

Ski NB Technical Director

Annual report 2020-2021

This was an odd year for sure. All three clubs had no competition. They were only able to do training.

One of the clubs was able to only miss about a 10-day period. One club was doing really well then, they had a full lockdown and the other club was split as the athletes were split between 2 health zones and one was in lockdown for most of the season.

We had a very active Covid -19 committee that met regularly to keep track of what each club was doing and how we had to respond to the provincial guideline. The government of NB sport and recreation branch had a weekly update and that was what we based our discussions on.

Ski NB had a Speed camp committee as well and we met several times to develop the speed camp into an even better event, however as it became obvious that we were not going to be able to offer this camp we basically stopped meeting.

Ski NB (myself and Dick) met monthly or more with AAA to determine what we could do if anything as Covid -19 pandemic progressed. It had been decided that we would cancel events as we had to and that enabled us to maintain the schedule IF things were ok to host events.

Ski NB offered 3 Entry Level courses. One was at Poley Mountain and two were at Crabbe. In this coming season will be offering at least one at Mont Farlagne and hopefully one at Poley and at Crabbe.

We had Learner Facilitator training offered by ACA and assisted by Coach NB in September via Zoom.

As the Technical Director I had planned to be spend time at each of the three clubs this past season. However, with the global pandemic and the situation that was occurring in NB, i.e., the lockdowns and public health guidelines, kept me in my own health zone and therefore was only able to ski and “coach” at Crabbe Mountain.

The fall fitness testing and spring fitness testing was cancelled. We had a great group of athletes that were interested in attending FIS races, all of which were cancelled and even those that were not... Ski NB athletes would have been able to attend but then would have had to isolate for two weeks upon return.

Plan are already in the works for this coming season. We are offering the fitness testing, we have already met with the Covid -19 committee, we have had our Learner Facilitator training. We will be re establishing the speed camp committee, we will be offering a Performance Level course at Crabbe Mountain in January, we will be offering Entry Level Courses, etc, etc.

I want to express my deepest THANKS to Andy for all his support over the last year or more, I want to say THANK YOU to Dick as well, I have had some family issues that impeded my ability to do as much as I wanted to for Ski NB, and they both were extremely supportive.

Thank you all for this wonderful job I truly enjoy my work and look forward to another great season and hopefully it is a little more “normal” whatever that ends up being.