

## Annual General Meeting 2024

May 17, 2024 – 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm  
Billy Barker Casino and Facebook Live

Welcoming Remarks: Falko Kadenbach  
Quorum: Dave Frappier



### New Business:

- 1) Adoption of the meeting Agenda: Motion: Falko Kadenbach Second : Julie Backer
- 2) Adoption of the 2023 AGM Minutes: Motion Falko Kadenbach Second: Michelle Kadenbach
- 3) Adoption of the 2023 Financials: Motion Rene Tudhope Second: Julie Backer
- 4) Nominations and Election of Officers
  - President: Falko Kadenbach
  - Treasurer: Open
  - Secretary: Kristyna Tomek
  - Registrar: Michelle Delaney
  - Alpine Chair: Jacci Leggett nominated and accepted
  - NGSL: Tamara Goyer nominated and accepted
  - Director of Coaches: Karsci Peter
  - Fundraising: Julie Backer
  - Director of Facilities: Sean Seabourne
  - Directors at Large: Anita Higdon, David Frappier

Motion by David Frappier for Board of Directors for the 2024/25 ski season: Second: Julie Backer, Tamara Goyer and Debbie Scallion.

### 5) Presidents Report:

First, I would like to thank the; athletes, membership, coaches, board members, sponsors, project sponsors, and Troll Ski Resort. A special thank you to all the volunteers that that dedicate their time and resources to making this club great. It really takes a lot to make this all happen and we really appreciate everyone's hard work.

#### Sponsors:

Platinum: Osisko Development – Barkerville Gold Division  
Gold: Quesnel Sand and Gravel  
Silver: Taseko Gibraltar Mines, Design flooring, West Fraser  
Bronze: Fraser view Pharmacy, Blue Collar Group

Changes to the board and coaching staff: Big Thank you to Rene for her many years at the financial helm of the club. The Tudhope family will be deeply missed and we send you off into your next adventure with many memories and fun place to comeback to when you get a

chance. Thank you to Kersensa for time as Alpine director. She will continue to support our club in other ways in the future. We are always actively recruiting for board positions to have a good succession plan in place for the club. We welcome the conversation if you are interested to participate. As part of our continued operations, we have decided to hire a bookkeeper to support the clubs financial requirements as we move forward. We still need a Treasure; however, the work load will be much easier with a bookkeeper in place to support the day to day operations.

We are also sad to see two of our alpine coaches set sail for a grand adventure overseas. We wish Grace and Emma all the best on their journey across the Atlantic to Europe. They have been part of the club coaching roster for several years now and have delivered some great development to the club. I look forward to hearing the storeys from their adventures in the future.

#### Industry update:

Alpine Canada and BC Alpine: BC Alpine has released their new 5 year strategy. This will focus on the development of 5 key areas; Athlete, Coach, Parent, Club and Alumni. The mission; To lead and govern the sport of alpine ski racing in BC, to provide leadership and structure for our clubs to deliver high quality, sustainable and affordable programming and to communicate the competitive, recreational and lifestyle benefits of ski racing to the community.

#### North Zone update:

North Zone Chair, Matt Sear was re-elected for next season. The Zone of Course follows in the foot steps of BC Alpine, we are determined to continue to help foster our zones growth and development. This season Smithers played a key roll in keeping our race schedule in line. Thank you to the Smithers Ski and Snow board club and all the efforts that were put into making that happen. Several of the zone clubs are in flux at this time as the weather the transition of change over in their coaching, board and membership. The zone collaboration this season allowed us to stay strong develop athletes and put on some great races despite the challenging conditions.

#### Lightning Creek Ski Club update

Our club like many in the North and throughout the industry are facing change. As a board our strategy and mission is not far from that of BC Alpines. With a key focus on building capacity, succession and resilience into our club. This year we will look to develop our own 5 year strategic plan to bring us to 2030. As part of the feedback that we have been collecting from the membership we are going to be developing a new Program Director position. This position will take on the overall on snow program, athlete development strategy, coach development, and race preparation. This person will work closely with the Alpine Director on planning and communications. This new structure will support and develop some of the areas that we have been hearing feedback about. We are super excited to see how this develops pre season.

We are planning to run a dryland training program again this coming Fall, with some adjustments based on the key learnings we had from our first program.

This season we sent out a poll about the procurement of a club van. The majority was in favor of a Van. Some challenges did come to light as we explored it further. Mainly the class 4 drivers license, drivers, and the operational costs. We decided as a board that we did not have the funds to proceed with that plan. We also considered that there may be other options. We did seek a sponsorship from rental/ leasing companies which we may do again to see if we could find a sponsor for the short season that we have.

In 2024 we rolled out a large project that was made possible by NIDIT and the recreation infrastructure program and our sponsors. The project was largest I have been involved with at LCSC. We added 600 square feet of space to the club cabin, built a 240 square foot start building at tower 8. Placed 1.5 km of premium fixed timing wire with 4 break out points onto the Face. Replenished our B&C-Net and 27 mm gate inventory. We also made a significant refresh and addition to our timing system. The total project was around 150k investment, with over 30k coming from in-kind labor and donations.

#### Project Sponsors:

Design Flooring, Pivot Electric, West Fraser, Brodex industries, James and Sons, Quesnel Communications, TELUS, West Central Pipe, M. Smith Construction, Unbeatable Log Construction, Nik Zoricic foundation, Troll Ski Resort and NDIT.

We had a great partnership with Troll this Season. From summer collaboration on the project to abnormal shifts in training and racing schedules. Huge thank you to our continued support and partnership in building capacity into the sport.

#### Next season events at Troll.

1. Zone teck races (SL&GS)
2. High School Provincials
3. U14 Provincials at Smither. LCSC will support one of the ROC's required to run this race.

#### Season in Review

- ROC and event Planning for BC Winter Games
- Kimberly U16 training camp
- Troll Teck Race shifted to Smithers
- PG Race shifted to Smithers as the zone final
- High School Zones and Provincials

- BC Winter Games Alpine event pivoted to Apex
- NGSL Ski the North Festival - Smithers
- NGSL Festival - Sun peaks
- U14 Provincials at Red Mountain
- Whistler Cup
- FIS Races Kimberley and Whistler
- Mega Camp & GFF cancelled

6) Treasurer Report:

Profit and Loss Sheet shows a big loss for the club at \$54,000 but if you look at last year's sheet there was a profit of \$125, 000. The NDIT funds came in last year which was \$70, 000 which upped our profit by \$70, 000 which then brings this year's loss to only \$3,000.

Income was lower this year as last year fundraising was \$58, 000 and this year our fundraising was \$8, 000. That is where the \$50, 000 deficit comes in. This year no pub night so no funds made. Red Nose for the Mills brought in \$4, 750.00.

Racer's fees have all been collected except \$1,000.00.

Payroll expenses were a little higher this year due to hiring a third coach which was is the budget. We expect next year's payroll to be higher due to the snow this year the expense for payroll was less than expected.

Sponsorships received \$14, 000. A thank you to Falko for the many hours he spends preparing documents and sending emails asking for sponsorships.

Bank Balance: \$58, 980.77

7) Alpine Report: Absent

8) NGSL Report:

With this being my first year of NG director, I had no idea what to expect! And boy was it a year!

Even though there was hardships with the lack of winter, we endured and accomplished so many interesting things.

From an our new dry land training program all the way through to the season ender, this was a year of trying new things.

Thank you to Jolene Berry for providing a fantastic dry land training for our athletes in the fall and preparing us for our season ok skis.

Our first day on skis training was Jan 7th. In hindsight sight, this was probably the most normal day we had.

Shortly after our start, Troll was forced to close due to snow conditions. In the absence of snow, Coach Michelle and Coach Ernesto put on a wonderful dryland training day at Lebordias Park in preparation for our Nancy Greene Ski the North Race in Smithers.

Our NG Ski the North Race in Smithers was a huge success with 26 of our young athletes attending. We managed to have many athletes placing on the podiums.

Following the NG race we met up in PG at the hart hill. This was a great training opportunity and kept our young skiers on the slopes!

Closing out our year we had a fun BBQ at troll with games and a farewell to the unquestionably snow challenged season!

NG Festival in Sun Peaks was in late March with 11 of our NG skiers competing against upwards of 650 kids.

I would like to thank the board members and coaches for the opportunity to work along side with such a great group. Being a part of our Lightning Creek Ski Club is definitely the best way to spend the winter season! A very special thank you to all the volunteers and most of all, thank you to the parents for committing to our program and sharing those weekends with us!

I look forward to seeing everyone next season!!

#### 9) Coach's Report:

Nancy Greene Coaches this year:

Michelle Kadenbach, Kerry Layton, Falko Kadenbach, Glen Boudreau, Tyler Dinsdale, Karoly Peter, Olivia Seabourne, Ernesto. Kara Kozuchar was available to sub as a coach.

All coaches are eager to coach next year. With the available coaches the club can plan to market for 10-15 new athletes in the Nancy Greene Program.

Alpine Coaches: Grace Klapatiuk, Emma Klapatiuk and Chris Campbell.

Highschool Coaches: John Marion and Mike Sakakibara

Special O Coaches: Anita Higdon

Thank you to Jacci and Kerensa for taking a load off the coaches by making their job easier by organizing and helping in every way possible.

Coaches Course was done early in the season and 3 coaches passed the entry level course: Olivia Seabourne, Ernesto, and Boroka Peter.

Proud of the way this club has run the Nancy Greene Program on volunteer for the past 13 years. Other clubs cannot believe that we are able to do this.

It was a challenging season with snow conditions. Ski races were moved to Smithers. Had to be creative with training and traveled to PG, Smithers and Powder King. Hopefully soon with the black t-bar the club will have a designated training run.

This season races:

U14 Provincials – good results

NG Smithers – 26 racers attended

NG Sun Peaks – 15 racers attended

Tech Races:

2 Races at Smithers

Winter Games shifted from Troll to Apex due to snow conditions.

Highschool Provincials:

Boys 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Girls 3<sup>rd</sup> place and overall 3<sup>rd</sup> place

In ski cross 2 first place finishes: Elliot and Boroka

Two FIS Races with Maggie and Boroka with top 10/15 finishes.

Looking on how to keep ski racing affordable with the changing snow conditions and having to chase snow at times. One way is developing a quality dryland training program. This is a cheap way to stay in shape and also helps with preventing injuries. Not just before the season starts but also during the season. Other clubs do dryland for an hour of weightlifting and stretching after the t-bar stops. From a coaching perspective grab every opportunity to ski: ski with the club, school and friends. The more you ski the better you get.

Alpine: With the addition of Chris Campbell this season added diversity in the plan. In the beginning of the season the athletes trained with different coaches as they rotated between the three coaches. Would like to see this continue as a good way to get different feedback.

In the Nancy Greene program try to keep the cost low for families. For races NG pays a flat rate of \$30 coaching fee per day. Whereas in Alpine travel the total trip of the cost is divided by the number of athletes that attended and families pay for it. With NG races this year Smithers had 3 coaches and with a \$-300 and Sun Peaks there was two coaches and \$-400. The club tries to be frugal and do the best we can and want to keep it that way.

Falko Added to Coaches Report:

Cooper Seabourne attended the Whistler Cup with the Smithers team.

As a club we do lots of subsidizing of ski races, salaries and race costs. We try to manage the money using fundraising to keep costs down for Nancy Greene and Alpine.

## 10) Facilities Report:

### 2023 Year in Review

-Club cabin expansion completed

-Contractor hired to do majority of the work (NDIT Grant)

-Several work bees to complete milling of siding, installation of siding, installation of drywall, construction of work benches and gate bays in addition.

-Siding donated by Smith Timberworks of Williams Lake

Exceptions to completion:

- Additional electrical outlets in addition along work bench for food or additional waxing area
- Dry wall finishing in the upstairs addition.
- Staining

-GS Start hut completed and wiring tie in from Old GS Start

-Contractor hired to do majority of the work (NDIT Grant)

-Several Work bees for: wiring and testing, cutting, transporting siding and installation

Exceptions:

- Flooring for interior ski way
- Installation of exterior stairs
- Installation of start Gate
- Plumbing conduit to protect wires wand and hand timing.
- Exterior siding / staining

-Timing system tested

-Would like to thank volunteers for helping with projects

### 2024 Expectations

-Grant Applications for additional timing wire installations

-Move Tower 6 to 8 wire location away from blue tee

-Look at using dedicated Sys A, Sys B, Coms wire pairs from club Cabin to SL and GS Starts

## 11) Special Olympics Report: Absent

Falko stated Special Olympics had a fantastic season, great number of athletes and coaches. Everyday there was snow they were skiing.

## 12) North Zone: Falko Kadenbach

Discussion on at the North Zone meeting regarding we have programs for athletes U6-U16 but challenging for athletes that want to continue into the U18 program. The North Zone has tried FIS in PG and Smithers, a designated coach for FIS athletes for all the North Zone. This year was a non-program in the zone. The North Zone is working towards trying to build a program with the Okanagan Ski Team which would help with decreasing the cost of registration. This would help create a pathway for athletes in U18. Discussion will continue with the North Zone to determine the best way to support athletes moving into the U18 program.

Adjournment: 7:04pm

Attendance: 24

Online Attendance: 70



## LCSC Awards

Abbi Award: Noah Carter

Rookie of the Year: Sterling Zacharias

U12 Female Athlete: Addison Leggett

U12 Male Athlete: Sam Swanson

Coaches Choice for Alpine: Cooper Seabourne