question 1 was if a check comes back with a violation how is a club to handle this. How are records kept with a revolving board? CCS will be sending a letter to the clubs stating that clubs are to do a CRC and VSC, sign and send back to CCS. What do clubs do now? From the CCS perspective, we recommend that the club designate one or two individuals that will verify that they have seen the check. If the check comes back with a result, the club needs to see if it affects the position. We recommend that the check stays with the individual but the club records that it has been seen. Another longer document in package with more info from RPS and RCMP.

b. President

Included in package. Highlighted a few items. Report is organized according to our 5 year plan. Membership is up by about 500 members. Increased by 2 clubs. In the Sask Winter Games we had hoped for more participants but we did have representation from 8 of 9. North Battleford did a great job of organizing. CCS race license holders increased this year. Might be higher due to it being a games year. The Rediscovered Winter Poster was distributed again. Loppet passport was launched. We hope to get more people participating in loppets around the province. We have our ski package that goes to various clubs. Was not used as much this year. Youth numbers are up this year. Held ICC and CC courses. Hosted Sask Cup races and loppets but did struggle a bit due to cold weather. Held a roller ski race in October. We were the only one in Western Canada. We had a good contingent go to Westerns and Nationals. Andrew Brisbin has completed his 2nd year and has signed on to a 3rd. World Para Nordic event held in Canmore. We had skiers, coaches and officials at it. Brittany won a bronze medal at the Paralympics. Facilities grants were fully utilized this year. Value proposition items was included in the package showing what members receive as a member of CCS and CCC.

c. Youth Programs

Report included. Numbers are up in participants. We added a new club, Yorkton, to the Skill Development Programs (Jackrabbit) clubs. Any clubs interested in starting, let us know. Need to have coaches in the clubs to deliver the program. ICC is now on line. Will be available in early Fall 2018. We hope that will lead to an increase in people taking the next level coaching. CC is the first sport to do this.

d. 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.

MOTION: that the financial statements be received as presented

Gloria Stang/Dean Grove

CARRIED

e. High Performance

Westerns in Red Deer was a big sign of success. 21 athletes attended including 3 para Nordic athletes. Got a preview of the CWG site. Nationals were in Thunder Bay with 6 athletes attending. Won a silver medal in Divisional Mixed Team Sprint. Brittany won a Bronze in Biathlon. Had strong finished in the XC races. Sask athletes also attended AB cups and BC Champs in Kelowna. Held the first sanctioned roller ski race in CCS history. We were the only place in the West that hosted. Numbers were low but expected with it being the first time. Was a Sask Cup race but future will probably not be. 2 sprint races were held plus at Sask Winter Games. This coming year is a CWG year. Have support staff in place. Are identifying a pool of athletes. Trial races will be held at the end of December. Spring camp coming up in Regina June 8-10, Fall Sept 21-23 and Lake Louise Nov 11-16. Will open up to younger skiers.

Draft calendar reviewed. Added PA dates. Move Flin Flon race and removed alternate to Saskatoon. A few dates missing. They will be added for the fall meeting.

f. Northern Development/Ski Fit North

Kary presented a report. In the package is the Ski Fit North report. Heather Bernardin is the new club president. Ski to the summit held. Trail person stepped

down and Russ Mirasity stepped forward. Saskaloppet held and was successful. Are using the full loppet trails. 293 participants. 14 did the 2 day. School Ski Championships. 124 from 14 schools. Was held in March. Tried in Feb but was too cold. Feel that March is a better date. Have a new building that is in the process. Will be for waxing and a race office. Membership was up. Zone 4 seems to be working out well. Was a very cold season so many events had to be cancelled or postponed.

Ski Fit North fieldworker is Jessie Hepworth. Goes into communities and give basic instruction. Is hired by the Northern Sport Culture and Recreation District. A very successful year. Taught 1400 students in 32 communities. Feedback collected is in the back of the report.

Outreach – included in the package was a summary of the Rediscover Winter Poster. We have run it for 4 years and we are re-evaluating it. Feeling that we will continue but in a modified fashion. We would be interested if there are individuals interested in working with us to go to schools to do clinics. Question on if we have provided funds for a Ski Fit South like we do for Ski Fit North. We did get a grant from Sask Sport a few years ago and we did advertise for a person like the Ski Fit North but did not get any applicants. We would need a trailer to haul the skis. Some schools do have skis so we may not have to haul equipment as much. Part of Ski Fit north is paid by NSCRD. Checking with the other districts can be looked at.

2 years ago Skiing for Disabled did a tour from Saskatoon to Regina. This year will be doing the tour in the north. Have a few communities signed on. It will be a recruitment and awareness event. Colette and Brittany will be doing the sessions. May 28-June 1.

g. Coaches and Officials

Report presented. 2 T2T courses held in Waskesiu and Lake Louise facilitated by Mike Neary of CCA. ICC and CC courses held this season. ICC will available on line by the fall. Our goal is to hold one L2T every year and T2T every second year. L2T course will be held June in Regina. Level 2 officials course in Waskesiu. We did have an individual interested in the Level 3 but they do need experience in races before they attend.

h. HP Coordinator Report

Report done under High Performance.

i. Facilities

Report in the package. 13 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.

j. Cross Country Canada

Bruce Simms is a member of the CCC board. Alison is on the SDP committee, Alana on the DEDC and Dan is on the DCC. CCC will be renewing the contract with Zone 4. There is an opportunity for feedback that we could take to them and could be worked into the new agreement. CCC is more attentive to reaching out to the divisions which is a nice change from the past. DCC is more of a knowledge sharing session rather than dealing with issues.

3. Nominations and Elections to the Executive

A slate of candidates were presented. 4 positions up for election. Coaches and Officials, Finance, 2 Directors. Coaching and Officials and Finance are not standing for re election. 2 Directors are. 2 candidates names put forward, Laurie Weiman and Brennan Craig.

Slate of nominees recommended are Jen Ryan, Bruce Simms, Laurie Weiman and Brennan Craig.

Call for nominations. None.

MOTION: that nominations cease

Matt Maziurk/Dean Grove

CARRIED

Thanks Geoff and Paul for their service. Next year the president position is up for election and Dan's term will be done so please check with your club.

4. CCS Program Initiatives

Loppet passport – in the passport was the schedule. We will print more with the new dates. Will provide a sticker for the old passports with the new dates. No costs for the passports. We have 2 levels – over 14 and under 14. Pins for over 14 and certificates

for under 14. Encouraged the clubs to promote the passport so people will travel to visit the different loppets.

Funding opportunities – SPRA have opportunities available. CCS is a member so the clubs may be able to use this to access funds. Through Sask Sport they have an opportunity to set up a trust fund where donations can be made to the club for a project. Tax receipts can be given for these donations.

5. Open Discussion

Opened up the floor to questions. Question on capturing the excitement of SWG. This is one of our goals. We have not set out a strategy but will try to do something. We want to keep those kids racing so it is not a one off.

Any discussion on a Sask Man cup? Would be a 4 year cycle so it would not conflict with SWG or CWG. Next vacant years would be 2020 and 2021 – one hosted in Sask and one in Manitoba. It is back in the hands of the HP committee. We will discuss with them in June with Manitoba. Craig did talk to Karin in Manitoba and they have not had any discussion since.

Mike from Naicam stated that they had people from Chennai India ski this year. Question on crown land and the lease. Went from \$40 - \$200. Lloydminster had the same. Many clubs are in provincial parks so don't pay this. Asked that they pass the assessments to CCS and we can write a letter to the government.

Naicam also had a problem with wild boars. Have anyone else had this problem? No one else has.

Trail inventory – asked the clubs last year to provide. If you have not sent anything in, please do so. We are looking at adding this into the website.

Do any other ski clubs diversify the trail use and any restrictions? Our liability insurance manual lists activities that are covered and are not.

Date for fall meeting. September 15th.

MOTION: to adjourn

Alison

Meeting adjourned 3:30 pm.