

AAA Meeting

June 22-23, 2019

Fredericton, NB

MINUTES

Attendees:

Chair - Shane Sutherland – NB

Dick Daigle - NB

Michele Leger - NB

Andrew McLeod – NB

Brian Carter – NS

Jim Vokey – NL

Nicholas Dillman - NL

Regrets – Sam Davis – NL, Andrew Hayes – NS, Michael Peterson - PE

Chair Shane Sutherland welcomed everyone to Fredericton.

Jim Vokey asked that before the committee started working on the AAA race calendar that the group consider using the points from only one race per province. Discussion ensued and it was decided that there be a concerted effort to invite the top 5 girls and the top 5 boys to the Marble race in 2020. Ski NL is looking into a charter flight from Halifax as well as offering billets to the skiers. Discussion concluded and work began on the race calendar.

Dick Daigle named as AAA chair for 2020. Shane Sutherland to stay on as Past Chair.

Action Item: Shane Sutherland to send an e-mail to Brian Carter re: Byrne Cup.

Race calendar and all AAA policies will be placed on the Ski NB Website. All other provinces can then link to this site on their own websites.

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Technical Director Michele Leger outlined her vision for a regional FIS program. To-date, 13 participants have expressed an interest in participating. Deadline is October 1, 2109. An expression of interest from coaches will be sent out later this summer. The ultimate goal is to have a fully functional FIS program by 2024. Michele will be working with Julia Sommer, Ski NS and Jim Vokey, Ski NL. Registration of athletes will be handled by Michele in NB, PE and NL and Andrew Hayes will register NS athletes.

ROC's are to ensure that TD's are event qualified at every race. Referees are required to be competent and qualified as Level 2 officials.

Action Item: PSO's should develop a database of all members qualified Level 2/3 officials in their province and note dates of renewal.

It was unanimously recommended that the course set-up be identified on all race notices and the AAA race calendar. Each Slalom event set-up will be identified as U16 / U14 or Hybrid on all race notices. Event TD's will be responsible to ensure the set(s) meet the age specific criteria.

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Action Item: Ski NS and Ski PE to nominate a coach to sit on the AAA committee.

Action Item: NS, PE and NL to identify a volunteer who would like to take over from Dick Daigle and track the Atlantic and NB Cup points for the 2020 ski season.

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Discussion ensued on naming the Top 5 winners in each race and that no skis be allowed on the podium.

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