

CSIA Atlantic AGM Meeting

Meeting Minutes – December 10, 2022

Minutes transcribed by S.Dunsworth

1. **Welcome & Introduction:** The AGM meeting called to order at 6:16 pm EST. Cheryl McMurtrie, Chair, asked participants on zoom call to please remain on mute to reduce background noise, post questions to the chat room, mentioned that all documents for the meeting were posted to SnowPro, advised that voting will be facilitated using the Zoom voting function.

Cheryl McMurtrie introduced the other members of the CSIA Atlantic Region board including executive members Jim Ryan, Sherry Dunsworth, and Annie Forbes plus provincial representatives Jamie Touchie (NB), Darren Young (NS), Jeff Peters (PEI), Carrissa Bagnell (NL). Cheryl also introduced visiting guests: Managing Director - Perry Schmunk, National Technical Committee representative - Erin Touchie, National representative for Atlantic Region - Nathan Reece, Senior Director of Finance, Member Services and Administration - Lisa Cambise, Manager National Educational Programming - Jeff Marks and the GC members Dave Green and Ron Steeves.

2. **Formalities:** Quorum achieved for the meeting with 57 in attendance.
Motion for Approval of Agenda (**Annex 1**):

Motion: David Green Second: Linda Homenick Approved: For: 57 - Unanimous
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3. **Chairperson Report (Annex 2):** Cheryl reported on a very busy year and thanked the board members who would be leaving including Annie Forbes and Sherry Dunsworth. Board highlights of the year included: (a) regional and national level monthly meetings, (b) regional subcommittees with regional members now on the TC, WIS and GC national committees, (c) new funding model with 20% of available regional board funds now going to Scholarships and Bursaries and pointing out that in 2019 the amount was \$1,000 if the treasury over \$45K then \$3,600 for 2021 and increasing to \$8,100 for 2022, (d) new website with ongoing training for site management, (e) member survey with a 21% response to date, (f) 80% of membership participating in or looking for additional online technical presentations, (g) two focus groups conducted concentrating of younger members and SSD's, (h) board performance review and recommendations for future board member skill sets, and (i) 581 members in 2021-2022 season.
4. **National Update:** Nathan Reece, the Atlantic Regional national representative, reported this was his 18th year at the conference, and that since May he was involved in the budgeting process, whiteboard sessions with regional chairs, national staff, TC and others to work on strategic plan incorporating needs and nation-wide plan development, and safe sport policy development and bi-law review of complaint policy. In closing Nathan reminded all members that he is there to speak with at any time.

5. **National Managing Director Update:** Perry Schmunk mentioned the post-covid revival of the ski industry, current surplus of funds with National and funding formula for 2022-2023. Perry mentioned all Level 1 CC's will be in new uniforms, that CSIA National has signed on sponsorship with *The North Face* for 5 years, that program numbers are up while national membership was down 11% since pre-covid, and that 14% of membership is non-Canadian. In closing, Perry mentioned that he and his staff were there to speak with anytime to support membership and he also thanked Charles martin for the effort in last minute re-scheduling of programs due to change of venue from MSA to Stoneham ski resorts.

6. **Business:**

Approval of the December 11, 2021 minutes to the AGM (**Annex 3**).

Motion: Nick Pratt	Second: Brian Kilpatrick	Approved: For: 52 / Abstained: 5 - Passed
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7. **Financial Report (Annex 4):** Jim Ryan presented the June 2022 financial statements (unaudited) and mentioned covid cutbacks, \$41.7k cash remaining at the end of the fiscal year, GIC valued at \$ 31.6k, national revenue of \$33.6K, and expenditures of \$4.4k for bursaries and scholarships, travel for meetings, and other fees. Jim noted the new accountant resulted in fees reduced by 50%. Questions from the floor included David Green questioned the use of the excess funds and suggested they be used for a skills camp in 2022-2023 season.

Motion to approve the unaudited financial statements to end of June 30, 2022.

Motion: David Tattrie	Second: David Green	Approved: For: 57 - Unanimous
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Motion to engage Claude Janes as accountant for fiscal year 2022-2023

Motion: David Green	Second: JP LaLonde	Approved: For: 57 - Unanimous
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8. **Provincial Updates:**

- a. PE – Jeff Peters reported that Brookfield was very busy with the coming Canada Winter Games preparation, and the hill had received \$9M funding for new equipment including lodge improvements and new snowmaking equipment. They had over 500 students and 43 staff.
- b. NS – Darren Young reported on the four ski hills in Nova Scotia including: (a) Wentworth with new quad chair, snow dome, plans for level 1 and 2 programs, (b) Martock with plans to open pre-Christmas, the need for new instructors, and that the children's programs online registration sold out in 15 minutes, (c) Ben Eoin had an early season ski swap, additional of second snow gun, WIS pro-days and Level 1 park certification, and (d) Smokey opening with new gondola.
- c. NL – Carissa Bagnell briefly reported on happenings at Smokey Mountain, Marble Mountain and White Hills ski reports in Newfoundland and Labrador

d. NB – Jamie Touchie reported on Poley. Cheryl added that Crabbe is still working on their new lodge addition, the old rental shop has been demolished, and preparations for Canada Games (freestyle and alpine) are underway. They are running L1 CSIA and CASI Dec 27-29 and Cassandra has worked with Kid Sport NB to pen funding for all NB hills for weekly snow school programs of at least 6 weeks! Farlagne opens next weekend, hosting L1 in December and CASI in January, has replaced all rental equipment. Sugarloaf has purchased a new carpet to be delivered in the spring, terrain park construction is currently underway, planning snowmaking expansion and plans to open next weekend.

9. EPC Update: Charles Martin thanked the Atlantic board for organizing the event and noted the history of the convention starting at Amqui in 1978 and then to Mont Farlagne before moving to Mont Ste. Anne as guaranteed snow conditions needed for Level 1 CC training. Charles also mentioned he is there for the SSD courses and for members to feel free to contact him for additional courses.

10. National Committee Updates:

(a) Erin Touchie, Technical Committee - reported that the TC was very busy with various projects including developing the ARUBIC Level 1 to CC scale development criteria, meeting in January with Alpine Canada, engaging CC's for comment and input, and to contact her anytime with questions via the email address on SnowPro.

(b) Cheryl McMurtrie, WIS Committee – reported the mentorship program of WIS has currently 60 English and 10 French members, WIS podcasts will continue periodically through the coming year, and the WIS Summit is set for Feb 1-3, 2023 at Sun Peaks, BC. The summit will alternate yearly between eastern and western Canada.

11. New Business:

(a) Bi-Laws Update: David Green, on behalf of the regional GC composed of David Green, Rod Steeves and Dave Tattrie, reviewed the bi-law updates and suggestions including: gender neutralization, suggestion to examine 6 versus current 8 directors, suggestion that provincial reps be able to sit on executive, that directors adhere to a code of conduct, and with technical issues for AGM's it was suggested all voting at AGM be in person or by advanced proxy vote.

Motion to accept the GC recommended Bi-Law updates excluding the change in board structure.

Motion: Brian Kilpatrick	Second: Mark Sutherland	Approved: For: 57 - Unanimous
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(b) Nomination Committee Election Update (Annex 5): Sherry Dunsworth, Chair of the NC, reported the election results with the four available Director-at-Large positions filled by acclamation and including new Directors: Mr. Sid Archer, Mr. John Godley, Ms. Cheryl

McMurtrie, and Mr. Jim Ryan. The position of Provincial Representative for the province of Prince Edward Island is still open.

Motion to accept the recommendations received from the CSIA Atlantic Region Nominating Committee for the 2022 CSIA Atlantic Region election results.

Motion: Nathan Reece Second: Ron Steeves Approved: For: 57 - Unanimous
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(c) Future AGM Location - Andrew MacDonald suggested the board look at the current venue location for the AGM-convention expressing his concern over expense and losing members. Cheryl thanked Andrew for his suggestion and mentioned the board would consider these concerns. David Green mentioned the need to bring more skills camps to the local Atlantic region in order to provide a less expensive venue and to encourage younger member attendance.

(d) Winner of the CSIA course certificate (value \$100) – member # 17979 – Linda Homenick (Cert # 2022-2023-ALT1)

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm EST
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Motion: Megalie Sephton
