

Wentworth Ski Racing Club

Annual General Meeting – 2016-17

6/13/2017



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wed. June 13 2017

5:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.

103 Thorne Ave Dartmouth

Agenda

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| 5:40 pm | Welcome |
| 5:45 pm | Adoption of the Agenda |
| 5:50 pm | Concussion presentation (Karen Decker) |
| 6:10 pm | President's Report (Dean Stienburg) |
| 6:30 pm | Treasurer's Report (Karen Dwyer) |
| 6:40 pm | New Business (Dean Stienburg) |
| | a. Motion to Update By-laws |
| | b. Election of Officers (Nominating Committee Report) |
| 7:10 pm | Adjournment |
| 7:15 pm-10pm | Strategic Planning session |

**Board of Directors
2016-17**

President	Dean Stienburg
Vice President	Patrick Keefe
Past President	Colin Stevenson
Treasurer	Karen Dwyer
Secretary	Christine McNeil
Communications Director	Kristy Hardy
Senior Team (U16, U18, U21) Representative	Brian Carter
Junior Team (U12, U14) Representative	David Todd
Snowstars U10 Representative	Kate Lovett
Member-at-large (Equipment)	Mark Oakley
Member-at-large (Officials)	Greg Zwicker
Member-at-large	Brad Hatfield

Coaching Staff

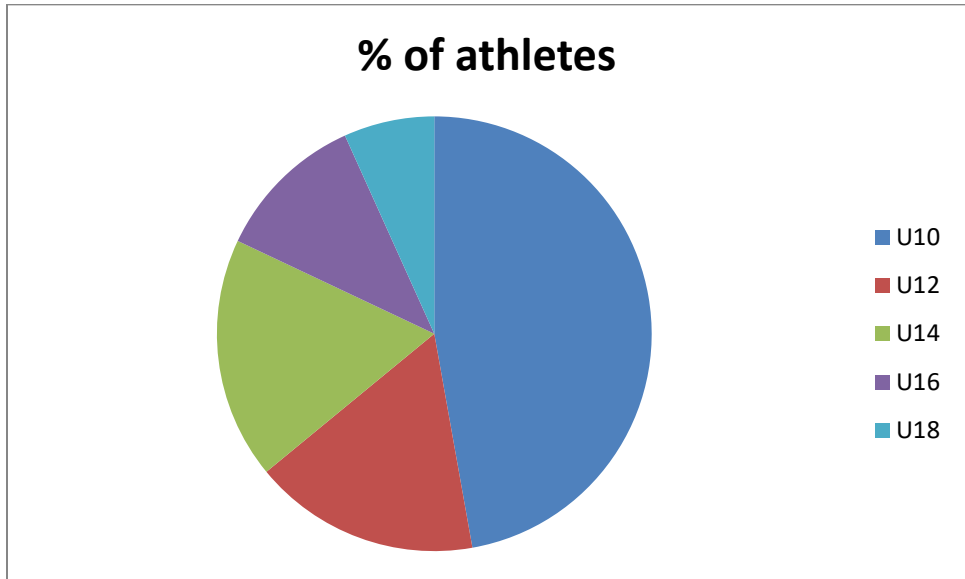
Program Coordinator	Gregor Byrne	
Coaches	Katie Scissons	Mike Clarke
	Sarah Byrne	Britt Carter
	Todd Johns	Dave Bugden
	Dawn Scissons	Luke Byrne
	Lexie Stienburg	Chris Hardy
	Olivia Mason	Ali Harmon
	Connor Myers	
Part-time Coaches	Brian Carter	

**President's Report –
Dean Stienburg**

Registration

This year the club had 89 registrants. This represents a 2% decrease in athlete registration over last year.

The following graph provides a breakdown by age group:



The comparison with last year as follows:

	2016-2017	2015-2016	
AGE GROUP	% of athletes	% of athletes	delta
U10	47%	45%	2%
U12	17%	25%	-8%
U14	18%	11%	7%
U16	11%	11%	0%
U18	7%	7%	0%
U21	0%	1%	-1%

To better understand the changes, further analysis is required. This would include consideration of various factors such as multi-athlete families, new versus returning athletes, athletes moving into new age groups, athletes leaving the club, etc.

This year the club experienced significant uptake in the 2-day program over the 1-day program. Last year the split was 65% 2-day and 35% 1-day. This year the split was 80% 2-day and 20% 1-day. While this suggests increased participation level by club members, it may also indicate an issue with attracting/retaining 1-day members.

New features of the registration process included:

- Fee setting subcommittee met and then made recommendations to the Board
- Early Bird fee structure was introduced
- Process was automated

Results:

1. Feedback on Goalline registration system: While complaints lead us to project that Goalline and/or Paypal glitched out in 25-30% of instances, all members were able to successfully register on Goalline. Overall, there was more positive feedback than negative about the new automated registration process.
2. Early Bird Fee: The club experienced approximately an 80% uptake in the early bird fee which expired December 1st. Compared with last year where approximately 40% of the club registered after December 15th, this was a valued enhancement for program planning of the program which can start as early as the 4th week of December if the hill is open.
3. Automation: From a registration perspective, the administration involved was significantly reduced:
 - Club membership lists were able to be created and updated
 - Emergency Contact lists were provided to coaches
 - Medical information was available to coaches.
4. The pre-existing paper registration form was used as a basis for creating the on-line registration process from scratch.

With one year of experience, recommendations for improvement are as follows:

- Review system architecture with Goalline to determine if any streamlining is possible.
- Include ACA National card fee in all 2-day athlete registration fees (this was a choice with paper registration forms)
- Include Slingshot registration fee in all U10 & U12 registration fees.

- Registrar should be a specific role as the registration process represents a significant body of work.
- Separate registration for all age categories: U8, U10, U12, U14, U16, U18 and U21

4 – A better explanation of the club membership and that it includes the family and that through this, parents are entitled to ACA Volunteer registration which provides insurance.

Volunteer Program

WSRC relies heavily on volunteers to run events, fundraise, and manage and execute club operations. This year a new volunteer program was introduced. The purpose of the program was to encourage and increase member volunteering not revenue generation. A member who volunteers becomes more engaged with the Club, so the volunteer program not only supports the operations of the club but also can help support the objectives of Membership Development. This year amounted to a trial run and as such, the formula was kept simple and not a lot of effort was required to earn volunteer points.

The club comprises 61 member families:

40 families volunteered

6 were not part of volunteer program (families with one first year U10 athlete only)

Program Features:

- First year U10's were not required to participate
- Multi-athlete families participated for the first 2 children only
- U10 requirement was half that of U12 and over

Job descriptions were created for race positions and requirements for races were established. This represents a body of knowledge which is now documented and moving forward can be refined.

Also included in earning volunteer points was taking an officials course. A level 2 course had 9 participants, which was considered a very good turnout.

Recommendations for next year:

1. Establish a Volunteer Coordinator to improve communications with volunteers for the purpose of recruiting volunteers, organizing and communicating with volunteers and tracking the volunteer points earned. This would include managing the signup genius site.
2. Due to U10 events requiring fewer volunteers, there are less volunteer opportunities. Similarly 1-day athletes have less access to volunteer opportunities and currently their volunteer obligation is equal to 2-day athletes. Here are suggested modifications to the point system:
 - a. U8's do not have to participate
 - b. Continue with 1st year U10's do not have to participate
 - c. Reduce U10 required points to 25.
 - d. To earn points, cut the existing program in half such that to gate judge for a day is 25 points not 50, etc.
 - e. Reduce the 1-day athlete program registration to half the volunteer credit of the 2-day athlete.

Race Administration

This year, race administration was also automated through the Goalline system. This provided the following benefits:

- Collating e-mails was eliminated
- Manually creating the participant list was eliminated
- Pre-pay requirement eliminated receivables risk for WSRC, which previously ran at about \$6-10k a year.

For each event there were typically 1-2 athletes with registration difficulties. These included:

- In two instances, athlete arrived at event believing they had registered, when they had not.
- In two instances family's double-paid for an event.
- There were a few instances when members were unable to successfully register for the event and had to be manually added to the list and paid off-line.

Members not adhering to the registration deadlines create an increased workload on this position.

Recommendations for next year:

1. More prominent explanation of race fee for particular race event. This year, a member had to click on registration and then the event in order to see the explanation of the fee.
2. Offer the opportunity to pre-pay a race account for the year. Club provides list of events for the season in December and expected fee, member indicates which ones they intend to participate in and pre-pays via cheque or e-transfer. Benefit to member is they get a slight discount due to elimination of transaction fees. Additional investigation on how to manage this within Goalline is required.
3. Race Administration is a significant body of work and a volunteer position should be established for this role.
4. Reconciliation of fee versus actual costs should be completed and communicated within 2 weeks of the event.

ACA

Every athlete and coach was activated on the on-line ACA system before January 1st. Late additions or change in card type were difficult to achieve as the ACA system seemed to be locked down and had to involve communication with both ASNS and several points of contact at ACA.

Recommendations for next year:

1. Establish points of contact with ACA for issues/questions with their system at the onset of the season. ie – November. Ensure system structures such as a lockdown date are understood.
 2. Improved registration of volunteers / members in the ACA system.
 3. Better explanation of ACA insurance
 4. Goalline were actioned in mid-February to create a confirmation of ACA waiver acceptance that could be printed as this was recommended by ACA to ensure coverage. This is currently in process.
- Set-up field in goalline to enter each athlete's aca number so that when lists are printed for ROC's at race events, this information can be provided automatically.

Communications

In addition to automated registration, the primary benefit of Goalline was the enhanced communications made possible through group e-mails and newsletters.

Parent meetings were reintroduced this year (U14+ was held pre-season and U12 & U10 were held early in the season) and should continue.

The club Facebook page was updated more regularly this year and had good member engagement.

There are additional features of Goalline that can be utilized to expand the benefits to club communications. These include:

- Set-up and communication of coaches
- Set-up each group.

Recommendations for next year include:

- Focus on improved coach-athlete/parent communication
- Explore Team Snap app to enhance communications
- Explore DropBox for Club records management purposes
- Work with SkiNS and Sport NS to have alpine race results reported by media
- Enlarge bulletin board at lodge and update contents ideally every week or as a minimum every 2 weeks. Include Club contact information.
- Establish comprehensive Club communications plan
- Tailor communication to member interest level. Create a communications profile in the registration package where members can indicate what level of communication they would like to receive.

Goalline

The club entered a 3 year contract with Goalline on August 22, 2016. This past year was a trial run and the main uses of Goalline included:

- Automated registration process for programs and events

- Club communications via newsletters and e-mails
- Club website which was established on an emergency basis when the previous website crashed and then refined throughout the season.

There are currently 2 open tickets with Goalline:

- Evidence of waiver feature
- Display on web pages showing blank newsletters.

The Goalline site was reviewed at the Parent meetings and this should be repeated.

Recommendations for the upcoming year include:

1. Expand the use of Goalline to additional volunteer positions
2. Review the architecture of Goalline to maximize effectiveness
3. Research additional features to allow set-up of coaches and groups on goalline to enable coaches to e-mail their groups.

Additional Training

An area for improvement is additional training days. Additional training days are offered to club members U12 and above on a user pay basis with zero financial risk to the club. Because of this, there are minimum number of athletes required (set at 5).

While Thursdays were offered, there was not enough interest generated for any Thursday training to take place. Overall participation in additional training days offered represented 38% of the Club athletes.

Issues to be addressed:

- Members who did not use Goalline system on a timely basis
- Deadline to register was set too late to allow timely communications to members who did register
- Members had already paid for days cancelled due to weather or due to lack of interest

- Ad hoc U10 group invited created a sense of exclusion in opposition to the clubs value of inclusion.

Recommendations for next year:

- Review policy and implementation of additional training days to improve member experience.
- Poll members for level of interest in/commitment to additional training opportunities at onset of season and schedule accordingly.
- Consider PD days, late afternoon/early evening on Fridays, ad hoc sessions for school closures due to weather.
- U10 sessions opened up to all interested U10's. This would not be open to U8's as on these days athletes are expected to loop around unaccompanied by a coach.

FUNdraising

The Director of Fundraising position on the Club Board of Directors was vacant for the second year in a row. Despite this, fundraising was re-initiated this year. Fundraising is important to continue as it provides the following benefits to the club:

- 1) Helps to offset Club costs and allows the program registration fees to remain stable.
- 2) Allows purchases to enhance the Club.
- 3) Increases the Club profile.
- 4) Provides opportunities for social events and contributes to club comradery.
- 5) Provides opportunities to increase member engagement.
- 6) Provides volunteer opportunities for members who are not comfortable with on-snow volunteering.

This year fundraising events included:

- 1) Club Raffle
- 2) 12 Hours of Wentworth

3) The Great Chili Cook-off

The club raffle was executed on a timelier basis this year with the draw taking place at the end-of-season social. This was an improvement over last year.

Review of the sponsorship program at the parent meetings resulted in the following:

- Wilson's sponsored the purchase of new race bibs which was a significant investment.
- Increased interest in sponsorship opportunities due to buzz newly implemented opportunity to earn back 25% of registration fee.(I.E RBC)

Review of sponsorship opportunities at parent meetings should continue.

Sponsorship in kind:

- Sponsorship in kind was provided by Seaside Communications.
- This type of sponsorship opportunity represents value to the Club and needs to be further developed.

Recommendations for next year:

1. Establish a fundraising subcommittee.
2. There are specific lessons learned from the first ever Great Chili Cook-off that can be implemented should this event be repeated.
3. Pre-season Parent Social/Fundraising Event; invite club alumni as well.
4. Early to mid-season event at Ski Wentworth open to public.
5. Silent Auction prizes are currently an untapped potential resource.
6. Explore grant opportunities.
7. Explore mutually beneficial relationships with local vendors.
8. Initiate sponsorship search in September.
9. Develop better communication and follow-up with sponsors. Ie – thank you and results.
10. Still outstanding: patches for jackets for current sponsors.

Treasurers Report Karen Dwyer

Treasurer's Report

Coach Payroll

- Year two of utilizing Payweb automated payroll services which made electronic deposits to coach bank accounts
- This year Payweb also created the T4 slips.
- Payweb can provide ROE services as well, which is to be investigated.

Goalline / Paypal

- Due to utilization of Goalline on-line payment option, WSRC had to set up a Paypal account.
- Paypal visa fees are less than what WSRC has traditionally been charged by Moneiris, resulting in a reduction of transaction fees paid by the Club.

Electronic Banking

- Year two of electronic banking allowed for e-transfers versus cheques, which reduced administration effort and reduced costs associated with cheques.
- The new account that was set-up last year due to bad advice from RBC was closed at the onset of the season (November).

Financial:

FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF APRIL 30, 2017			
Assets		Liabilities	
PAYPAL ACCOUNT	\$ 1,043.15	Payables	\$ 15,971.94
RBC Chequing ACCOUNT	\$ 63,293.20	Race Account	\$ 8,166.00
GIC:	\$ 42,118.20	Other	\$ 1,200.00
	\$ 106,454.55		\$ 25,337.94
Total	\$ 81,116.61		
Balance, Less GIC	\$ 38,998.41		

The club's revenue from race events exceeded budget and compensated for lower income in other areas such as fundraising. Overall revenue was exceeded by about \$2000. Expenses were close to budget and exceeded it by \$300, however coach jackets for \$4500.00 were not purchased and the money was

invested in other areas such as the new wireless Brower timing system which cost approximately \$6000.

Wentworth Ski Racing Club								
Budget for 2017 Season								
Comparison of Budget versus Incurred - Unaudited								
As presented at June 14, 2017 AGM								
Revenue				Expenses				
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE		BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	
Registrations	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 53,125.00	\$ 3,125.00	1 Advertising/Promotions	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,388.00	-\$ 988.00	
ASNS comp cards	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 8,540.00	\$ 1,540.00	2 ASNS fees and insurance	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,197.19	-\$ 197.19	
Raffle Tickets	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 300.00	3 ASNS Comp Card Fees	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 8,835.00	-\$ 1,835.00	
Fundraising & Sponsorships	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 8,245.85	\$ (1,754.15)	4 Bank charges	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 5,490.71	-\$ 3,690.71	
Membership Fees	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 4,900.00	\$ (300.00)	5 Banquet	\$ 500.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 260.00	
Interest	\$ 350.00	\$ -	\$ (350.00)	6 Bldg insurance and taxes	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,170.00	\$ 230.00	
Other program income	\$ 7,700.00	\$ 4,641.00	\$ (3,059.00)	7 Coach Support	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,246.88	-\$ 246.88	
Race entry fees	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 25,020.50	\$ 9,020.50	8 Coach wages	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 33,095.87	\$ 1,904.13	
DRY Land fees	\$ 6,000.00	-	\$ -	9 Coordinator wages	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 13,500.00	\$ -	
Club Races	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ (2,000.00)	10 Coaching Friday and camps	\$ 7,700.00	\$ 8,106.00	-\$ 406.00	
Club Camps	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,595.00	\$ 1,095.00	11 Dry Land	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	
	\$112,750.00	\$114,367.35	\$ 7,617.35	12 Equipment	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 13,134.57	-\$ 7,134.57	
				13 Fundraising Expenses	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
				14 Miscellaneous	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,126.22	-\$ 126.22	
				15 Office	\$ 500.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 150.00	
				16 Professional fees	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ 800.00	
				17 Race Expense	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 13,969.48	-\$ 4,969.48	
				18 Receiver General	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	
				19 Uniforms	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -	\$ 4,500.00	
				20 Utilities	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,551.00	\$ 49.00	
					\$109,700.00	\$109,400.92	\$ 299.08	

Program Coordinators Report Gregor Byrne

The Program that was designed for the Club which was available for viewing at all times on the website under Programs, it outlines various goals at each level of the program which are restated as follows:

SNOWSTARS Program Goals

1. To foster a love of the sport of alpine skiing and for the athletes to have FUN with their Coaches.
2. To offer our U10 Athletes the opportunity to train as close as possible to Alpine Canada's recommended number of on-snow training days for skill development in this age-group . (Days on snow recommended by ACA are : 40 -50)
3. To have all of our U10 athletes achieve at least ONE SnowStars Level this season. The SnowStars program is a seven level skills achievement program which ACA develops and recommends. WSRC utilizes the SnowStars Program.
4. To have ALL of our U10 athletes participate in TWO Club/Fun race events. Typically Slingshot, Cathy's Cup OR Race in PEI

5. To have all U10 athletes achieve Level 5 before moving on to U12.
6. To have our U10 Program run for 12 weeks = Min 12 days on snow for one-day athletes / 24 days for two day athletes.

U12 Program Goals – Learn to Train

1. To provide such training opportunities that our U12 Athletes are able to train as close as possible to the Alpine Canada's recommended number of on-snow training days for this age group.(Days on snow recommended by ACA are : 75 +/- training/racing with a Coach)
2. To provide a corresponding number of Competitive starts to our training opportunities. (4 to 6 Races).
3. To have ALL (Recreational & Competitive) of our U12 athletes get a minimum of 3 Slalom SL / Kinder Kombi KK starts over the course of the season. Club races or Regional AAA races.
4. To see evidence of three dimensional training promoting autonomous athletes by season's end.
5. To have athletes that have consolidated and refined the basic skiing skills to apply to ski racing by the end of U12.
6. To Provide Mental training opportunities for our U12 athletes in Oct / Nov . One of the most important aspects in becoming a good alpine ski racer is to have a great mental Game

U14 Program Goals – Train to Train & Learn to Race

1. To provide such training opportunities that our U14 Athletes are able to train as close as possible Alpine Canada's recommended number of on-snow training days.(Days on snow recommended are 75 - 110 +/-)
2. To provide a corresponding number of Competitive starts to our training opportunities. (6 to 8 Races)
3. To have ALL of the athletes at this level of the Program have a minimum of 4 Competitive Race Starts this season.
4. To train start to finish, as fast as possible without falling and without supervision while showing excellent technical skills.
5. To develop specific fitness for ski racing, build the engine, refining specific racing skills. To offer one day of dry-land maintenance during the competitive season.
6. To offer two competitive opportunities in Ontario this winter to all U14 Group athletes.
7. To have the Athletes understand the importance of mental training. Having each Athlete develop their own mental training plan. To Provide scheduled mental training opportunities in the Fall and during the season.

U16/U18 / U21 Program Goals – Train to Race

1. To provide such training opportunities that our U16 / U18 / U21 Athletes are able to train as close as possible to the AIM Document’s recommended number of on-snow training days.(Days on snow recommended 115 - 147 +/-)
2. To provide a corresponding number of Competitive starts to our training opportunities. 15 to 25 Starts + Speed.
3. To have ALL of the athletes at this level of the Program have the opportunity to participate at the FIS Level of Racing. To offer a FIS Racing schedule for our U18 Group.
4. To hold weekly dryland sessions through the competitive season one day per week to maintain fitness.
5. To develop a competitive professional attitude / commitment to all aspects of the Program cultivating a desire to excel.
6. To develop and implement a Mental Training plan with goals and objectives for each athlete.

Before the first of January the coaches will spend some one-on-one time with these athletes establishing a jumping-off-point for the season as well as some season long goals with intermediate milestones along the way so that they can track their progress and adjust when necessary.

Goal # 1 - To foster a love of the sport of alpine skiing and for the athletes to have FUN with their Coaches.

Goal #2 - Training opportunities for our age-groups of athletes that lined up as close as possible with those recommended by ACA’s AIM Document:

	Possible Training Days	
	WSRC 2017	ACA AIM
U10	45	50+
U12	77	75+
U14- U21	100	115+

Goal # 3 Racing Opportunities

	2017 Race Events	
	OFFERED	GOAL
U10	5	2
U12	6	4-6
U14- U21	7	6-8

Overall as a Club, we have made huge strides in being able to offer our athletes the opportunities to train (and Race) MORE. In this way those WSRC athletes who wish to take their racing to the next level have that opportunity without having to leave home/family to do so.

Shift in Philosophy

We have made a paradigm shift this season to have athletes and coaches focusing on being Process rather than Results driven – To put in maximum diligence and effort while training. This has begun to pay off across all age groups of our club. Our motto is to “ Focus on the Process”. . . .The results will take care of themselves. Gains in skills each and every day is what we were looking for – This takes effort – No one ever wished their way to a podium finish – they worked hard in practice to get there. Our daily DELIBERATE practices are Goal Driven with each athlete having a goal for their training session that day.

DAILY GOAL + PRACTICE DESIGN + FOCUS/PURPOSE + REFLECTION = DAILY PROGRESS

Safety

Safety of our athletes is our number one concern. We are happy to report that there were no serious injuries this past season. The most serious accidents resulted in concussions. For the injuries that were sustained, detailed accident reports were completed and return to play protocol was followed for each athlete.

WSRC-Hosted Events

- Slingshot: U10 & U12
- Team Atlantic Slalom Cup: U14+
- Scaravelli / Office Interiors / Byrne Memorial Cup: U12 & U14
- Roland Brunner Memorial Cup: U14 - U21 (AAA)
- Club Championships

We are pleased to be able to offer these events, all of which except the Club Championships are open to other Clubs to participate. These events provide fun racing opportunities that are appropriate to each level of development for our athletes at their home hill.

Of course, these events would not be possible without the interest and dedication of our parent volunteers and without this parent support we would not be able to provide these great opportunities.

AAA Away Events

WSRC was very well represented at our selected away races within Atlantic Canada; for example:

- 37 WSRC athletes attended Farlagne (U10+)
- 21 WSRC athletes attended Crabbe (U14+)
- 28 WSRC athletes attended PEI (U12-U14)

WSRC outside of Atlantic Canada

- 9 WSRC athletes qualified and 5 attended U16 Nationals
- 2 WSRC athletes attended U14 Can Ams
- 4 WSRC athletes attended U16 Can Ams
- 2 WSRC athletes attended Whistler Cup
- 2 WSRC athletes actively raced at the FIS level

Camps

- We had two Fall Camps in December and our first ever Spring Camp in April.
 - These were both held at Mont Ste Anne where we have a great relationship due to returning year after year.
 - These camps are run by Team Atlantic for WSRC.
 - It was great to see huge participation in the Fall Camps across all age groups.
 - We will offer the Spring Camp again next year and will continue to promote the value of extending the season and training when the athlete is at their peak.

Summary

We have a great group of athletes, a dedicated and driven group of coaches and a Board of Directors who help us to succeed every chance that they get. With a combination like that it is very hard not to be successful.

The Club Vision statement established three seasons ago was:

ATHLETE CENTERED – COACH DRIVEN – BOARD SUPPORTED

I believe that the Program this year has supported this vision. Together with the athletes, coaches, parents and board, we will continue to work towards implementing a program that is informed by this vision.

WSRC had a great season and planning has already begun for next season!

Thank you to all for your continued support.

Junior Team (U12/U14) Report

David Todd

We had a really healthy and competitive number of U12 Athletes this year

The Wentworth Club's U12 athletes (age 10 & 11) got a few out of town competitions to choose from at Mont Farlane NB, Martock NS and Brookside PEI, and at Wentworth NS. They raced Slalom, GS, combi, and sling shot. To keep the proper train vs Race ratio, most racers stayed within the Alpine Canada recommendation of attending only 2 or 3 of the 5 competitions throughout the season. The podium was a familiar place for WSRC athletes at all of these events ☺

For the second year U12's, this was great preparation readying them for the big leagues next year where they will begin their journey through the national points system, get introduced to Super G, and will get to compare their racing success with the rest of the athletes their age from across the country.

This year's U14 team followed the whole Atlantic circuit with races in Farlane, Crabbe, and then Wentworth for both the Brunner and Club race events. Competitions included SL,GS,and Super G.

The Wentworth Race Club also send racers to the U14 CanAms in Mont Tremblant this spring with 2 of our boys team qualifying for the prestigious event that hosts the 160 of best U14 racers in eastern Canada and USA.

All indications are that the 2018 ski season is going to be awesome.

Senior Team (U16/U18/U21) Report

Brian Carter

11 U16 athletes and 6 U18 athletes. Total 17 athletes.

We qualified 8 of our 11 U16 athletes for U16 Nationals and 5 chose to go to that event. 4 of our U16 athletes went to the U16 Can Ams of 10 athletes in AAA selected to go. We had three U16 athletes (of 6 selected) attend Whistler Cup. Ian Keefe had a great showing in the SG finishing 11th out of a field of almost 100 international competitors.

We had two U18 athletes racing some FIS events this season. JD Todd and Evan Ross.

Evan was running his second season of FIS and did 13 FIS Races and was successful in most of his goals for the season. He finished the season with his SL points at 75.6 and his GS at 91.17.

For the 2017 / 18 Season it looks like we will have 8 U16 Athletes and 9 U18 athletes. Total 17 athletes.

Seven of those U18 athletes have expressed interest in doing some FIS racing next season. We will be making plans for a FIS Training / Race schedule for the 17/18 season

FIS is the direction this age group need to go if they want to go to the next level in racing. Our athletes have to race outside of our Region to improve. With Club athletes like Evan Ross and Ian Keefe showing that we can compete with our counterparts around the country (and the world) it helps the rest of the group move deliberately forward.

Another next step for our entire club including our senior team is achieving a higher level of fitness. It has been observed for years now by our coaches that the single largest factor in where we place in National etc. is that our athletes are not as strong as those from other parts of the country. It may in part due to a short season but we can make that up by a rigorous fitness program that goes all year long. Dry land training.

Even our national team coaches are experiencing the same problem at that nation level. Fitness and strength training are goals we can achieve and our club has to make a huge push forward in this direction.

We need to continue to find ways to retain our older athletes as well as attract new athletes at this age. We have been successful in the past recruiting from the high school race program but unfortunately there was no sports last year in the school system due to the teachers bargaining. The school sports program is still uncertain for this coming year as well.

Funding for sport is also contingent upon our numbers of athletes and on our ability to compete nationally and internationally. This is another reason why our club must pursue the FIS racing for this age group.

All in all we have been very successful this past year and we met our training goals. A big thanks to our coaching staff at all levels. Also to the parents for their commitment to the sport, their athletes and countless hours of volunteering.

Most of all a thanks to our athletes who worked hard, were committed and had fun while pushing themselves harder and further.

Equipment Report **Mark Oakley**

The club had a great year with some pivotal purchases and planning for the years to come. Some items of note are included here:

Race Bibs

The race bibs for the club were in desperate need of replacement. In preparation for the Roland Brunner Ski Race, the club considered the purchase of new bibs. The club approached

some sponsors and with a very quick turnaround was able to purchase brand new race bibs with the help of Wilson's who stepped in to be the sole sponsor. These new bibs will be available for club races for years to come.

Timing Systems

After consultation with the Program Coordinator, the club agreed to the purchase of a new timing system. This timing system (not to be confused with the Race Timing System from the Canada Games – aka "Timing Shack") will allow coaches and athletes the ability to track their training efforts throughout the year. It is Bluetooth and wifi enabled for ease of downloading times along with various reports that can be used to plan for setting goals.

Gates

The club is continuing to transition from 30mm gates to the Alpine Canada recommended 27mm gates. Since all clubs in NS are faced with the same transition, Alpine Ski NS has assisted with the application for a grant from Support4Sport to help all clubs finance the purchase of new gates. More details to follow. Moving forward there will be funds allocated to the purchase of new gates every year to replenish an appropriate amount of the inventory from a busy season.

B Netting

As with every successful season, there has been a lot of B Netting that has been put up, taken down, and even stuck in the ice. Thank You to all who have grabbed a drill, hiked up the hill and worked to help support our coaches, athletes and their safety. The ability of the club to train and host races at Ski Wentworth largely rests on our long-standing relationship between WSRC and Ski Wentworth Administration.

With the exception of the purchase of a couple of new drills our equipment is standing up well and is able to support a high quality program.

Satisfaction Survey **Patrick Keefe**

See attached PDF

Awards

WSRC submitted a number of nominations for Support4sport awards. These were reviewed by a committee of ASNS and the following WSRC members were recognized during the Support 4 sport Award ceremony on May 31st:

CATEGORY	Award Recipient
Male Athlete	Evan Ross
Team	U-16 National team (Jess Harmon, Lauren Stienburg, Emily Todd, Georgia Jones and Noah Hann)
Association of the Year	Wentworth Ski Race Club
