



ANNUAL GENERAL REPORT 2024-2025

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President's Report

Nathalie Comeau, President

We have a wonderful ski club with members who present a great variety of interests, ability levels and personal objectives. We must strive to answer all our members' needs and more importantly, we have to offer all our members opportunities to improve and to challenge themselves in a fun and safe environment. We also have to introduce more people to our love of skiing and our love of winter. As they do every year, our exceptional volunteers amaze me by their energy, their enthusiasm and the solutions they bring when we face challenges.

This past season, we started our regular programs without snow. We asked our volunteer Jackrabbits coaches and our volunteer adult coaches to lead groups in dry land activities, something new that they were not trained for. They all showed up with their usual enthusiasm. Participants were also eager to start their programs. It was a successful initiative that built groups' dynamic, and participants were ready to ski when the snow came. It also created opportunities to increase our collaboration with the Kehkimin language school when Lisa Perley Dutcher and her partner Stephen opened the wigwam to groups of Jackrabbits for a short introduction to Wolastoqey language and culture.

To help our members improve and challenge themselves, our head coach gave a clinic to Jackrabbits and adult coaches, highlighting the FUNdamentals of skiing, giving fun drills and game ideas. She instructed the Masters ski group and gave 2 skate ski clinics. Our head coach, and her team of assistant coaches, was of course ever present with our young skiers, eager to develop their skills, try racing but most importantly have fun!

For years, we talked of making our equipment more accessible to all, answering recurring requests for ski rentals. Thanks again to our volunteers, we offered 2 afternoons of ski rentals this past season. These were very successful, showing there is a demand for equipment and easily accessible trails.

Our capacity to obtain grants, events and collaboration are a testimony of the great work members of this club achieve. Collaboration with the city of Fredericton, the Fredericton trail coalition, Cross Country ski NB, Nordiq Canada, the province of NB, other community partners and with our sponsors Salomon, Remsoft and the Radical Edge will continue.

For the coming season, these collaborations will be very important as our club will host a national level event for the first time. Planning for an exciting new season is already under way! We look forward to more great collaboration with our partners, sponsors and as always amazing work from our volunteers!

Competitive Programs

Ski Team

Anna Healy, Lead

By the Numbers: The Wostawea Ski Team was supported at 21 races starts in total and has traveled approximately 9300km. Our biggest season yet! Seven of those race starts were on New Brunswick soil. The highlights of the 2024-25 season would be hosting the Atlantic Super Camp in Fundy, racing the NENSA Cup (New England Nordic Ski Association) in Craftsbury, Vermont AND hosting the first ever Maritime Tour de Ski (TdS). The TdS was an absolute favorite by many and there is motivation to only improve on the experience.

Our race calendar included the following:

• Canada Cup East (Candy Cane Cup)	• Nakkertok, QC	• U16+ (4 athletes)
• NENSA Cup	• Craftsbury, VT	• U16+ (7 athletes)
• Quebec Cup #2	• Rimouski, QC	• U14+ (8 athletes)
• Eastern Canadian Champs	• Mont Saint Anne, QC	• U16+ (6 athletes)
• NB Cup #1	• Charlo, NB	• U12, U14 & U16+ (15 athletes)
• Tour de Ski	• Fredericton, NB	• U12, U14 & U16+
• NORAM	• Joliette, QC	• U14 (9 athletes)
• NB Cup #2 & #3	• Charlo, NB	• U12, U14 & U16+
• National Championships	• Canmore, AB	• U16+ (1 athlete)
• NB Cup #4	• Charlo, NB	• U12, U14 & U16+

The Wostawea Ski Team was supported by the following:

- Canadian Sport Institute – Atlantic (Strength & Conditioning)
- Salamon Canada (test skis and racer ski support)
- KV+ poles
- Volunteer Coaches (Brigitte L’Heureux, Kaj Jones, Andy Luiker, Etienne Dupuis, Janice Lawrence)
- Wax tech support (Nat Couture, Jeff Hoyt and Alex Foreman)
- Kristie and Stephen Heard (Atlantic Super Camp and TdS)
- CCNB donating use of provincial timing equipment for Atlantic Camp
- Edouard Daigle for providing timing support and guidance for Atlantic Camp
- ALL the parents who shuttled their kids to all our rain of shine, ‘out of the box’ activities

Atlantic SuperCamp

Anna Healy & Kristie Heard, Co-Leads

A 2.5 day training camp was packed full of roller-skiing, trail running, speed games and challenges and a timed Duathlon. This took place Oct 18-20 in Fundy National Park. Fundy Highlands Motels and Chalets kindly stayed open an extra weekend just to host us!

Forty-Two Athletes and 8 Coaches attended the Super Camp:

- 10 from PEI
- 6 from Nova Scotia
- 10 from Newfoundland
- 23 from New Brunswick
- 1 from Ontario

Masters Group

Fran Robinson, Lead

This year, our group of 15 members met on Monday nights at Killarney. We had approximately 9-10 members who consistently showed up for the sessions and many of these were repeats from the previous year. The first three sessions were off snow. Off snow, we did ski bounding using poles, a circuit class on ski specific exercises, and a waxing clinic at Radical Edge. Once the snow came, we divided into groups for both skate and classic so that all members could participate each week since some only ski one technique. As in previous years, we focused on a specific technique for the first 30-45 minutes, then went for a group or small group ski. Emails and instructional videos went out to the members each week to prepare them for the next week. Members were encouraged to participate in ski events that came up (i.e. loppets, races). Ability level was varied, and the group was mostly non-competitive, so it was difficult to add some competitive type activities. Sessions were mostly led by myself or by Nathalie, with Anna Healy helping for a few and Dave Colborne helping out as well. I attempted to throw in a social at the end and two of the members showed up for that. I suggested that the focus for next year's group be in preparing us for the Nationals being held at Killarney. I received some positive feedback and I think the sessions were generally well received.

Racing Events

Maritime Cup

Kristie Heard, Lead

Maritime Cup sanctioning, reservations, and leads were ready to go in early January, however the uncertainties about sufficient snow led organizers to cancel again this year. Unlike last year when

Charlo could host, this year, they did not feel that they could host a good race. Fortunately, some of the racers were able to attend the Quebec Cup in Rimouski on that weekend.

Tour de Ski

Kristie Heard, Lead

Tour de Ski was a new event this year. We hope that this can grow into an exciting event that will attract skiers from across the Maritimes. Not surprisingly, our club was the majority of racers, but we did have racers from Nova Scotia and a few from around the province.

- Hill Climb (27 participants)
 - Open=5 racers
 - U18-U23 = 5 racers
 - U16 = 5 racers
 - U14 = 6 racers!
 - U12 = 4 racers!!
- Sprints (27 participants)
 - 15 participants in U16+ category
 - Fun Sprints: 12 participants
- Distance race (17 participants)
- 12 participants did all three events

Tour de Ski was supported by:

- Sponsors: Radical Edge & Solomon (Thanks Anna Healy for pursuing sponsors)
- Edouard Daigle who waived his charges and donated his time as ATD/Zone4 support
- CCNB donated the use of provincial timing equipment
- City of Fredericton: Groomers and supply of delineators and picnic tables
- Jean Corbin as Technical Delegate for Sprint event and for volunteering his time for the Hill Climb and Distance events.
- Fun Sprint Coaches: Kaj Jones, Andy Luiker & Brigitte L'Heureux
- Rob Hughes, Steve Heard, and Felix Schwarz who donated their time above and beyond!
- And MANY volunteers and parents (25+) who donated time to help set-up and support during the races

Ski Lessons

Youth Programs

Pierre Boucher and Michel Poirier, Co-Leads

OVERVIEW

The 2025 youth program was successful once again this year, thanks to all the coaches and volunteers. This year, registration reached seventy-two participants, ranging from Bunny to Track Attack levels, including ten U12 ski team members.

Despite the lack of snow in early January, all 8 scheduled lessons were conducted without cancellation. A bonus 9th lesson was added on the weekend the Maritime Cup event was planned. Due to the lack of snow, the first two lessons were successfully given on boots.

VENUE

The youth program was held at Killarney Lake Park (KLP). The KLP trail network and infrastructure were adequate for the number of registrations in 2025. Lessons were offered from 10 am to noon on Saturday morning. The warm-up song and the hot chocolate/cookie cart remained a notable feature for many participants and parents. I strongly encourage this tradition to continue.

INSTRUCTORS

We had a core group of eleven instructors and a few occasional fillers. Finding sufficient instructors is a growing problem and is worrying for the club. Recruitment and training of new instructors should be a priority if the club wants to continue offering a Youth Program. The Community Coaching Course has not been offered in Fredericton for a few years and should be a priority in recruitment efforts.

PARTICIPANTS

The registration for 2025 was as follows:

- Bunny 15
- Level 1 8
- Level 2 14
- Level 3 11
- Level 4 8
- Track Attack 16 (of which 10 were on the U12 Ski Team)

EQUIPMENT

The current equipment inventory seems adequate for the number of participants registering for the program. The hot chocolate cart and sleds greatly facilitate the takeout operation – thank you to Pierre Boucher and his family for having taken the initiative and time to build those items.

FALL DRYLAND TRAINING

The fall dryland training for Track Attack (U12) was piloted by the Ski Team under the lead of coaches Anna, Brigitte and Kaj. The U12 ski team was a vibrant and enthusiastic group of young skiers. This year, the fall dryland training started on September 7th and transitioned to snow training when the trail conditions were adequate, to end on March 15th. The training sessions were Tuesday and Saturday. Overall, the U12 ski team (Track Attack) benefited from more than **90 hours** of training over these 7 months. A huge effort and commitment with very positive results.

UNPREDICTABLE SNOW CONDITIONS

Coaches reported that having the participants on boots for the first lesson allowed them to familiarize themselves with each group, explore the venue, and deliver mobility training nonetheless. Furthermore, many physical literacy drills do not require skis after all.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEXT SEASON

Planning for the 2026 youth program may include consideration for:

- **Unpredictable snow conditions:** Contrary to previous years, we did not cancel the lesson due to the lack of snow. The coaches and parents provided positive feedback. It's recommended to continue this approach next year.
- **Training:** A Community Coaching Course should be offered in Fredericton next fall/winter for our new instructors and for the previously trained group to complete their on-snow curriculum. A Learn to Train course next season would also be beneficial.

In closing, we must acknowledge the dedicated help of many volunteers, coaches, and parents who contributed in many ways to this successful season.

Adult Programs

Adult Lessons

Ernie MacGillivray, Lead

What an excellent season.

We were faced again this year with a late start to on snow training. Rather than waiting for snow cover, we went ahead with two dry land sessions and seven sessions on snow. This gave us three more training days than last year, and conditions remained very good throughout with no sessions being cancelled.

Our early start and active student engagement before snow arrived seemed well received. Student participation remained high all season and they made good progress. Incorporating dry land activities into our program proved to be beneficial and should become the norm.

Trail conditions at Killarney were very good even though snow depth all season was close to the minimum for tracking. Shout out to the groomers who were limited to smaller machines but maintained the network to a very good standard.

The launch this year of equipment rentals was very welcome. This initiative helped a number of our students in two ways. It removed a barrier for those who couldn't source or afford appropriate equipment, and also enabled adjustments to incorrectly fitted equipment, such as poles.

We had 33 students in 5 groups, 4 beginner groups and 1 intermediate group. This was three fewer students than 2024. The late start to the season clearly discouraged people and registrations were down again from historical levels. Looking ahead, we should advertise that our program includes orientation to the park, advice on equipment, clothing, safety, trail etiquette, etc. These are all things we can cover without snow.

We had only 16 active instructors, but that was sufficient for 3 instructors per class. We would be more comfortable with five or so additional instructors to better cover absences and to accommodate more students.

We have created a website for coaches with relevant resources for instructor administration and development, detailed lesson plans, drills, videos. We do need to socialize these resources better with instructors.

Nordiq Canada has recently developed new resources for adult instruction and we hope to be able to conduct instructor orientation workshops before next season. We had two instructors attend a three-day adult instructor workshop in Charlo in 2024, and we hope to have more instructors attend this training in future.

Outreach Programs

Toon Pronk, Lead

General

Thanks to great coaching by Thierry Arseneau and teamwork, Nathalie Comeau, Mary Murdoch, and yours truly, we were successful in landing a SportNB grant of \$3,600 to help fulfill Nordiq Canada's vision to have "All Canadians on Skis"!

It was Mary's vision to make our ski gear inventory more generally available to club members and new skiers for use during programs and when we have the lodge rented. We built on that vision this season.

Learn to Ski for Newcomers to Canada

In 2025 we partnered for our seventh year with the Multicultural Association of Fredericton (MCAF), welcoming 44 newcomers (including 11 teenagers) from all continents. A general orientation session, 4 lessons with an average of 15 coaches and encouragers, and an invite to our Family Ski event. We started a week late, but were able to make that up when the Maritime Cup was cancelled. At the end of last season we had a little lack of commitment from some participants, so we introduced a deposit/refund system, which seemed to have really worked as we had a >75% participation rate each week. Most participants progressed well and got to see large parts of the park. A number of them joined us for the family ski event.

We have a superb team of volunteer coaches, most of them returnees from previous seasons. Special thanks to some key helpers: our partner in crime, Anna Ivanova from MCAF who promoted the program and handled registration; our superb administrator Susan Belfry who kept track of deposits/refunds AND looked after hot chocolate and snacks; attendance tracker and clipboard king, Dan Beaudette; and organizer extraordinaire, Kristie Heard.

One of the amazing things about the Wostawea volunteer family is its fluidity. People slide in and out of roles, both in the lodge and outside on the snow. Coaching teams are almost never the same from one week to the next. And we have a few 'casuals' willing to jump in when needed.

Indigenous Outreach

Shelley and Toon Pronk took the kids and teachers of the Kehkimin Language School out for ski fun on the Killarney Lake Park Trails, because of weather and snow conditions mostly during the month of February (4 outings). Thank you to Lisa Perley-Dutcher at the school who welcomed this activity. In a gesture of reciprocity, Lisa and Stephen Dutcher came to one of our Jackrabbit "Dryland mornings" and shared Wolastoqiyik culture and language in the wigwam with young skiers and their parents.

2SLGBTQIA+ Introduction to Skiing

For the second year, we reached out to the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. Last year the snow disappeared very early and a planned ski session became a hike in the park. Participants were hoping for an on-snow activity this winter. March 1st, 2025, five of the 7 people who had shown interest came to Killarney Lake Park, 3 of which were back from last year. One enjoyed it so much she came back the next day for the general ski rental!

Some participants were trying skiing again after having stopped for many years. One person was skiing for the very first time. Ernie MacGillivray and Nathalie Comeau gave instructions and accompanied skiers on a tour. Thierry Arseneau, Shelley and Toon Pronk helped with gear and got people on snow.

Participants enjoyed the activity and are hoping to have more similar activities in the future.

Equipment Rental Trials

Our two 'pilot' ski rental afternoons were very well attended with 33 and 51 sets of gear rented respectively. Lots of very positive feedback, accessibility and affordability were key. Hopefully with the help of the city and all of you Wostawea members we can get "all Canadians on skis".

Recreational Programs

Adult Ski Tours

Ernie MacGillivray, Lead

We conducted adult ski tours at Killarney on Thursday afternoons from 1330-1530. These sessions were fun as usual, but not as well attended as in recent years. This was partly due to better conditions for part of the season at the Woodlot, as well as several regular participants being absent on other adventures. We might revisit how to spruce these sessions up a bit.

Sunday Ski Tours

Liz Smith, Lead

The purpose of Sunday afternoon ski tours is to explore new trails off the beaten track.

This season, we were able to hold two Sunday afternoon ski tours. The first, on January 26, took advantage of trails and accumulated snow in the McLeod Hill area, and was attended by 13 stalwart skiers. As is tradition, the participants gathered for après ski yarn-spinning and snacks. Given the average of our ages, we had lots of yarns to spin!

February 2nd saw about 13 of us skiing on the groomed trails of Mactaquac. The youngest, at 3.5 years, skied his first kilometer!

We almost enjoyed a third tour exploring new trails many members have been helping to develop on Peter McMurtrie's land in Silverwood. Unfortunately, icy conditions caused by untimely rain cancelled that tour. We look forward to enjoying Peter's generous sharing of his land next winter.

Loppet

Ron Smith, Lead

The 2025 Loppet was a great success thanks again to the many volunteers. Mother Nature did cooperate this year and the City Groomers did a wonderful job with the trails not only for the loppet on Sunday but for the two other Tour de Ski events held on Friday and Saturday. The list of volunteers to thank is very long so rather than missing anyone please accept our heartfelt thanks.

We also want to thank the Saint John Ambulance team for being there ready to help. Fortunately, their services were not required this year.

This year we want to congratulate the Foreman family for winning the prestigious Morimanno Cup: in

alphabetical order - Alex, Drew, Natalie, Sara Mae and Shane. It was great to see so many families skiing in the Loppet. Families enjoying x-country skiing is what this cup is dedicated to.

Para Skiing

Dorothy Drost, Lead

This is my third year as the para coordinator for Wostawea.

This year we were again able to host a “Have a Go” day. This was a coordinated event organized by Wostawea and ParaSport NB that allows individuals to try and use a sit ski. Many of the members of our club had an opportunity to try and use a sit ski and to learn more about para skiing.

There are sit skis available for people in our club who would require them to ski.

Vulnerable Sector Checks & Coaching Certification Database

Ron Smith, Lead

The safety of participants, coaches and volunteers in all the Wostawea activities continues to be at the forefront of all Wostawea programs. The 2024-2025 season was the fourth year of Wostawea's updated enhanced security program. The executive continues to ask all coaches and volunteers to undergo vulnerable persons checks (VPC). Your executive maintains a record system such that the security checks are current and that as new volunteers and coaches join the ranks, they likewise have a current VPC.

Nordiq Canada now requires coaches and volunteers working with youth and vulnerable adults to take additional on-line training. The two training modules: "Safe Sport and Understanding the Rule of Two" further help ensure that coaches and volunteers have the knowledge and skills needed to ensure the safety of both leaders and participants.

Training is an important part of ensuring that coaches have the tools they need to deliver quality programs. This is an ongoing process, and we thank the many coaches who have recently taken training and for those who continue to advance their coaches skills through continuing education and advanced certification training. Thanks to Anna Healey as she continues to expand the training she provides to members well-beyond 'the racing team'. To all members of Wostawea, if you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact yours truly, or any member of the Executive.

Trails

David Cameron, Lead

KINGSWOOD/WOODLOT

Once again, this past season was challenging – stop/start at the beginning and finishing early – signs of climate change.

For this season, we had two approved access locations: Kingswood-Radisson and Lian Street, but we did get permission from the city to have limited parking at the city depot on the New Maryland highway on a trial basis.

We reinstated an old trail across the wetland from the depot parking, along the Ducks Unlimited berm, and through the woods to the main trail system. The approval to do this was only given late in the fall, so we had a limited amount of time to do trail work. This trial access had mixed reviews, and we realize that some work will be required before next season to make it safer and easier to ski. However, the intent is to keep this as a narrow trail due to access limitations. There are ongoing discussions with DTI and UNB regarding improving the access.

Some skiers do access the trails through access points which are unsafe and not approved by Wostawea because of safety issues.

We do acknowledge that both approved access points have limitations.

Meanwhile, we are still planning on making improvements to the Lian entrance to facilitate grooming from that location in minimal snow and icy conditions. The planned improvements in the past two years have not materialized due to the contractor not being available (it is a small job, but contractors have more remunerative jobs, so this finds its way to the bottom of the pile) – we will try again this year.

Our three snowmobiles allowed us to groom the trails effectively when there was snow. As soon as there was sufficient snow, our groomers did an admirable job of keeping the trails in good shape. The work done in the fall: brushcutting the trails and volunteer trimming, really helped in getting good results for the grooming.

The Nordic Pulse app for showing the trail status, as well as the blog is appreciated by members.

It is frustrating to know that a few skiers think they don't need to join Wostawea to use the woodlot, forgetting that grooming is only possible with funds from membership fees and donations. Wostawea spends over \$9000 per year on trail preparation and grooming. Towards the end of the season, we posted a notice so that once-off skiers, or skiers who are not members can donate for the grooming by e-transfer. We would prefer skiers to become members.

We have looked at “next generation” grooming equipment, to supplement snowmobile usage when conditions demand it. This needs further research and a resolution to where we store equipment which depends on better access.

KILLARNEY

This past year, the city upgraded trails and added some “shortcuts” such that the trails are to homologation standards. There are still some improvements which can be made to facilitate better results in low snow conditions. It is hoped that these improvements will be made this year. This is especially important as Wostawea will be hosting the Canadian Masters Cross country ski Championships next February, and trail improvements could facilitate better grooming.

Once snow came, grooming took place using the side-by-side/ginzu initially, and then the Pisten Bully (PB) when conditions allowed. For the second season in a row the PB was used for a couple of weeks and then needed some repair, and the low snow conditions after repair prevented it from being used again.

The programs were not curtailed because of the poor snow conditions, although the first two Saturdays were dryland lessons. The Maritime Cup scheduled to be held at Killarney was cancelled due to lack of snow.

We learned some lessons from this difficult winter.

We will continue to work with the city to see how improvements can be made regarding the consistency of grooming and trail preparation and identify low snow trails where we could focus on summer work, to ensure we have the best chance to have some usable trails in those conditions.

Unauthorized vehicles (mainly ATV’s) continue to periodically access the park, damaging the groomed trails and threatening skiers. The city does not yet have a solution to this problem. A new gate has been installed at the bottom of trail #7, but it was damaged within two weeks of it being installed and has not deterred the vandals.

Walkers generally ignore the signs, walk wherever they want, and do not respect the ski trails, oblivious to the damage they do to the trails, especially in the freeze-thaw cycle, or low snow conditions.

The education of park users is expected to improve trail conditions, but how that can be done is challenging, and we continue to work with the city and the Fredericton Trails Coalition to find a resolution.

This year, it is expected that some work will begin on the disc golf course and mountain bike trails. We have been in discussion with the city, and it is not expected that these will interfere with skiing. There is also a possibility that preliminary construction of the Killarney ball fields will start. These will be accessed through the red gate, where a bigger car park will be made. It is planned that Ski trail #1 will

be maintained in this area, although we do not have details as to how it will interface with the ball fields.

GENERAL

The past couple of winters may be the effect of climate change, and we must consider this in any trail improvements/equipment in the future, and possibly snow making equipment to supplement natural snow as has been used in some other ski areas. This may become more relevant if we are to host bigger events at Killarney. However, it is not worthwhile pursuing this concept until the problem with ATV's and walkers is resolved. Another concept that has been talked about is snow farming, so we would have to get the city on board with that concept.

Communications

Barb Ramsay, Lead

This report highlights the activities of the communications team who informed and engaged Wostawea members, volunteers, partners, and the public during the busy 2024-2025 season.

THANK YOU TO THE COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

Thierry Arseneau	Facebook lead
John Ball	Earned media lead
Mikaya Hoyt Hogan	Instagram lead
Carolyn MacDonald	Newsletter editor
Barb Ramsay	Communications lead, website and email lead

THIS SEASON'S COMMUNICATIONS ACTIVITIES

1. Member Newsletters

A series of bi-weekly and weekly newsletters, along with periodic special announcements, were issued to approximately 435 members throughout the ski season. A team of content contributors were engaged for rich and timely content. A decision was made this season to only send newsletters to current members, rather than a combination of current and past members who received newsletters in the past. The open rate for newsletters remains very high, ranging from 62% to 83%, an impressive indication of the interest our members have in this popular communications tool.

2. Social Media: Facebook, Website and Instagram

FACEBOOK: Facebook engagement was maintained throughout the season with weekly postings of club announcements, programs and event news, as well as ongoing responses to skier inquiries. Many inquiries relate to ski rentals and therefore our two rental events were well received. Special events and posts about members' accomplishments were especially popular with our 2300 followers.

WEBSITE: Wostawea invested in the redesign of our popular website to ensure its readability across different screens and devices. The new website is also more user friendly, engaging and remains a popular communications tool for members and the public. Total page views reached 14,000 this year, unique users of the site reached 1,400 and the most popular pages were the Trails, Home, UNB Woodlot Skier Blog, Killarney Lake Skier Blog, Nordic Pulse, and the Fredericton Tour de Ski pages.

INSTAGRAM: Wostawea launched Instagram this season and posted a range of engaging videos that highlighted the spirit of the club including various activities of our senior and intermediate ski teams.

3. Earned Media

Coverage by media this season was strong with four stories aired by CBC and Radio Canada. Examples include two interviews regarding ski conditions with club president Nathalie Comeau, and an interview with long- distance challenger Bill Gould, who reached his 1000-kilometre goal within a six week period.

4. Email

Wostawea received approximately 400 email inquiries during the 2024-2025 season. Inquiries are especially heavy during our registration period, starting dates of lessons, and around competitions and special events such as this season's popular ski gear rental days for non-members.

Member Engagement

Lise Bleau, Lead

ACTIVITIES PLANNED/COMPLETED

1. Volunteer Appreciation Evening. Held at The Landing on April 18, 2024 at The Landing. This is a yearly tradition, a small token of appreciation for the enormous amount of time, energy and enthusiasm devoted to Club activities by nearly 200 volunteers. It was extremely well attended. The Nancy Hamilton Award for volunteer of the year was given to Kristie Heard.

2. Frosted Bites events were planned on 2 Sunday afternoons but only held once, on February 9, due to poor snow conditions. Other club events took place over weekends when conditions were favorable. This was sponsored by CCNB through their Recreational Grant. Approximately 60 members mingled while enjoying free hot drinks and sweets. Non-members were encouraged to join.

3. Lunar Ski. After a few years of hiatus, the once popular ski outing at night with headlamps was offered twice (February 12 and 19) with very limited success (3 participants, including the host, each night). Some members mentioned in retrospect being unaware of these events claiming that they missed the announcement for Lunar Ski. The Club does indeed have lots of activities during a relatively short ski season. It might not be as popular post-pandemic since skiers got in the habit of making individual plans.

4. Our Head coach offered 2 group lessons (February 5 and 12) to members interested in improving their skate ski technique. The CCNB Recreational Grant allowed us to get caution signs made for safety during these lessons.

ACTIVITY PENDING

The annual Volunteer Appreciation event will take place at The Landing on March 27, 2025. All 2024-2025 volunteers (approximately 120) were invited.

PLANNING FOR 2025-2025

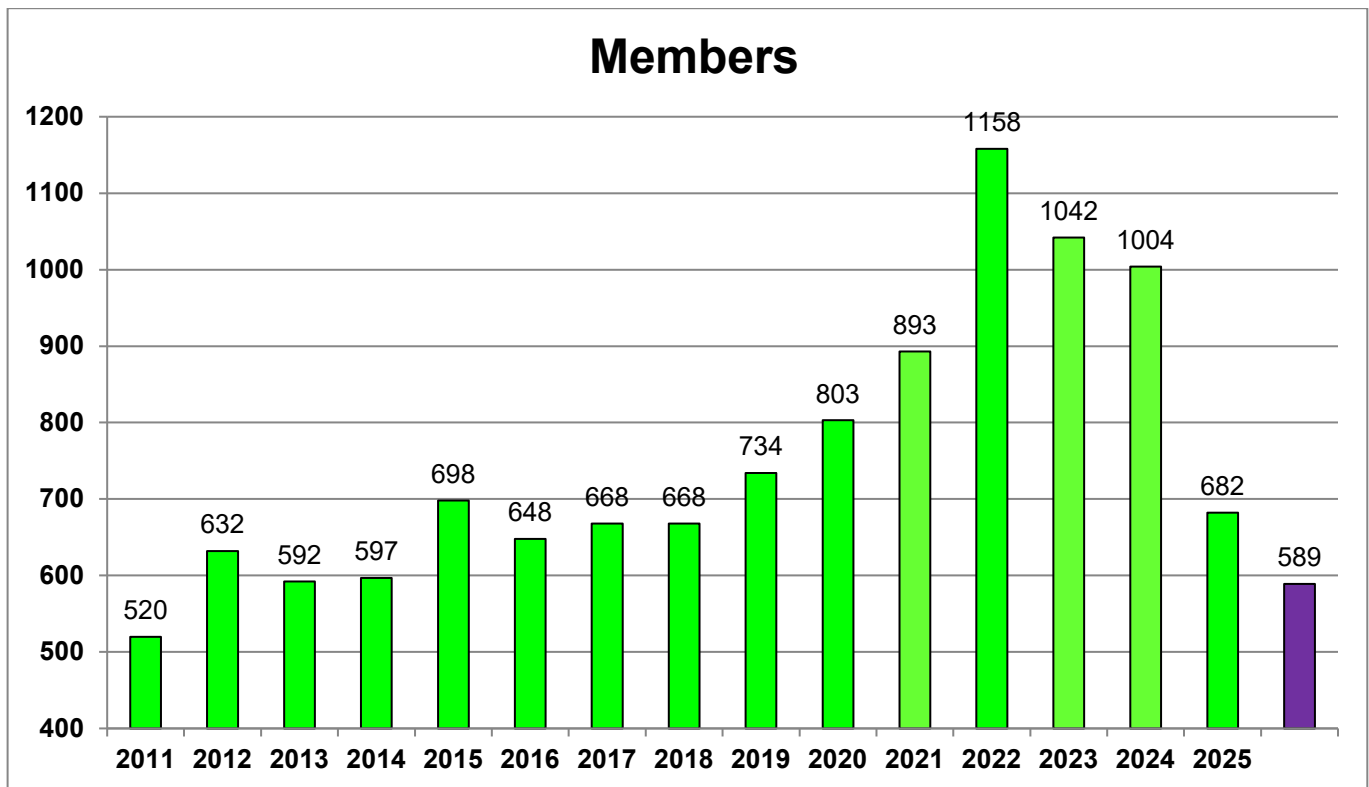
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Membership

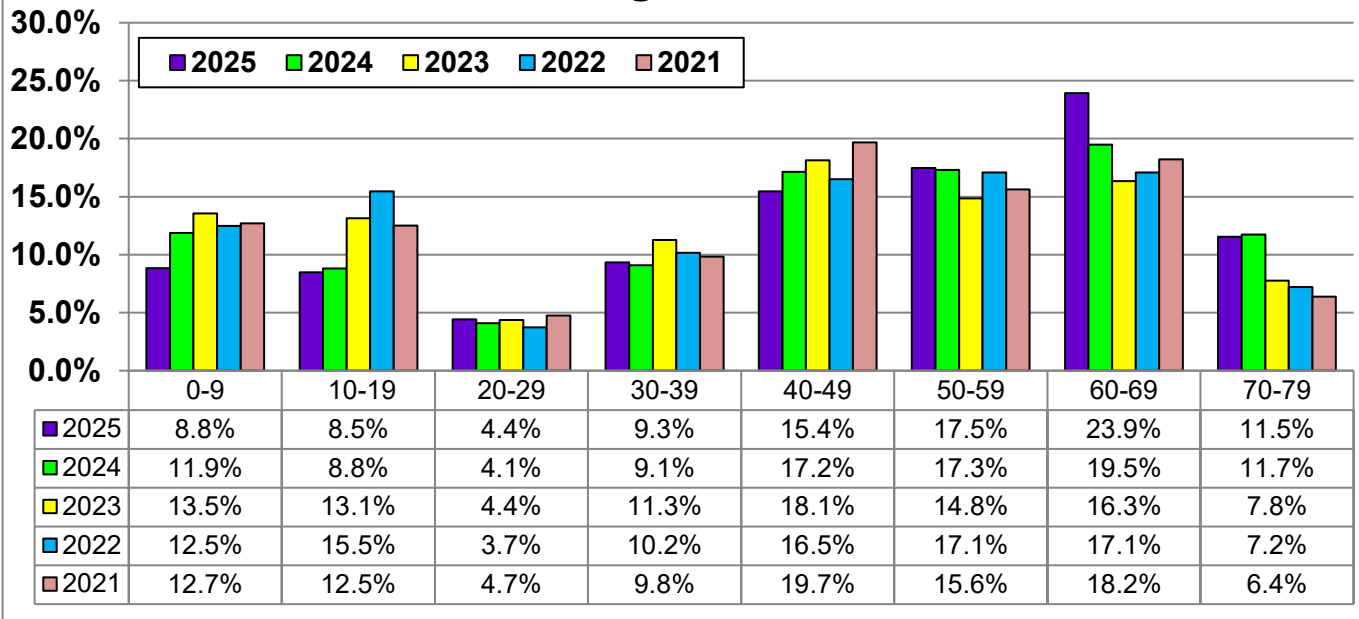
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SUMMARY

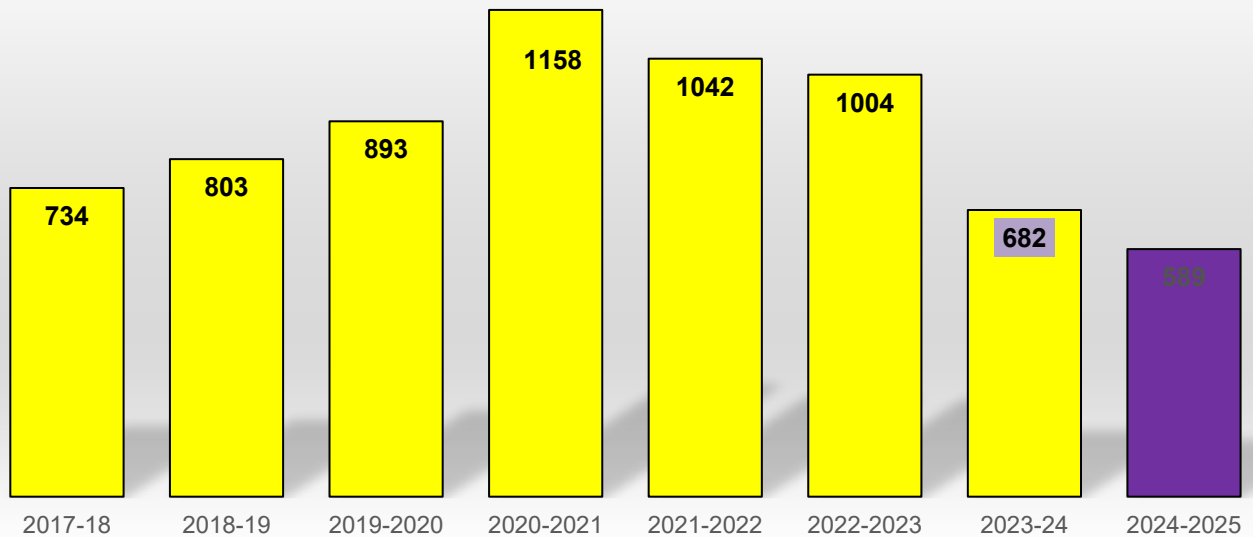
- We had at 589 people register this year; this is much lower than last year's number of 682. A late start and a late start and inconsistent snow conditions are no doubt the main factors. Another factor was the error in the registration form per Item 2 below.
- A small shift in the age distribution with increases in the 50-69 age categories.
- Jackrabbit numbers were lower; 72 this year vs. 87 last year.
- Adult classes, too, were much lower this year; 32 this year vs. 38 last year
- Ski Team had 34 members
- No Maritime Cup to report due to poor snow conditions at Killarney Lake.
- Loppet numbers were decent at 138 participants; just above last year's numbers of 128 participants; it was a perfect weather and snow conditions for the event.
- All in all, overall numbers are down.



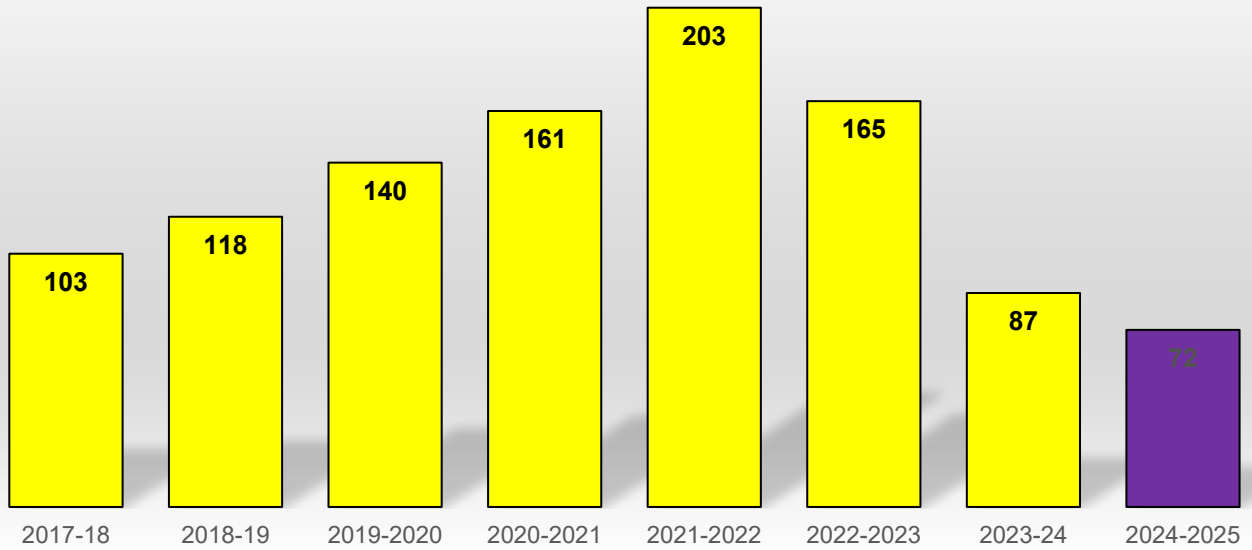
Member Age Distribution



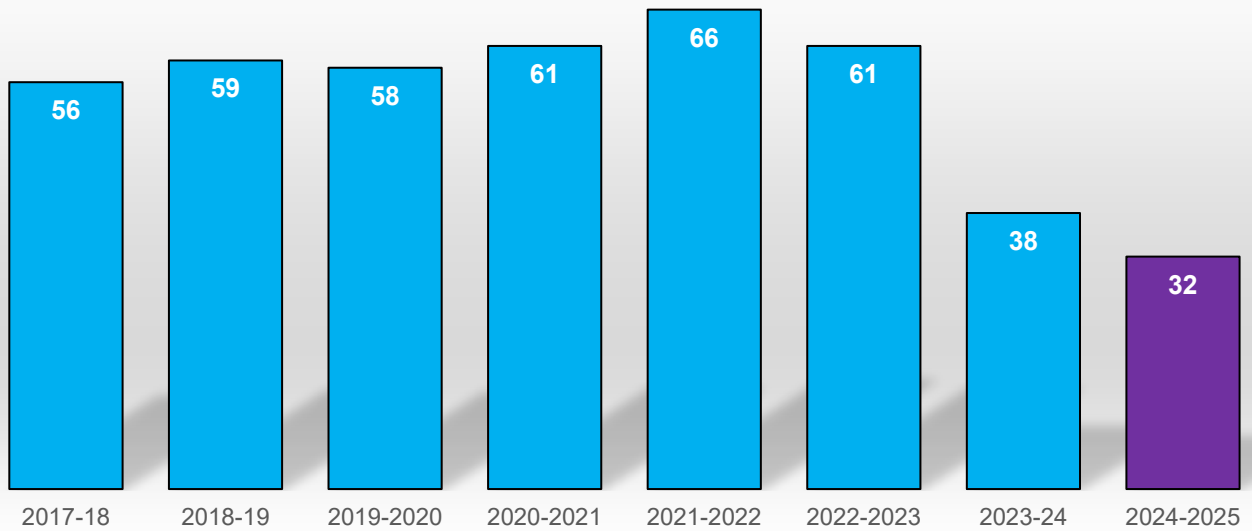
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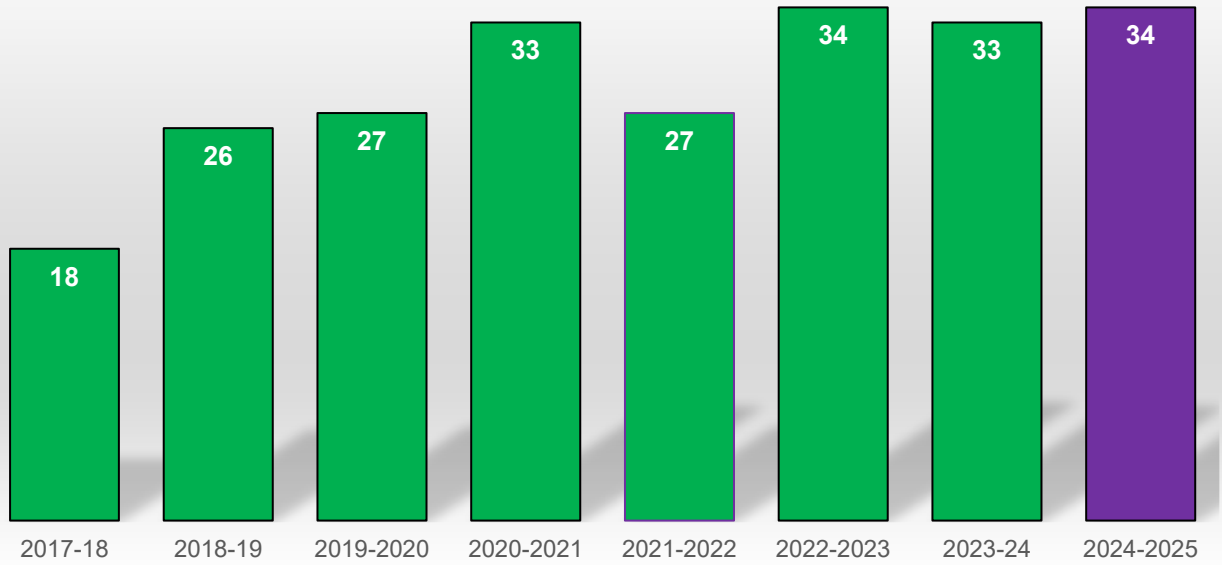
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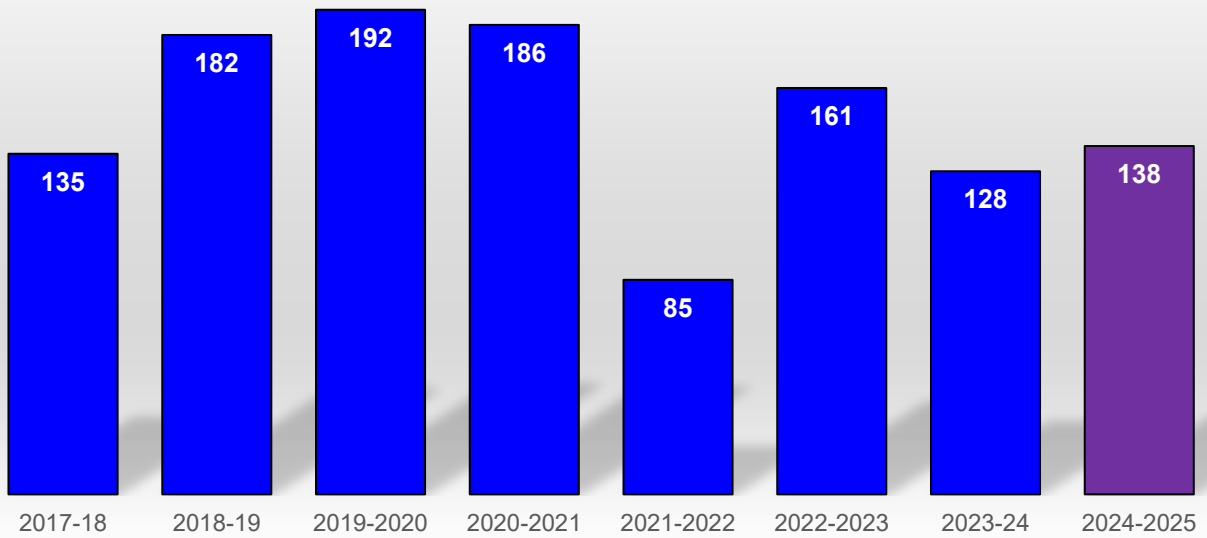
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Ski Team Members



Loppet Participants



Finances

Ian Burgess, Treasurer & Registrar

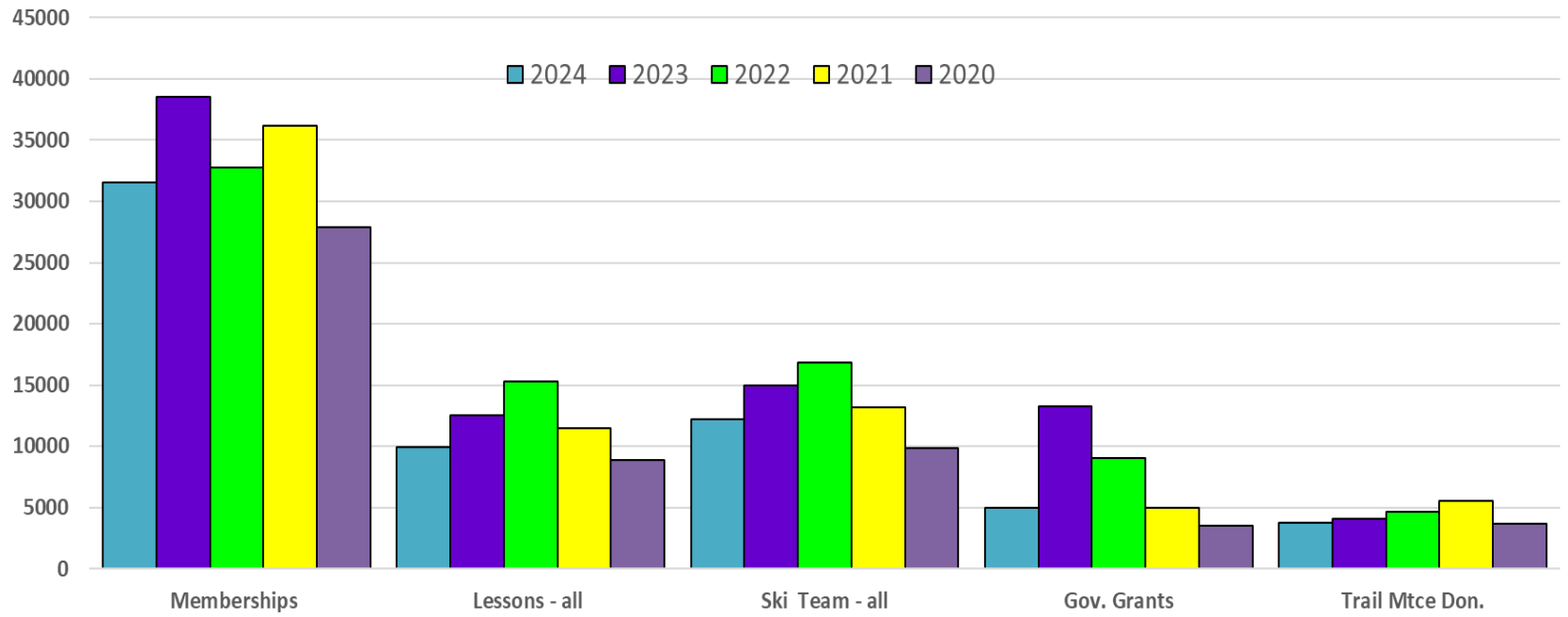
SUMMARY

- We ran a surplus in operating revenue of \$25,092; our operating balance is now \$86,009. There was a concerted effort in fund raising this year that has helped with our positive balance. Plus, the error in the registration form of approximately \$10,000.
- The Head Coach position received \$32,589 in donations (\$10,000 from Nordiq Canada, \$6896 in memory of Eric Luiker, \$6000 from Remsoft, \$4003 from Ski Team Surplus and \$5865 from FSI Fund Raiser.
- We also received two government grants; \$4250 for general club revenue and \$3600 for Outreach
- The general membership provides strong support for Trails grooming with donations of \$3745. We set aside our normal \$6000 to the Capital Equipment Maintenance Fund.
- The Ski Team expenses were less than expected and the surplus is being used towards the Club Coach position as noted above.
- The Jack Rabbit and Adult Lessons contribute \$2184 and \$1503 respectively in net funds to the club. Many thanks go the volunteers for support in these programs.
- The club's physical assets now total \$168,385 at purchase value. \$4,974 worth of assets were added this fiscal year; test skis for the Ski Team (\$4014) and an iPad (\$834) for Youth Program
- Trails for Life –We used \$5750 for this fund for an update to the Website. The present unspent balance is \$16,665 and is designated for the ski terrain park and a storage facility, both at Killarney Lake.
- We did not add to the Ski Terrain Park fund this year. We have a total savings of \$11,371 for signage and infrastructure improvement.

REVENUE

Revenue 2024 - 2025						
Description	Code	Budget	To Apr 2/25	To Come	To May 31/25	Difference
Membership - total *	4601	20,000	29,346		29,346	9,346
N.B. Govn Grant - General club	4602	5,000	4,250		4,250	- 750
N.B. Govn Grant - Ski Team	4603	0			0	-
N.B. Govn Grant - Club Coach	4604	0			0	-
N.B. Govn Grant - Trials Infrastructure	4605	0		0	0	-
Nordiq Canada - Club Coach	4606	10,000	9,000	1,000	10,000	-
MCAF Donations	4607	2,500			0	- 2,500
Youth Lesson registrations	4610	7,555	5,760		5,760	- 1,795
Adult Lesson registrations	4611	3,200	2,560		2,560	- 640
Ski Clinic Fees	4612	500	450		450	- 50
Ski Team Registration	4613	12,925	12,516		12,516	- 409
Ski Team Masters Registrations	4614	1,100	750		750	- 350
Dryland Training Registration	4615	250			0	- 250
Super Camp	4616	1,800	2,310		2,310	510
General Club Donations	4620	1,713	1,115		1,115	- 598
Trail Maintenance Donations	4621	3,760	3,745		3,745	- 15
Ski Team Donations	4622	500	420		420	- 80
Dryland Training Donations	4623	0			0	-
Club Coach Position Donations	4624	15,000	6,265	7,313	13,578	- 1,423
FIS Fund Raiser - Club Coach	4625	6,500	1,825	5,865	7,690	1,190
Maritime Cup Registrations-	4630	0			0	-
Maritime Cup Sponsors/Donations	4631	0			0	-
Loppet Registrations	4640	3,595	3,160		3,160	- 435
Loppet Sponsors/Donations	4641	500	500		500	-
Sprint Race Registrations	4645	279			0	- 279
Sprint Race Sponsors/Donations	4646	0			0	-
Hot Chocolate Program Donations	4650	0			0	-
Community Outreach	4651	1,000		3,600	3,600	2,600
Indigenous Outreach	4652	1,000			0	- 1,000
Swag Sales	4653	0			0	-
Carabiner Cup Sales	4654	0			0	-
Frosted Bites - CCNB Donation	4655	686		312	312	- 374
Asset Sale	4660	0			0	-
Trails for Life	4661	0			0	-
Ski Rental	4662	0	870		870	870
Tour de Ski	4663	0	1,790		1,790	1,790
Total Operating Revenue		99,362	86,632	18,090	104,722	5,360
* Includes only the revenue to the club						
LEGEND						
		Ski Team Revenue				
		ClubCoach Position				

Top Revenue Categories



EXPENSES

Expenses 2024 - 2025						
Area	Description	Code	Budget	To Apr 2/25	To Come	To May 31/25
General Nathalie	Killarney lodge rental	5401	900	543		543
	Misc. (mailbox, stamps, office supplies)	5402	400			-
	Open House	5403	-			-
	Annual General Meeting	5404	100	78		78
	Provincial Exec. Meetings - Expenses	5405	100			-
	Miscellaneous Bank Fees	5406	150			-
	Nancy Hamilton Award	5407	288			-
	Nametags - Exec	5408	50			-
	SAGE Software Subscription Fee	5409	-			-
	Property Insurance	5409	796	796		796
	Membership Refund	5418	500	304		304
	Sub-total		3,284	1,721	-	1,721
Trails David	Equipment maintenance & rental costs	5421	2,500			-
	Gas - Avg last 3 years	5422	1,400	746	750	1,496
	Miscellaneous - Wood lot deposit	5423	-	100		100
	Ski-Doo insurance	5424	2,000	1,726		1,726
	Groomer thank-you	5425	315		315	315
	Trail Signage/Fencing	5426	300	157		157
	Ski-Doo/Trailer Registrations	5427	213	123		123
	Trails Maintenance Contractor	5428	1,900	2,033		2,033
	Nordic Pulse	5429	1,150	1,265		1,265
	Equipment- Chain Saw, Bush Cutter	5430	-			-
	Sub-total		9,778	6,150	1,065	7,215
Ski Team Kristie/Anna	Killarney Lodge Rental	5441	1,400	1,436		1,436
	Facility Rental (YMCA, City Gyms)	5442	1,800			-
	Roller Skis/Repairs	5443	300			-
	Coach thank-you's	5444	240		240	240
	Waxing Supplies	5445	1000	445		445
	Coach Training	5446	150			0
	Clinic/Visiting Coach	5447	0			0
	Coaching Support/Team Equipment	5448	220			0
	Miscellaneous	5449	300	124		124
	Team Jerseys	5450	1,500	1,478		1,478
	Masters Group - Coach Thank you	5451	0			0
	Subscription - Final Surge Athlete Management	5452	390		390	390
	Subscription - Onform Video Analysis	5453	0			0
	Year End Party	5454	300		300	300
	Dryland Training/Equipment	5455	150			-
	Ski Team Refund	5460	0	120		120
	Masters Team Refund	5461	0			-
	Equipment	5462	4,650	4,140		4,140
	Super Camp Refunds	5463	100	61		61
	Super Camp Expenses	5464	1,500	1,689		1,689
	Sub-total		14,000	9,493	930	10,423

EXPENSES (CONT'D)

Youth Lessons Michel/Pierre	Killarney lodge rental	5471	800	700		700
	Jackrabbit material	5472	1,100	879		879
	Coach training (lodge rental & L2T Jackets)	5473	0			0
	Canteen supplies	5474	550	525		525
	Coach thank-you	5475	1,150		1,150	1,150
	Fun Day	5476	600	75		75
	Equipment	5477	100			0
	Criminal Records Check	5478	50	17		17
	Miscellaneous	5479	100	216		216
	Equipment & First Aid Kits	5480	300	834		834
	Kouchibouquac Trip - Track Attack	5481	700			0
	Youth Lesson Refund	5492	232			-
	CCNB Jack Rabbit Subsidy	5493	- 980	- 820		- 820
	Sub-total		4,702	2,426	1,150	3,576
Adult Lessons Ernie	Killarney lodge rental	5501	250	232		232
	Coach training Including lodge rental	5502	200	105		105
	Canteen Supplies	5503	150			0
	Coach Thank-You	5504	720		720	720
	Equipment & First Aid Kits	5505	300			0
	Criminal Records Check	5506	50			0
	Miscellaneous	5507	50			0
	Adult Lesson Refund	5518	243			-
	Sub-total		1,963	337	720	1,057
Clinics Anna	Killarney Lodge rental	5521	0			-
	Skate Ski Clinic Coach Thank You	5522	0			-
	Refunds	5523	0			-
	Sub-total		0	0	0	0
Communications Barb	Swag Prizes	5531	150			0
	Website hosting & Square-Space	5532	530	166		166
	Trail Coalition pamphlet (every 2 years)	5533	200			0
	Swag - Stock Purchases	5534	500	829		829
	Volunteer Thank You	5535	150			0
	Sub-total		1,530	995	-	995
Membership Engagement Lise	Volunteer Appreciation Night	5541	1,817		1,999	1,999
	Membership Social	5542	0			0
	Recreational Ad-hoc Events	5543	0			0
	Volunteer Thank-you	5544	0			0
	Door Prizes at Volunteers Appreciation Night	5545	440		250	250
	Head Lamps for Night Ski events	5546	350			-
	Signs	5547	-	173		173
	Frosted Bites - 24/25 Season Going Forward	5548	750	139		139
	Sub-total		3,357	312	2,249	2,561
Outreach Programs Toon	MCAF	5560	2,100	1,476		1,476
	Kehkimin	5561	-			0
	Outreach Equipment	5570	500			0
	Under One Sky	5571	500			0
	LGBTQ+	5572	-			0
	Sub-total		3,100	1,476	-	1,476

EXPENSES (CONT'D)

Special Items lan	Maritime Cup - 2 races	5551	7498	155		155
	Loppet	5552	3000	1,595		1,595
	Sprint Races	5553	300	1,481		1,481
	Capital Equipment Replacement Fund	5554	0			0
	Trail Builders Award	5555	0			0
	No Skier Left Behind	5556	500			-
	Special/Anniversary Events	5557	0			0
	Frosted Bites - Pre 24/25 Season	5558	-			-
	Strategic Planning Session	5559	0			0
	Ski Team Member to Nationals	5562	1,000	400		400
	Track Attack Roller Skis	5563	0			-
	Equipment Repairs	5564	0	124		124
	Para-Skis	5565	0			-
	Hot Chocolate Cart	5566	0			-
	Killarney Lake Storage Shelving	5567	385	385		385
	FIS Fund Raiser Expenses	5568		1,825		1,825
	Race Officials Training	5569	1000			-
	Ski Rentals	5573		78		78
						-
	Sub-total		13,683	6,042	-	6,042
Sub-Total			55,397	27,475	6,114	33,589
Club Coach Anna Healy	Salary	5581	30,000	25,000	5,000	30,000
	HST	5582	4,500	3,750	750	4,500
	Office Supplies	5583	150			-
	Professional Development Expenses	5584	750	565		565
	Travel Expenses	5585	3,000		3,000	3,000
	Equipment Allowance	5586	750		750	750
						-
	Sub-total		39,150	29,315	9,500	38,815
	Total Paid Expenses:		94,547	58,266	15,614	73,880
TFL	Homologation	5610	2,000	-		-
	Woodlot Trail Updates	5620	7,000	-		-
	Shipping Container	5630	-	-		-
	Web Design Software	5631	5,000	5,750		5,750
	Sub-Total:		14,000	5,750	-	5,750
	Total Operating Expenses		108,547	64,016	15,614	79,630

CLUB ASSETS

Wostawea Asset Summary		
April 2 , 2025 AGM Asset Summary		
Material Assets	Year Purchased	Cost (incl. tax)
Trail Equipment		
YTS Ginzu Groomer	2008	6,800
YTS Levelling Drag & Roller	2010	4,200
Container	2012	6,300
Roller	2014	3,100
Snowmobile Skandic 900	2018	18,839
Renovator	2018	621
SkiDoo Sled	2018	184
Ginzo - Second	2019	10,759
Snowmobile Skandic 900	2021	18,164
Snowmobile Trailer	2022	1,400
Snowmobile Skandic 900 (Used 2020)	2023	14,375
Snowmobile Storage Container	2023	9,474
Bushsaw & Chainsaw	2024	1,712
Sub-total		\$ 95,928
Club General		
Portable PA system	2015	340
30 sets of skis	2018	8,108
Ski and boots storage racks+A84	2018	1,232
Timing Clock	2018	2,609
Competition Bibs - 150	2018	2,521
Competition Bibs - 50	2018	934
Timing Hut	2020	8,747
6 sets of skis & poles	2020	2,446
Ski Rack	2020	345
Hot Chocolate Equipment	2021	4,000
6 sets of skis, boots & poles (MCAF)	2022	2,792
14 sets of skis, boots & poles (MCAF)	2023	7,700
7 sets of skis, boots & poles (UOS)	2023	1,714
2 sets of boots (MCAF)	2024	274
Sound System	2024	600
IPAD	2025	834
Sub-total		\$ 45,195
Ski Team		
4 x Roller Skis V2 - classic	2014	1,700
SkiErg Training Equipment	2014	1,300
2 x Ski Travel Boxes	2015	500
4 x Roller Skis Swenor - small wheels	2015	1,500
2 x Roller Skis Swenor - small wheels	2015	800
1 x Roller Skis	2016	528
4 x Roller Skis	2017	1,173
4 x Roller Skis	2018	1,083
6 x Roller Skis	2021	3,386
Waxing Equipment; profiles, clamps, etc	2023	2,351
Ipad & Case	2023	647
Test Skis	2025	4,140
Sub-total		\$ 19,108
Track Attack		
18 x Rundle Nitro skate	2022	5,175
18 x Soloman Prolink Access Skis	2022	1,553
4 Seets of Classic Roller Skis	2024	1,426
Sub-total		\$ 8,154
Total Non-depreciated Material Assets		\$ 168,385

TRAILS FOR LIFE

Actual Account Balance

	Deposits	Spent	Balance
Totals - Project to Date	148,267	131,602	16,665
2023 - 2024 Ski Season			
Description	Revenue	Expenses	Balance
Opening Balance - June 1, 2024			22,415
Web Design		5,750	
Totals - 2023 - 2024	-	5,750	- 5,750

Overall Account Balance

Column1	Column2	Column3	Column4	Column5
	Trail Building	Trail Grooming	Infrastructure	Totals
Budget	49,422	69,422	29,423	\$148,267.00
Spent	38,306	69,460	18,087	\$125,852.52
Remaining	11,116	- 38	11,336	22,414

NET EARNINGS



OPERATIONAL FUNDS & CAPITAL EQUIPMENT RESERVE SUMMARY



ESTIMATED NET BANK BALANCE TO MAY 31, 2025

			Actual To Date	Estimated May 31/25			
	Opening Balance - Jun 1/24		113,520.06	113,520.06			
	Total Revenues		86,632.00	104,722.00			
	Total Expenses		- 64,017.07	- 79,630.00			
	Current Calculated Bank Balance - April 2/25		136,134.99	138,612.06			
CODE	FUNDS	START	EXPENSES	REVENUE	TRANSFER TO SAVINGS	TRANSFER FROM SAVINGS	END
1300	Capital Equipment Fund	6,462	0	0	6,000	0	12,462
1301	Ski Team Savings; Test Skis	5,011	0	0	4,003	4,014	5,000
1302	Ski Terrain Park Fund	11,371	0	0	0	0	11,371
1303	Trails for Life	22,416	0	0	0	5,750	16,666
1304	MCAF Grant Fund	<u>7,105</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,105</u>
	Sub-Total:	52,364					52,603
910	Operating Balance	<u>61,156</u>					<u>86,009</u>
	Total:	113,520	79,630	104,722			138,612
						Net Change	25,092

GRANTS & DONATIONS SUMMARY

2024/2025 GRANTS/DONATIONS SUMMARY			
Item	Description	Amount	Deposit Date
1	Nordiq Canada - Club Coach Position	9,000.00	Aug 23/24
2	Head Coach in Memory of Eric Luiker (Sport NB)	4,818.75	
3	Mary Luiker & Family in Memory of Eric Luiker (Sport NB)	2,493.75	
4	Remsoft Donation to Ski Team	6,000.00	Feb 27/25
5	FSI Fund Raiser	5,865.00	
6	GNB Regional Grant	4,250.00	Mar 10/24
7	GNB Go NB	3,600.00	
8	Nordiq Canada - Club Coach Position -Remainder	1,000.00	
	TOTAL:	37,027.50	
	Donations for Head Coach		