



## **President's Report Ski NB AGM 2022**

Thank you for attending the 2022 Annual General Meeting. This was my third year as president of SkiNB. As well, 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 appreciate what a group of dedicated volunteers can accomplish.

The 2021-22 ski season was challenging as we moved out of Covid restrictions and started racing again for the first time since early 2020. This was a big accomplishment as we tried to navigate our way through the maze of Covid restrictions and ensure we raced and trained safely. We can thank the members of the Covid Committee as well as the boards and volunteers of our member clubs for finding a way to make this happen.

There were many accomplishments over this season, with many hands making lighter work. A few I would like to mention are:

- Three successful races were held this season at each one of our hills.
- We held a successful selection derby and fielded a full team of athletes for both U14 Can-Ams and U16 Nationals.
- Several FIS Athletes competed in the Quebec Super Series and US Eastern Cup.
- The Athlete Development Pathway was started as a beginning to developing a high-performance pathway for athletes to continue to race. Thankyou to Kay Mills, Keith Dunphy and the other coaches and volunteers that are making this possible. SkiNB is currently seeking funding to continue with this program
- Ski NB and the members of the NB Ski Community have been working toward executing the 2023 CWG at Crabbe.
  - A Race Organizing Committee has been Struck and a successful test event was held at Crabbe
  - Officials training has been focused on to ensure volunteers are adequately prepared
  - Site preparations are underway, and the facility is preparing for the event
  - SkiNB and our Partner Alpine PEI in conjunction with the Canada Winter Games and the Province of New Brunswick have invested into equipment that will be a legacy for the sport of Ski racing in our province for years to come.

As we embark on the 2022-23 season, we are hopeful to have a full race series and opportunities to train with each other at all our respective hills and shared camps. Some of the highlights of this upcoming season will be.

- A preseason camp at Mont Eduard as part of the Athlete Development Pathway.
- Ski NB will put on a CWG selection Derby at Mont Falange in January.
- SkiNB will facilitate Crabbe Speed week at the end of January which will give athletes access to the CWG track.
- Canada Winter Games will be held at Crabbe, and we encourage everyone to volunteer
- New Expanded Quota for National events has been negotiated and will be rolled out.
- New Selection Criteria for National Events is going to be rolled out with a focus on NB races

Based on the hard work of this board and our committees, I am hopeful and excited to enter the 2022-23 ski season. I am confident we can work together to provide a safe competitive race season.

Best Regards  
Dick Daigle  
President SkiNB