

St. Albert Nordic Ski Club 2021 Annual General Meeting – President’s Report

Welcome everyone. Once again, our community is revving up for another great ski season. Last year, as many of you know, the club extended the trails east into Sturgeon County, adding 9 km of trails to the current trail network. This was a joint project that involved the support of many partners and volunteers who worked with the club to develop the new trails. Partners include Sturgeon County, City of St. Albert, Sturgeon Valley Golf and Country Club, River Lot 56, City of St. Albert, Cantiro Communities, and local landowners along the river.

Club programs were in high demand last year. The club's youth lessons blossomed as parents searched for avenues to get their kids outdoors. We had over 150 youth in lessons. Adult lessons were also in high demand. This summer the club invested in new waxless skin skis for the adult lessons. So, for those of you interested in adult lessons there will be some new equipment to try out.

Board members and volunteers have generously and passionately invested a lot of energy into developing new trails and providing programming within our community over this past year. Some of our volunteers spent more time in meetings or on snow machines grooming trails, than they did on their skis. Thank you very much to our board members and to the volunteers. You are essential and very much appreciated.

For this year going forward we do have some vacant board positions including: Vice President, Communications Director, Membership Director, Secretary, Adult Program Director, Tour Coordinator, Volunteer Coordinator, and Special Events Coordinator.

As you're likely aware, **Track 'N Trail** set up their newest store in St. Albert. If you need some new equipment or to get skis waxed, head over to Track 'N Trail for all your Nordic Needs.

A Special Thank You to the St. Albert Nordic Trail Grooming Team. Setting ski trails is a masterful skill and we're fortunate that our club has some of the best trail groomers in the province.

Thank you to all our volunteers. Our club relies on volunteers for all that it does including equipment repairs, skillful grooming of the trails, hosting events, coordinating the youth and adult lessons, and club governance. The club also works closely with the City of St. Albert, Sturgeon County, and Riverlot 56. Thank you to everyone for your contributions and for supporting Nordic skiing in our community.

As we move into our 2022 ski season please keep in mind the **guidelines set by Alberta Health.**

Healthy Trails everyone!

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