



## **MT. WASHINGTON SKI CLUB**

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Saturday June 18, 2011**

It was a both a privilege and a pleasure to serve as your President for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final year, ski season 2010/2011. It was both a busy and rewarding year. The club is in good shape, the membership strong, up almost 20% this year from last, for a total registered of 294. All of our programs are doing well. We have very strong coaching, a great executive, coordinators, parents, and athletes who all combined for a very successful season.

#### **Building Completion / Flood Repairs**

The season began with a November pipe freeze and flooding of our newly renovated cabin. This was obviously very frustrating. In typical fashion a number of volunteers, in particular Troy Perras, spent countless hours hauling out gyproc, insulation and the other water damaged goods. Troy and his team went above and beyond the call of duty to have the main level complete and the lower levels useable for the season.

We need to complete the repairs and renovations over the summer of 2011. We should be left with a superb building with sufficient space for our members, athletes and equipment. At its conclusion we will have completed approximately \$200,000.00 worth of improvements to the club cabin for a cost of \$39,000.00 plus donated materials and labour.

#### **Van Purchase**

We purchased a sprinter ski club van for athlete travel in December of 2010. The van is a diesel with anti roll, anti skid and is safe and comfortable for athlete travel. The dealer, 3 Point Motors, contributed a significant amount to the costs as a sponsorship.

The original van is getting a bit "long in the tooth", and we may want to consider how much longer we want to keep it for. It has served us well and was paid off from "rental" charges to our athletes in approximately 18 months. The van idea basically creates an asset for the club out of the same money that was being paid to the rental company but gives us a great advertising opportunity as well as more flexibility.

#### **Athletes**

We have had good success with our athletes at all levels. There is a very strong group of Nancy Greene skiers coming up. Our K1s were fighting for, or were on, the podium in most races. The Provincials we hosted had many great results and top 10s with 2 gold medals, which is exceptional. Our K2's had good success and our FIS racers had a number of good results. The top result would have been the podium for Chelsea Adam. Matt Leduc skied for the club but with the BC Ski team. We have a strong contingent of athletes coming up and we are looking to expand our Nancy Greene numbers once again this season.

## **MWSC Races**

MWSC hosted a number of great races this season. It started with a K2 race in January that proceeded smoothly, congratulations to the Chief of Race, Chief of Course and all the volunteers, officials and participants. Our next races were two races for Nancy Greene, the annual Toy Race and an Experience the Podium Race. Both were great successes due to the hard work of the Nancy Greene parents, athletes and officials. We concluded the season with hosting of the K1 Provincials. Although it was a substantial undertaking for our club, the parents from around the province were amazed at the quality of the event we put on. Once again, thank you to all the chiefs, officials, coordinators and volunteers.

## **2011/2012 MWSC Races**

The upcoming races are scheduled as follows:

January 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> K1 SI/GS on Invitation  
March 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Experience the podium, NG event  
April 13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Zone finals SI and GS/Skier cross (location not finalized)

## **Membership/Revenue**

With the new facilities and extra space we can increase our membership particularly in Nancy Greene. It would be nice to see the numbers improve on both the Saturday and Sundays to spread out the coaching. We are hoping to hold the line on costs, but may be challenged as our Bingo money is in jeopardy. We will need to be vigilant in replacing these funds with more fundraising. Any successful organization requires continued fundraising. Thank you to our registrar Paul Francisty.

## **Finances**

Our financial situation was good this year and great thanks go to our treasurer Brenda Birtig. We will be using some insurance funds to complete the repairs and renovation over the summer. This will be an ongoing challenge in the future. Our fund raising efforts were very good this year and we hope to build on those for next year with a strong fund raising committee.

## **Club Sponsors**

We wish to thank all our club sponsors including: Ricky's All Day Grill; Thrifty Foods; Colonial Countertops; Rick Gibson of Remax; Ski Tak Hut; Joico; Tier One Travel; Ryan Williams; BC Lotto Corp.; Graham & Frame, Washington Alpine Resort and many others for their sponsorship throughout the year. Thanks to Jen, Adrienne, Brian and our fundraising committee.

## **Succession Planning**

We are lucky to have a good number of parents involved in the Nancy Greene group. There are a host of young ambitious members moving up through the club which we should be talking to about succession planning. We need to target individuals now for leadership in the coming years.

## **Coaching**

We are lucky with the availability and quantity of coaches available to us. Their dedication and hard work makes our club successful and our athletes strong. A big thank you to John, Kyle, Krystal, Jim and all our other coaches.

## **Officials**

We have a good deal of members with the level 1 and 2 officials. We can only run high level races with well trained officiating. I would like to see the club continuing to train officials as the club cannot rely on K2 and FIS parents to run races. We need more Nancy Greene involvement. Paul has done a great job training our various officials.

## **Farewell**

It has been my pleasure to act as your President and I leave the office with the knowledge that we have a strong, vibrant ski club, growing membership, a great facility and dedicated membership and strong leadership in place. A big thank you to all those on the executive, committees, and who acted as coordinators and volunteers.

We have a great club that is making a great deal of difference to our athletes and their futures. We are creating great future leaders, not just great athletes. They are learning the value of hard work, determination, setting goals, winning, assessing, losing, nutrition, teamwork, and following their goals onto success.

I personally feel very lucky to have worked with many great members throughout my tenure and look forward to helping in the future.

All in all it was a great year and I want to thank everyone who has contributed to create a very vibrant and successful ski club.