

Cross Country Ski Ontario Annual General Meeting

Date: June 2, 2019

Draft Minutes

Present: Richard Lemoine, Liz Inkila (staff), Angus Carr, Steve Morris, Katja Mathys (staff), Kelly Sinclair, Victor Wiltmann (staff), Cassandra Nielsen, Amy Wheeler Reich, Geoff Tomlinson, Camille Cheskey, Angus Foster, Andrew Pittman, Toivo Koivukoski, Jack Sasseville, Sandra Carr, Denis Charette, Steve Morris, Andrew Mokriy, Ian Sinclair, Mike Kornell, Mary Waddell, Rena Viehbeck, Angus Foster, Steve Jones, Kelly Sinclair, Dwayne Barber

Item	Description	Discussion	Summary
1	Approval of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voting members are 2 district representatives, (not necessarily district chair) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ LSSD Angus Carr & Rena Viehbeck ○ SOD Dwayne Barber & Stephen Jones ○ NOD Amy Wheeler Reich & Cassandra Nielson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mary Waddell replaced Cassandra Nielson during meeting ○ NCD Geoff Tomlinson & Steve Morris 	<p>Motion to accept agenda Moved by Cassandra Neilson Seconded by Geoff Tomlinson</p> <p>Motion carried</p>
2	Review of Minutes 2018 AGM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of AGM 2018 minutes 	<p>Motion to approve minutes of the 2018 AGM Moved by Angus Carr Seconded by Dwayne Barber</p> <p>Motion carried</p>
3	XCSO Chair Report Richard Lemoine	<p>Thanks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many thanks for those organizing AGM • Excellent sharing of ideas <p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Morris of NCD <p>Departing Board meetings thank you's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thom Lyon (NCD Chair) • Maureen Kershaw (former HPC Chair) <p>Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to struggles with showing relevance and being visible to recreational members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Very few members of ski clubs who are also 	

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		<p>automatically members of XCSO and Nordiq Canada</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Focus is often on insurance which is a risk ○ Membership costs at some clubs are low enough that NC/XCSO fees are significant as a %. ○ Does the individual member see a problem or is it the club executive? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fund development is key to our success ● Focused sessions with clubs was well attended and good discussions ● Improved working relationships with SFQ <p>Going forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Need to see more people skiing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ By expanding the range of services ○ Ensures organizations – clubs, XCSO, Nordiq Canada survive ○ Health benefits ● Snow making - clubs need to start fundraising to deal with inevitable climate change. Needed infrastructure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Water ○ 3 phase power – generator ○ High pressure pump (300 PSI) ○ Snow guns or towers ○ Now have purpose built towers for Nordic trials ● Get the parents through the kids ● Learn to ski programs for parents ● Winter fitness for new Canadians ● Need instructors to teach adults to ski <p>Finances</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hiring Cathy Smart and launch fund development program ● Sport4Ontario ● Concerns about future funding from the province. We are currently financially strong but need to increase our 	

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		<p>revenue streams</p> <p>Thank you to the staff and Directors that Richard has worked with over the years. Jen Tomlinson thanked Richard on behalf of Nordiq Canada</p>	
5	District Chair's Reports	<p>SOD – Dwayne Barber</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOD snowmaking – letter of interest from 4 clubs with Highlands Nordic as the successful applicant • Paraffin series – weather issues resulted in 2 re-locations and 1 cancellations/300+ athletes. Special thanks to Colin Rhodes who has been central to the Paraffin Series • SOD website now linked with SOD • Events – ski learn & explore, World Snow Day <p>Successes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced communication with clubs <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nordiq Canada/XCSO/SOD membership fee (insurance) • Balance between competitive vs recreational vs high school • Climate change is a challenge <p>NCD – Steve Morris</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New to the NCD • Involved with Nakkertok • Strong area with joint ON/QC • NCD Board <p>NOD – Amy Wheeler Reich</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support clubs who held registered World Snow Day • Youth Champs, OUA/OCup, Canadian Masters, & ON Club Relay & 100 M Champs • Athlete support through bursaries • NOD Team – support of high school aged athletes <p>Challenges</p>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geography, land use agreements, mostly volunteer coaches, decreasing volunteer base Next Season <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support clubs, loppet series LSSD – Angus Carr <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NWO experienced great snow • Thank continued commitment of Executive members • Welcome to Elaine Lynch (PN) & Adam Kates (HPC Rep) Highlights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AWAD coaching course held at Lappe (5) • Angus Foster Nordiq Canada Challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement with clubs in the region (outside of Thunder Bay) remains a challenge Priorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate more opportunities for U14 (race series with some collaboration with XC Manitoba) • Support coaching / officials development Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBay Special Olympics National Winter Games 	
6	Financial Report Denis Charette	Financials statements presented by Denis Charette	Motion to accept financial statements Moved by Angus Carr Seconded by Geoff Tomlinson
8	Approval of Board Decisions	Richard Lemoine requested a motion ratifying decisions made by the Board during the 2018/2019 season.	Motion to ratify all decisions made by the Board during the 2018/2019 season. Moved by Seconded by Motion carried
9	Elections	Directors to the board: Slate of candidates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Denis Charette (Treasurer) • Alan White (Events & Officials) 	Motion to close nominations Moved by Steve Morris Seconded by Geoff Tomlinson

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelly Sinclair (Youth Chair) • Patti Kitler (PN) • Jack Sasseville (HP Chair) District Chairs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LSSD – Hillary Mettam/Angus Carr • NOD – Amy Wheeler Reich • NCD – Steve Morris • SOD – Dwayne Barber Angus Carr will sit as Interim Chair with Richard Lemoine stepping away.	Motion to accept the identified slate as Board of Directors Moved by Amy Wheeler Reich Seconded by Mary Waddell
10	Adjournment	Next year's AGM location will be held in Northern Ontario District	Motion to adjourn
11	Thank you's/Presentations	Angus Carr thanked previous HPC Chair Maureen Kershaw and she will receive a gift for her contributions. Angus also thanked outgoing Board Chair Richard Lemoine. Kieran Jones was presented with the Heinz Niederhauser Outstanding Coaching Award Pierre Millette was presented with the 2019 Volunteer of the Year award	