

# President's Report Ski NB AGM 2021

Thank you for attending the 2021 Annual General Meeting. This is my second year as president of Ski NB and in addition to my role with SkiNB, I am continuing as Chair of the AAA Inter-Provincial Committee.

I have enjoyed working with this Board and the members of the SkiNB community and I am always amazed at what a group of dedicated volunteers can accomplish.

As you are all aware, the 2020-21 season was challenging with all races in the country being cancelled. Your Ski NB board working with the COVID committee, the clubs and our partners in the Atlantic region chose to apply an optimistic approach to the season and planned all races with the understanding that public health guidelines would dictate whether they could proceed. Unfortunately, all the events were cancelled, but I must commend the community for their efforts and positive attitudes.

As a Province, we were more fortunate than many others and were able to keep training throughout most of the season. However, we were severely impacted by zone closures with some areas losing a significant amount of training while others did not. Zone 1 and 4 were particularly impacted and had a difficult training season.

As we embark on the 2021-2022 season it will again be challenging and we will need to be patient and adaptable. However, the efforts of public health lead us to believe we will be able to have a race season in Atlantic Canada and field teams for national events and, including the U16 Eastern's to be held in Edmundston in April 2022, and a FIS team consisting of up to 15 athletes. We will also be planning for the 2023 Canada Winter Games taking place at Crabbe and will try to provide our athletes as much access to that track as possible through Speed Week and a CWG Test Event in mid February.

Ski NB will continue to meet regularly with both Alpine Canada and Sport NB to return to sport safely. The Ski NB COVID Committee with representation from each club, drafted a return to sport document that has been adopted by our board and shared with the clubs. This document is available on our website and we will continue to update as new information becomes available.

Based on the hard work of this board and our committees, I am hopeful and excited to enter the 2021-2022 ski season. We all understand what a challenging season this will be, but I am confident we can work together to provide a safe competitive race season.

Best Regards  
Dick Daigle  
President SkiNB