



Wostawea Cross-Country Ski Club

Annual General Meeting

Centre Communautaire Ste-Anne,
715 Priestman Street,
7:00 pm, 11 April 2018

AGENDA

- 1) Welcoming remarks
- 2) Minutes of the last annual general meeting, 12 April 2017
- 3) Business arising
- 4) President's report – John Ball
- 5) Membership report – Chris Carson
- 6) Para-Nordic report – Milda Markauskas
- 7) Communications report – Peta Fussell
- 8) Jackrabbit report – Nathalie Comeau
- 9) Racing Team report – Eric Luiker
- 10) NB Cup report – David Cameron
- 11) Loppet report – Donald Wright
- 12) Trails report – Nick Russon
- 13) Treasurer's report – Chris Carson
- 14) New business: Planning exercise – John Ball, Donat Thériault
- 15) Election of new and returning executive members for 2018–20:
 - a. Nominated for:
 - i. President: John Ball, reoffering.
 - ii. Vice-President: Donald Wright, reoffering.
 - iii. Secretary: Peta Fussell, new to this position.
 - iv. Treasurer: Chris Carson, reoffering.
 - v. Jackrabbit Coordinator: Michel Poirier, new to this position.
 - vi. Competition Coordinator: Eric Luiker, reoffering.
 - vii. Communications Coordinator: Barb Ramsay, new to this position.
 - b. Continuing (serving the second year of a 2-year term):
 - i. Trails Coordinator: Nick Russon.
- 16) Other business
- 17) Closing remarks



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715 Priestman Street
April 12th, 2017 – 7:00 pm**

Minutes

Attendees: 22 members, 2 guests

Executive

John Ball	President
Don Wright	Vice President
Milda Markauskas	Past President
Chris Carson	Treasurer
Nathalie Comeau	Jackrabbit Coordinator
Peta Fussell	Communications Coordinator
Eric Luiker	Competitions Coordinator
Nick Russon	Trails Coordinator
Heather Marmura	Secretary

Members at Large

Brian Griffiths	Brigitte L'Heureux	Jean-Claude Arcand
Andrew McNair	Bob Matthews	Raymond Léger
Margaret Wicken	Barb Ramsay	Donat Theriault
Mitch Randall	Mary Luiker	Shelley Pronk
Toon Pronk		

Guests

Eric Hébert and Michel Côté, Oromocto Biathlon Club

John Ball welcomed all in attendance and chaired the meeting.

Minutes of April 20th, 2016 AGM

- No errors or omissions reported. Andrew McNair moved that the 2016 AGM minutes be approved. Peta Fussell seconded the motion, which was subsequently carried. Peta suggests we circulate AGM minutes earlier; we will post online for members to see.

President's Report – John Ball

An exceptionally successful year in all respects; selected highlights include:

- 6 km new and improved trails in Killarney with more to come next year
- Tri-level government funding secured to accomplish the trails project
- Purchase of PistenBully groomer approved by City of Fredericton for 2017-18 season
- Record numbers taking adult lessons and close to record number of Jackrabbits
- Launch of Trails for Life Campaign, the biggest fundraising effort in Wostawea history

- Thanks to all executive members for their support, hard work, and initiative

Membership Report – Chris Carson

- Wostawea finished the year with 668 members; same as last year
- Member age distribution important; we are having trouble attracting 20-29 year olds
- 43% of members are 50 years or over
- While this is positive we want a new generation of skiers to join the ranks and continue after graduation from high school
- Discussion ensued: How do we attract them: Stronger social media? Better marketing? We don't know if this is an actual problem yet. How many young people have affiliations with clubs through other family members? Could we get more university students? How many of what age are skiing but aren't members?

Para-Nordic Report – Milda Markauskas

- Louis Fortin has retired from racing as he didn't qualify for the 2018 Canadian team for the Paralympics. He has done a great job and set a great example.
- Charlotte Toner has begun working as a guide with a visually impaired teenage racer from Grand Falls.

Communications Report – Peta Fussell

- A successful year with lots of media activity
- Very active Facebook page
- Great website; lots of use by people using mobile phones
- Need better communication with City about trail conditions for posting to blog
- Peta would like more French on the website
- Need to redesign the pamphlet to include new trails

Jackrabbit and Track Attack Report – Nathalie Comeau

- High number of coaches and therefore improved ratio of helpers to kids
- Program was never cancelled and ran 8 Saturdays
- 8 coaches were certified
- We had more volunteers for adults this year
- Comments: having FunDay in our traditional slot (first Saturday of March Break) may lower attendance
- Nancy Hamilton Award winners were Toon and Shelley Pronk, long-serving Jackrabbit coaches

Racing Team Report – Eric Luiker (verbal report by Andrew McNair)

- 14 registered for team (11 children/youth; 3 adults)
- Most join team around age 10-12, often while still in the Track Attack program
- 4 days of training per week during season, plus dryland training in the fall
- After 3 years winning NB Cup, we came second this year to Sureau Blanc (Tracadie)

- Looking for more members of all ages, including Masters. Suggested recruiting at UNB & STU

Eric Hébert, coach of the Oromocto Biathlon Club, was introduced and reported briefly:

- Club has 11 athletes and is one of only two clubs in Atlantic Canada
- Lindsay Valley conditions and grooming have become less reliable lately
- Interested in collaborating with Wostawea and supporting each other, as well as moving biathlon club training to the Wostawea and Killarney trails

NB Cup Report – John Ball for David Cameron

- A very successful Maritime Cup featuring skate and classic races over two days
- Great to have first races on new Killarney trails, which were much praised by racers
- 145 individual racers; higher attendance for each race (over 120) than for any NB Cup race in past 15 years
- Mayor Mike O'Brien and Deputy Premier Stephen Horsman presented medals
- Quality of volunteers is up as many have taken officials' course to increase knowledge
- We have offered to have Maritime Cup here again next year

Loppet Report – Donald Wright

- Successful loppet this year with great volunteers and 88 skiers registered
- Club generated a modest profit
- We need to purchase bibs and timing clock for next year

Trails Report – Nick Russon

Killarney:

Nick toured members through maps of existing and new trails; he also showed the location of the final new trails and stadium area to be completed this summer (with ACOA, GNA, City and Wostawea funding) for use next season.

Discussion about snowshoe-specific trails; one goal is to provide more trails for multiuse.

Another discussion followed about the demographics of club. One member noted that the majority of members are 40- to 70-year-olds but Killarney trails are difficult and geared too much toward racing. This is a problem as a lot of money and time is going to support a small percent of the ski club.

Nick replied that the only way we could access government funds for new trails was for competition and ski tourism; no funding is available for solely recreational trails. However, the new trails are popular with many recreational skiers and Jackrabbits, not just racers.

Another issue is getting city to groom on weekends and holidays; we are working on this. We expect that the new PistenBully groomer approved by the City will be a game changer, especially in icy conditions and in terms of time and manpower required to groom the trails.

UNB Woodlot / Kingswood:

Nick walked showed maps of Woodlot trails and possible locations for a new trailhead given the parking and safety issues at old Kent entrance.

UNB is not interested in building a parking lot and Kingswood as an entrance is too far away for older skiers.

Question: can Lian St entrance be levelled to create a better access point? Answer: Yes. Many members used a new entrance behind Grimross in last weeks of season.

Nick then explained how trail conditions get reported on the Trail Conditions blog. For the Woodlot, groomers work and update the blog every day; at Killarney, the groomer works less regularly, and we often don't find out in time to report in a timely manner. We will continue working on this.

One more comment—more skiers use the Woodlot than Killarney, so why is funding mostly directed to Killarney. Nick responded that the Woodlot is private while Killarney is public, so money is available for Killarney that is not available for the Woodlot. Kingswood too is private, and the hotel development there has limited our ability to plan. However, Nick reassured members that substantial club resources, including donations, are being targeted to Woodlot grooming and trailhead development.

Trails for Life – Mary Luiker and Barb Ramsay

- Campaign, the largest in Wostawea's history, launched in March and goes to end of May
- It will support trail development and grooming at Killarney and Kingswood/Woodlot as well as infrastructure at Killarney
- Over \$93,000 raised so far from 85 donors: members, companies, and a foundation
- Several volunteer fundraisers helping contact all members
- Encourage all in attendance to donate

Treasurer's Report – Chris Carson

- Chris gave a detailed explanation of circulated balance sheet, income statement, and year-end projections
- Good year financially with membership numbers steady, donations up, and revenues exceeding expenses on both major events as well as lessons
- Operational surplus (after annual capital reserve put aside) projected at year end (31 May) is \$2,575
- In the interests of good governance and accountability, Chris has asked for an audit of the books, which will take the form of a review by the president, John Ball

Over the course of the meeting, John thanked all those reporting for their volunteer efforts as well as other volunteers: groomers, coaches, racing team support crew, fundraisers, and helpers at the races and loppet. He commented that nearly 100 individuals volunteered for the club this season. Those in attendance showed their appreciation as well.

Elections

Raymond Léger chaired this portion of the meeting.

- Peta Fussell reoffered for a 2-year term as Communications Coordinator. There were no other nominations. Peta was acclaimed. She indicated that this will be her last term.
- Nick Russon reoffered for a 2-year term as Trails Coordinator. There were no other nominations. Nick was acclaimed.

The following positions were not up for re-election. These Executive members are starting the second year of their two-year terms:

- President: John Ball
- Vice President: Don Wright
- Secretary: Heather Marmura
- Treasurer: Chris Carson
- Jackrabbit Coordinator: Nathalie Comeau
- Competition Coordinator: Erik Luiker
- Past President: Milda Markauskas

New Business and Discussion: Planning for Planning

The executive will be continue liaising with the City in anticipation of participating in upcoming Killarney Lake Park Master Plan process.

John Ball asked attendees if we should we develop a 5-year plan for the club given the number of major projects underway and the possibilities the Trails for Life funds will offer for expanding the club's activities – for instance, by getting into loaning skis. Would the broader membership be willing to participate in a planning process?

Donat Theriault responded with some thoughts on his experience with various community groups' strategic planning exercises. He stressed the following points:

- We should be planning for our 700 members—need to listen to them and where they would like to see the club in 5 or 10 years—if we don't listen to them there will be problems. The need for community support is important.
- Importance of team building within membership.
- Becoming a ski destination for Atlantic Canada—funds will come from participation
- UNB, STU, NBCC, City, Chamber of Commerce and our club should sit together to look at future possibilities

Other New Business

Raymond Léger suggested that the club look into hosting a CCC meeting here to showcase the club at a national level.

He also suggested that, with impending climate change, we should start thinking about artificial snow.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.



AGM 2018 – President's Report

Over the past twelve months the club has enjoyed record participation, completed several major projects, and undertaken exciting new initiatives. Some highlights of this landmark year include:

- Membership at 734, which is 10% more than our 668 members at this time last year
- Record numbers registered for Jackrabbits (105) and adult lessons (40+)
- Successful completion of our most ambitious ever fundraising campaign, Trails for Life, which exceeded its \$150,000 goal for trail building, grooming equipment, and infrastructure needs, raising money from 158 individuals or families as well as 20 local businesses, services groups, or foundations
- Completion of the Killarney Lake Park trails, a \$205,000 project funded by ACOA (\$90K), the GNB's Trail Infrastructure Fund (\$25K), the City of Fredericton (\$75K), and Trails for Life funds (\$15K) that saw 10 kilometres of FIS homologated trails (i.e., suitable for competition) constructed (trails 2, 3, 4, & 5) along with major improvements to recreational trails (E, 1, 6 & 7), a new stadium area, improved signage, and a new map
- The introduction to Killarney Lake Park of the City of Fredericton's first ever SnowCat-style groomer, which the club lobbied for and to which we contributed \$50,000 raised from five local businesses through Trails for Life, resulting in improved grooming and ski conditions
- Purchase of a new snowmobile and a new-to-us trail renovator, plus substantial repairs to the Ginzu groomer, all of which gave us another season of outstanding skiing on the Kingswood/UNB Woodlot trails thanks for our dedicated volunteer groomers
- Purchase of 30 sets of new classic skis, boots, and poles for loan; these were used most notably for a new program to provide four weeks of introductory lessons to 60 new Canadians through the Multicultural Association of Fredericton, which was very popular and received excellent press coverage
- Hosting our second Maritime Cup, a two-race weekend event on 20-21 January in which 160 racers took part and which was the first event to make use of our new stadium area and the full set of homologated trails
- Hosting the annual Wostawea loppet at Killarney Lake Park, with 135 skiers (up from 88 last year) skiing distances from 3 to 30 kilometers over a course that included portions of all trails except number 5
- An 18-member Racing Team, ranging from 10 to 60 years in age, competing at all 7 NB Cup races as well as two elite youth meets in Quebec
- The second year of our weekday afternoon Seniors' Skis, hosted by Margaret Wicken, which ran more weeks (8) and attracted more skiers (15/week average) than last year

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- Nearly 100 members volunteering as coaches, groomers, executive members, fundraisers, race officials, loppet helpers, and/or outing leaders, among other tasks
- Nancy Hamilton Award presented to Peta Fussell for her important work over five years as Communications Coordinator

As president, my principal tasks this year involved overseeing (with Nick Russon, Eric Luiker, and David Cameron) the completion of the Killarney Lake Trails project and liaising with funders and City officials. I was a member of the Trails for Life leadership team and spoke for the club in the media, in the City's Killarney Lake Master Plan process, and with affiliated organizations such as Cross-Country NB and the Fredericton Trails Coalition. In addition, I volunteered as a coach with the MCAF program, helped organize and staff the loppet (with Michel Poirier and Don Wright), did some fill-in coaching and Fun Day duties, coordinated the Volunteer Celebration, chaired many meetings, and spent lots of time on the trails!

Our relations with the City of Fredericton continue to be excellent, and indeed Wostawea is routinely praised by City Councillors and staff as a model community organization. We look forward to the release in May of the City's Killarney Lake Park Master Plan, which we are told will reflect club priorities and projects in a number of areas. We hope to build a terrain park at Killarney this summer as well as undertaking minor trail improvements. This spring, we will embark on a long-term planning process and will be inviting input from members on their vision and priorities for the club over the next three years. Details will be announced at the AGM and in membership communications.

At the end of my fourth year as club president, I continue to be blessed by the talents, vision, dedication, and support of my superb fellow volunteers on the executive and in the wider membership; many people cumulatively spend many thousands of volunteer hours making this organization work and improving cross-country skiing facilities and experiences for people in our region and beyond; their dedication and often invisible work has been key to our many successes as a club. I want to thank all of these hard-working people and acknowledge two executive members stepping down this year: Heather Marmura, who as Secretary has taken minutes for the past two years, and Nathalie Comeau, our inspired Jackrabbit Coordinator, who steps down after six years but, thankfully, will continue to coach!

In this, our 45th anniversary year, the club has much to celebrate and much to look forward to.

— John Ball

Para-Nordic Report for Wostawea AGM April 11, 2018

1. A big “Thank You” to Terry Lavoie, a member of Wostawea, for his work as a devoted provincial Para-Nordic coach for the past seven years. Terry is planning to step back from this position. Terry was very instrumental in building up the Para-Nordic program and increasing its profile in the province. He trained sit-skiers, our Paralympic standing-skier, and most recently, a visually impaired skier and her guide. Terry will continue in an advisor position with the Para-Nordic program.
2. Charlotte Toner, a Wostawea member, continued to develop her skills as a guide for Céline Kavanaugh, a visually impaired skier from Grand Falls. They attended a Para-Nordic Development Camp in Canmore, Alberta in the fall of 2017 and competed in IPC World Cup races there. Céline and Charlotte won three silver medals at the Para-Nordic Ski Nationals held at the Eastern Championships in Gatineau in February. They are currently training with the goal of competing in the 2019 Canada Winter Games.
3. CCNB has received delivery of a new kneeler sit-ski from SASKI. This equipment is available for demo or use by any club in the province.



Report submitted by Milda Markauskas, provincial Para-Nordic coordinator

Wostawea AGM – Communications Report 2017-18

SUMMARY

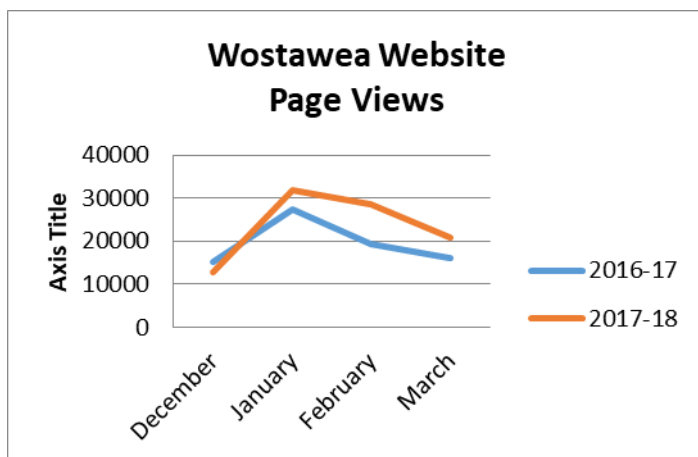
Wostawea had another very successful season from a communications and media relations point of view, as reflected by the highlights and accomplishments listed below. The club received an unprecedented amount of email and message traffic from members and the general public as well as some good publicity in radio and print media.

KEY BRANDING AND COMMUNICATIONS INITIATIVES

- Production and sale of Wostawea long-sleeve t-shirts (cost of \$25 each).
- CBC Radio News Interview – Terry Seguin interviewed John Ball (Oct 3)
- CBC Radio Public Service Announcement – Terry Seguin interviewed Peta Fussell (Jan 15)
- Redesign and modernization of Wostawea pamphlet to include Killarney Lake Trails information

TRADITIONAL AND DIGITAL MEDIA COVERAGE AND OUTREACH

- Weekly email to members throughout the ski season.
- Regular updates, news items and events posted on Facebook – 972 followers (up 20%)
- Regular updates and news items posted on Twitter – 530 followers (up 5%)
- Two trails blogs – Wostawea Trails and Killarney Trails – followed and commented on
- FROSTival – NB Cup and Loppet included in the print brochure and online media content
- Website regularly updated, including all weekly Wostawea news posts, club events, the Maritime Cup and Loppet information (including maps & results) and the fundraising campaign.
- 77 inquiries received through the “Contact” page of the website were replied to.
- 71 messages responded to through Facebook messenger and many direct posts on the page
- Three articles in the Daily Gleaner – Trail builders (April 2017); Trails for Life (Sept 2017); and MCAF initiative (Feb 2018)
- CBC radio online story on MCAF initiative (Feb 2018)
- St. Thomas Aquinian story on MCAF initiative (Feb 2018)



11,000 unique visitors to the website (up 15%)
 31,472 page views in January (up 16%)
 Majority of traffic is on the two trails blogs.

INFORMATION BOOTHS

- Fredericton Farmers Market (November 25)
- Wostawea Open House at Killarney Lodge (December 3)

EVENTS

Race notices, posters, website notifications and social media content created for the following events, as well as door prize draws organized:

- Maritime Cup Races (January 20-21)
- Fredericton Loppet (February 11)
- Wostawea – Nature Trust of New Brunswick – Crabbe Mountain Sunday Ski Tour at the Slippery Mitten Trails (February 18)
- Fun Day (March 3)
- Volunteer Appreciation Event at Grimross (March 27)

VOLUNTEER AND CORPORATE PARTNERSHIP EFFORTS

Companies and organizations

- Cross Country Ski New Brunswick
- Cross Country Ski Canada
- Province of New Brunswick
- City of Fredericton
- Radical Edge

Individuals

- Kevin Howell – volunteer photographer
- Danielle Savoir – volunteer photographer
- Kim Rioux – Kingswood – printing of materials
- Barb Ramsey – new Wostawea pamphlet and Trails for Life media coverage
- Milda Markauskas and Thierry Arseneau – social media support

Respectfully submitted by Peta Fussell, Wostawea Communications Coordinator

Wostawea Youth Programs – 2018 Report for AGM

Jackrabbit Enrollment:

2016: 103

2017: 89

2018: 105!

Bunnies, Jackrabbits and Track Attack programs

- The programs started on January 6th and ended on March 3th. All sessions were held at Killarney. We had to cancel one session because of freezing rain.
- The club covered the entry fees for all Jackrabbits who took part in the Maritime cup classic race held here in Fredericton. This was an initiative to encourage Jackrabbits to participate in a race.
- We held our traditional Fun Day on March 3th at Killarney. Our theme was Olympics. We had some traditional game stations, two popular new stations: biathlon and curling. The racing team organized a fun orienteering event. We ended our exterior activities with the traditional tug-of-war where the girls took back their title and the Jackrabbits won over the racing team. We had a Jackrabbit celebration in the Rotary Room after the games. It was a fun celebration, with snacks, cake, prizes for the day's events, Jackrabbit awards and thank you cards for the coaches. Our coaches, many parents, and other volunteers helped us during Fun Day.
- 7 of our coaches attended the "Community Coaching" workshop given by Terry Lavoie at Killarney on January 6th and 7th. Two of our coaches attended the first workshop to obtain their "Learn to Train" level. Some parents have completed the "Introduction to Community Coaching" on-line to become assistant coaches next winter.
- We had a fun and successful joint orienteering event with the racing team for our Track Attack and Jackrabbit levels 3 and 4 after the regular Jackrabbit season. This activity was organized by the racing team.
- We had one accident, on the blue trail on February 3rd, when a young skier broke a leg. His father was skiing with the group and called 911. The paramedics came and he was evacuated by a city employee after a long wait. We had a meeting with the city and the first responders after the accident to review the emergency procedures. The City and first responders confirmed that the emergency procedure was to call 911 and that the first responders would evacuate an injured skier.
- Here is a list of our coaches this winter:
 - Bunnies: Shelley Pronk (coach), Gabrielle Lemmon (assistant)
 - Level one red: Emilie Comeau-Sinclair (coach), Madeline Lemmon (assistant)
 - Level one yellow: Liz Smith (coach), Claire Murphy (assistant)
 - Level two orange: Toon Pronk (coach), Brook Martin (assistant)
 - Level two green: Michel Poirier (coach) Ida Orenbach (co-coach)
 - Level three: Pierre Boucher (coach), Olga Bashalkanova (assistant), Marie-Élyse Fortin (assistant)
 - Level four: Robert Morimanno (coach), Pascal Morimanno (co-coach)

Track Attack: Chris Carson (coach), Rémi Walhain (assistant)
Adult group : Leon Vietinghoff, Susan Gavin (instructors), with the help of David Palmer, David Cameron, Jeremy Gullison, Milda Markauskas, Ian Burgess, Eamonn Lynch and others.

Nathalie Comeau, Youth Program Coordinator

Fun Day, March 3th 2018. Theme of the day: Olympics!



Group warm up!



The bunnies pulling a canoe!

Wostawea Racing Team – Annual Summary Report – 2017-2018

Prepared by Eric Luiker, April 8, 2018

The Wostawea Racing team runs a year-long competitive racing team program that includes dryland training, team outings, training camps, on-snow training and involvement in the NB Province Race Circuit, and regional- and national-level competitions.

The Wostawea Racing team is undergoing a “rebuilding phase” as many of our “graduated athletes” have moved on; however, we have recruited many new young and talented skiers. In addition, “Sven” Wright has decided to retire as Team Waxer, and has handed the reigns over to “Olaf” McNair, who has taken the oath to perform waxing duties in the upmost professional and Nordic way. The new trails at Killarney, coupled with the new PistenBully groomer, made for a very good training season for the team. The enhanced facility allowed us to ski longer, and more often, with more consistent grooming. These improvements have also led to increased interest in our Maritime Cup competition weekend, with racers attending from all over the Maritime provinces.

Racing Team Membership/Mgmt.

Racing team management: Andrew McNair (team manager), Louis Fortin (coach), Anna Healy (coach), Eric Luiker (coach, manager), Donald Wright (Team Waxer),

Racing team members: 18

Group 1 (10-13): 11, Group 2 (14-23): 3, Adults (23 +): 4

New Members in 2017-2018: 5

Females: 11, Males 7

Summary of the racing team season includes:

2 physical assessment tests (May and December)

Wostawea summer training camp – Fundy National Park

Dryland season began on October 1 – 3 times per week – 1 roller ski/agility, 1 physical strength session, 1 cardio/interval session per week

On snow season began mid-December – on snow training four times per week

Attended all NB Cup races, 5 attended Joliette and 3 attended Eastern Championships. 1 guide racer attended Para-Nordic championships at Nakkertok

10 Wostawea skiers made the provincial team for 2018-2019

2 Wostawea coaches (Louis Fortin, Eric Luiker) completed their T2T dryland and Onsnow training. Louis Fortin has begun his Train to Compete coach training.

Funding/Sponsorship:

Donations from various Wostawea members

Remsoft

Radical Edge

Province of New Brunswick

Report to 2018 Wostawea AGM – Maritime Cup

Wostawea was pleased to host the 2018 Maritime Cup races at Killarney Lake Park on January 20 and 21. Classic races were held on the Saturday afternoon and freestyle races were held on the Sunday morning in a pursuit format.

A record number of over 160 cross-country skiers aged from 5 to over 60 years from Nova Scotia and around New Brunswick competed for the Maritime Cup, showing that cross country skiing is alive and well and that this is a truly lifelong sport. The event was very successful and the club received many favourable comments about the course, the stadium, the volunteers, and the food. There were some technological glitches that resulted in award delays, but we have plans in place to avoid recurrence of such problems next year.

The event utilised the new stadium area and new trails (yellow, red, blue, and black), which are designed to meet international homologation standards. It also benefitted from the City's new PistenBully groomer, which produced excellent conditions both days.

A Para-Nordic demonstration event took place immediately before the race, including a sit skier, a visually impaired skier with a guide, and a para-standing skier. These skiers also took part in the race, which was a Cross-Country Canada sanctioned event.

It takes many volunteers to put on this event, and as the Chief of Competition I would like to acknowledge their work:

- **Nick Russon**, as Chief of Course, set up courses, installed signage and V boards around the course and took down after the event, and coordinated with the city groomers to get those trails in shape. All this, and he still has a full time job, has other Wostawea duties as part of the executive, and he managed to race as well!
- **Eric Hadley** served as Chief of Stadium. A special thank you to Eric for developing the concept for the Porta-Pottie sleigh, building it, and transporting it to the stadium and back out without having any spillage (at least that we know about!). Eric also organized setting up the stadium, including lots of ferrying stuff to and from the new stadium area. **Clark Hamilton, Roly, Rob, Chris, Gerry, and myself** all helped get the stadium into shape.
- **Peter Toner** as chief of timing organized the start/finish lines, sorted out timing issues, and organized a great starting/timing crew: **Raymond Leger, Ian and Liz Burgess, Paul Lavoie, Rose-Marie Pinet, Ray St. Laurent, Jim Wolstenholme, Stephen Rosenfeld, Roly and Mary-Beth McSorley, Kristie Heard, Don Wright, and Sylvette Fortin.**
- **Felix Schwarz** organized the team of course controllers namely, **Trevor Mason, Rob Hughes, David Kersey, Jane Hadley, Susan Smith, Brook Martin, Bernie Arseneau, Ernie McGillivray, José Molina.** These guys also skied the course immediately before the races to check everything was in order, and to ski in the classic track on Saturday.
- **Rob Hughes** prepared our high quality maps and elevation profiles. He also helped in stadium set up/take down, and served as a controller at the weekend, as part of Felix's crew.
- **Gerry Bance** for his invaluable help in preparing all the course signage, and helping with the set up and take down, even while suffering from a touch of flu.
- **Marie-France Turcotte** undertook some of the competition secretary duties, provided some translation responsibilities, sorted out bibs, chips and the medals/ribbons. Aply helped on Saturday by **Shelley Pronk** and on Sunday by **Janice El-Bayoumi**
- **Milda Markauskas** and her husband **Barry Monson** are a great source of volunteers from all

around, and organized volunteers from STU, and from MCFT, in security and support systems such as handing out the hot dogs from the tent.

- **Beth Johnston** arranged for, and erected with her volunteers, that pioneer tent in the stadium, to provide warmth and shelter for those who needed it, through OENB and MCFT.
- **Sadie Cameron** and **Barb St Laurent** returned again to help at the finish chute, and were ably helped this year by **Peter Dickinson**, **Jean Claude Arcand**, some of Milda's volunteers when available, and **Damien** and **Marie-Élyse Fortin** (our youngest volunteers!) to collect bibs/chips and provide drinks. They also provided tissues for snotty noses when the need was there!
- **Phil Williams** for organizing the kitchen on both days, as well as shopping for all those goodies and snacks to complement the food supplied by Edwina's. She was ably helped by **Ida Orenbach** on both days, and by **Shelley and Toon Pronk** and **Elaine Meldrum** on Sunday.
- **Neil Russon** arranged and picked up the announcing/music system as well as the generator and served as a bib caller for our own "Mr Music" and announcer, the incomparable **Robert Morimanno**.
- **Peta Fussell** provided publicity for the event and would have arranged for the awards to be handed out if the results had been available in a timely manner.
- **Chris Carson** set up the Zone 4 registration site, as well as fielding questions on registration.
- **Danielle** for being so conscientious at taking so many photographs.

— David Cameron

AGM Report — Loppet 2018

Held on Sunday, February 11 at Killarney Lake Park, the 2018 Wostawea loppet was a huge success. This annual event offered classic skiers distances of 3 km, 9 km, 15 km, and 30 km. The event included a lunch after the ski and numerous door prizes.

First the numbers:

Number of people registered: 142.

Number of people who did not start: 7.

Total number of skiers: 135.

Total revenue: \$2,400.00.

Total expenses: \$2,320.00.

Volunteers: 30. (See below.)

We purchased 150 bibs this year in Wostawea colours and featuring our logo. They were used for the first time in the loppet and are a great investment for the club.

Loppet 2018 Volunteers

Milda Markauskas got the ball rolling several months ago. Among other things, she recruited **Michel Poirier** as the lead organizer.

David Cameron, with the help of **Nick Russon** and **Rob Hughes**, created the course map. **Sébastien Boudreau**, **Erik Mooers**, **Nick Russon**, **David Cameron** and **Eric Hadley** prepared the course signs, set everything up, and took everything down.

Donald Wright ordered food, organized the volunteers, and set up the stadium, among many other tasks.

Chris Carson, Wostawea's treasurer, oversaw registration on Zone 4. **John Ball**, **Margaret Wicken**, **Steve Heard**, and **Andrew Buzzell** managed on-site registration and handed out the bibs (which made their debut!).

Robert Morimanno provided the playlists and led us in a warm-up.

John Ball and **Felix Schwarz** served drinks and cookies at the Lonely Pines Bar and Grill while **Jean-Claude Arcand** and **Andrew Buzzell** served drinks in the stadium to both the lappers and the finishers. They were joined by **Steve Heard**, chief bib-meister.

Meanwhile, **Peter Toner** worked his timing magic with his assistants **Dan Crouse** and **Donald Wright**.

Providing encouragement to the finishers over the loudspeakers were **Kaj "Grasshopper" Jones** and **Robertson Crouse**.

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Pierre Boucher provided security and did double duty as sound engineer when he got the sound system figured out.

Two students from the Maritime College of Forest Technology served as first responders. Thankfully they weren't called into action! But **Keylen** and **Brennen** helped in the stadium: moving tables, serving drinks, and, at the end of the day, collecting the V-boards across the park with **Eric Hadley**.

Kerry-Lee Powell took the lead in the kitchen, setting up the tables, preparing the dessert trays, and making the coffee. She was joined by the tireless and ubiquitous **Taeyon Kim** and **Barb Ramsay**.

The fab door prizes were organized by the equally tireless **Peta Fussell** (who also did the advance advertising and social media).

Finally, a shout out to our good friends at the **Radical Edge** for their generosity, and to the **City of Fredericton** for maintaining the trails, grooming them beautifully, and lending us their snowmobile on the day.

— Donald Wright

WOSTAWEA TRAILS REPORT – PRESENTED TO 2018 AGM, APRIL 11, 2018

First is thank you to all volunteers who assisted with the ongoing maintenance of our trail system again this season. We continue to enjoy great partnerships with the University of New Brunswick, Kingswood Park and the City of Fredericton that allow us to ski on great trails at the Woodlot, Kingswood and at Killarney Lake.

UNB Woodlot/Kingswood

I have heard many say that this has been the best winter of skiing at the Woodlot in many years. Making that happen was a team of dedicated groomers lead by Rex Bolden and Bob Matthews and assisted by Donat Theriault and Brian Griffiths. Thanks to Norman Siebrasse for maintaining the trails blog for the Woodlot.

In terms of trail changes and upgrades, most of the connector between the Woodlot and Kingswood was grubbed and leveled during the fall thanks to a mini-excavator and operator provided by JIL Engineering & Construction. This permitted the groomers to get into the Woodlot very early in the season without damaging grooming gear, and provided a nice smooth ski throughout the winter. We also received sufficient snow this year to allow grooming and the use of the Lian Street entrance, made possible by trail work completed in the fall of 2016, and numerous people made use of that entrance on a regular basis. With respect to Kingswood, despite early season hopes of a new storage location for our grooming equipment, hotel construction continued throughout the winter. The hotel opened to the public in March and we are hopeful of being able to provide an additional access point from Kingswood for 2018/19.

After difficulties with our older snowmobile, we added a new Bombardier Skandic to our fleet which greatly enhanced reliability, and we will be disposing of the old one.

Killarney Lake

2017/2018 was another exciting year for trail development at Killarney Lake Park, with the remainder of the planned trails constructed. There are now 10km of trails built to international competition standards, together with a new stadium area, and approximately 15km of varied recreational trails. The City also took delivery of a new PistenBully 100 in November, 2017, and expanded its grooming operations this winter to include Sundays, both of which made for excellent ski conditions throughout the winter.

Plans for the coming year include several small upgrades to provide increased flexibility for hosting events, as well as additional construction to address some runoff and drainage issues.

A big thanks to David Cameron, Eric Hadley, Rob Hughes and Gerry Bance, to name a few, without whose efforts this progress would not have been possible, and thanks again to everyone who assisted in making the 2017/18 ski season a success.

— Nick Russon