

Marketing Committee: Rick Morson
Athlete and Coaching Committee: vacant
Membership Committee: Tom Sears

MOTION That the slate of nominees be accepted as is”

Vote: for 7 abstentions 2

CARRIED

MOTION: Proposed that Roslyn Smith receive nominations for the Athlete and Coaching Development Committee by the end of August and circulate them.

Proposed by Tom Sears, seconded by Roger Arcand

CARRIED

MOTION: Proposed that Tony Daffern be appointed ex officio to the board

Proposed by Tom Sears, seconded by Roger Arcand

CARRIED

MOTION “Proposed that our FIS executive be an ex officio member of the Executive Committee.”

Proposed by Diane Thomson, seconded by Rick Morson

CARRIED

Reappointment of Nominating Committee of 3 division chairs

Roslyn nominated by Georgia

Georgia to look for 2 more and report back

Other business

2002 AGM is scheduled for the first weekend of June and location is in NB if they accept (May 31 - June, 2002)

MOTION to adjourn the meeting

Proposed by Diane Thomson, seconded by Georgia Manhard

CARRIED

Adjourned 12:00pm

2001 CCC VOLUNTEER AWARD WINNERS

DAVE REES AWARD

Tony Daffern, Alberta

There have been a few truly successful outstanding athletes, coaches, officials, executive members and staff who have bequeathed a legacy for Nordic skiing in Canada. Tony Daffern the Past President of Cross Country Canada (1995-2000), as CCC's Event Chairperson from 1991-1995 and Cross Country Alberta's Technical Vice Chairman from 1989-1981 qualifies for this distinguished group in the category of outstanding contribution as an official and executive member.

As an official Tony was one of the Blue Lake pioneers that were gathered in 1981 to form the core group of chief officials for the 1988 Winter Games. Tony transferred his engineering skills and competency in detailed planning to take on the prodigious task of competition secretary for the pre-Olympic World Cups and other major events leading up to the Olympics, the 88 Olympic Winter Games and the 1989 World Cup in Canmore. Tony set the standard in establishing the importance of the role of the competition secretary. From notes taken at one of Tony's seminar's for competition secretary's, Tony emphasizes the success and role of a competition secretary is to establish a liaison between the teams and the race committee, get the race committee on track and force detail. Those that have followed this path, realize how pivotal the competition secretary is to a well-run event. Tony went on in his officiating career to be Technical Delegate at many Canada Cups, Continental Cups and National events. He also became an International TD which took him as an official to Japan, Australia and the USA. Tony was also Chief of Competition for several major events. His organizational drive in steering the success of the 1995 World Masters was a very notable achievement in an event with over 1000 competitors from around the World. Also of notable significance was his role as Chief of Competition for the 1997 World Junior Championships in Canmore.

Georgia Manhard who has a considerable legacy herself in the area of officiating described Tony as a backbone of officiating in Canada. Tony's officiating legacy to our sport was compiled through his parenting role in the establishment of CCC's Official's Handbook. In this project along with Norm Dymond, he again applied his instinct for detail to produce an outstanding guide that put together their many years of experience. Over the years Tony's leadership in officiating has spilled over to many others.

Tony must also be recognized for his design, construction and map layout of the Mount Shark ski trails in the 1980s. These trails have been the site of several National and Divisional Championships and have become another important legacy particularly for late season racing in Canada. Tony also designed and homologated trails at the Canmore Nordic Centre in the post 88 Olympic period that were used for National Championships and the 1995 World Masters.

During his term as President of CCC, the association was faced with some major changes due to financial cutbacks. Toni Scheier, CCC's Coaching and Athlete Coordinator depicted Tony

as taking the reigns and providing some crucial leadership during the period from 1995-2000. Tony engineered a strategic plan that allowed the association to forge ahead with a progressive outlook rather than clinging to a past that was no longer feasible for CCC. Under Tony's directorship, programming was maintained as the number one priority, particularly for the National Ski Team. Administration took deeper cuts and more reliability was placed on the volunteer sector in order to maintain programming. During his term as President, Tony realized that the survival of the association was very dependent on strong partnerships with other sport funding agencies. He strove to enhance these relationships particularly with the COA, CODA and the CSSA. Tony has been retained as part of the Executive as Past Chair and his duties will include fostering continued relationships with these associations.

We are truly appreciative of Tony's steady guiding and firm judgement over the past 20 years. He has been an important detail and protocol person for cross country skiing who has always had an opinion and always got the job done.

THE FIRTH AWARD

Jacque Welsh, Ottawa, Ontario

1. Please list accomplishments relative to cross country skiing in Canada:

- Jackrabbit Leader at Nakkertok Ski Club during 1980's
- Course Conductor for Jackrabbit leaders
- Level 2 NCCP coach
- Level 3 Official and TD with Cross Country Canada
- Volunteer coach for a local high school ski team
- Member of the organizing committee of Ottawa's annual Women on Skis Day
- Chair of Cross Country Ontario Youth Committee in late 1980's and early 1990's
- Member of the Cross Country Canada Youth/Jackrabbit Committee in 1990's
- She made a major contribution to the redesigning of CCC youth programs
- Technical Delegate at many Ontario Cup events in 1990's
- Technical Delegate at National Junior Championships in Canmore 1992
- Editor of Cross Connections since its inception
- Dedicated volunteer

2. How long has the nominee been involved in cross country skiing:

Jacque and her late husband Dan joined Nakkertok Ski Club in the early 1980's when their 2 sons Adam and Ben became Jackrabbits. She continued to be a very active leader, coach and official until the mid 1990's. Jacque has been the editor of Cross Connections for several years and has produced this magazine for Cross Country Canada which is enjoyed by club members across the country.

3. Why do you feel that this nominee should receive the award:

I believe that Jacquie's dedication to many facets of cross country skiing in Canada are worthy of having her name on the prestigious Firth Award which is awarded to a women who has made outstanding contributions to our sport.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Don MacKinnon, University of Waterloo Ski Team, Ontario

Don MacKinnon has been coaching in Southern Ontario for more years than many of us have been in the sport (i.e. since before 1984). He has helped junior skiers, Waterloo Region club skiers and most important for the last several year (7 or 8) has been coaching the University of Waterloo. It is however, his efforts beyond professional coaching which are so noteworthy. Coaches do not usually make the effort to start training on arena snow. They do not usually take ownership of one of our most popular pre-Christmas race meets. They do not usually assume a leadership role in convening qualifiers and championships and almost never are they the force behind a new national championship.

Don is unusual because he does all these things and our whole ski community is much better for it.

MEDIA AWARD

Blanka Jelen, CCC Media and Communications, Calgary, Alberta

Blanka has been volunteering with CCC for 2 years as the Communications Director. She has put a huge amount of work into this position doing press releases throughout the summer and winter, creating and distributing media kits, updating athlete biographies, and acting as the main contact for all media requests to CCC. She has spent additional time following up on media contacts, interviewing the athletes after almost all of their races (via telephone to Europe), focused on stories to athlete's home towns, helped with the ideas, layout and design of articles to Ski Trax Magazine and with articles to Cross Connections. Blanka is a former cross country ski racer who has an extensive background and understanding of the sport. She knows many of the athletes on a personal basis and can relate well to them when doing interviews. She understands the effort and constraints put on athletes throughout the season and can express this well in her writing. Blanka has taken the time on personal basis and interest to take courses in writing and has used this education towards our weekly press releases. Blanka has done a lot of the base work that was needed over the past 2 years to get our media relations updated and ready for full Olympic coverage. I feel that her hard work, dedication, and love for the sport make her deserving of this award.

SPONSOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Sporthill XC - Oregon (Jim Hill and Liz Wilson)

Sporthill is a very deserving company as our sponsor of the year. This company has been sponsoring the team for 7 years providing the team with high quality training and racing clothing. They have worked well with our staff to produce suits and training clothing to the specifications we request. This company also helps in our Secure the Future Donation Program by discounting some of the awards that we order from them for our donors. I think we can all agree that our team looks pretty good out there!